

BFUG10 7a**ENQA update to the Bologna Follow-Up Group,
Berlin, 5-6 March 2007****1. Introduction**

The present document updates the BFUG on the current developments in the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) since the BFUG meeting in Helsinki in October 2006.

2. Activities related to Bologna Process

ENQA has participated actively in the work of the E4 Group (ENQA, ESIB, EUA and EURASHE). The E4 meetings since October 2006 have been concerned mostly with the European Register of Quality Assurance Agencies. As a result, ENQA has provided, on behalf of the E4 Group, a final report to the present BFUG meeting.

3. External reviews of ENQA member agencies

ENQA's membership criteria require that its members should undergo an external review on a five-yearly basis. These are normally organised through national arrangements but, if this is not possible or the agency so requests, they can also be co-ordinated by ENQA. In order to clarify the relationship between national reviews and ENQA membership, the association has published a set of National Review Guidelines.

Several ENQA member agencies will undergo a national review by the end of 2007. In addition, three reviews will be coordinated by ENQA in 2007.

4. Workshops and seminars

ANECA (Spain) co-organised an ENQA workshop on student involvement in external quality assurance in Madrid on 19-20 October 2006. The Austrian FH Council hosted an ENQA-CEEN (Central and Eastern European Network for QA) seminar on the implementation of the Part 3 of the European Standards and Guidelines in Vienna on 4-5 December 2006.



As for the future events, ENQA will organise, in cooperation with its member agency HETAC (Ireland), a workshop on Quality Assurance and Qualifications Frameworks in Dublin on 7-8 June 2007. The ENQA General Assembly will be hosted by NOKUT (Norway) in Oslo on 20-21 September 2007. A workshop on the implications of the London ministerial meeting will be organised in conjunction with the Assembly. In addition, ENQA will organise several regional seminars on the implementation of the European Standards and Guidelines in 2007.

5. Projects

ENQA's review of the present accreditation and quality assurance practices in the Portuguese higher education was concluded in November 2006. The project was part of the overall assessment and quality review of the Portuguese higher education system and was financed by the Portuguese Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education.

The Quality Convergence Study (QCS) II was concluded at the beginning of January 2007 and will have a follow-up project in 2007, QCS III.

6. Publications

The final report of the Portuguese review can be found at <http://www.enqa.eu/files/EPHreport.pdf>. In addition, ENQA has produced a report on "Student involvement in the processes of quality assurance agencies" on the basis of the workshop held in October 2006. A report on the language of European QA (a follow-up to the ENQA workshop of Warwick in June 2006) and the QCS II report on terminology of the European QA have been integrated into a single report to be published shortly in a hardcopy.

7. European and international collaboration

ENQA has collaborated, through common project planning and attendance at events, with several European and international actors. In addition, CEEN and the European Consortium for Accreditation (ECA) have formalised their relationship with ENQA through being granted affiliate status in the association.

