

ENQA report to BFUG, 19-20 March 2012, Copenhagen

ENQA Highlights since the last BFUG meeting

ENQA Workshop on Quality Assurance and Qualifications Frameworks

On 9-10 February 2012, ENQA held a workshop on quality assurance and qualifications frameworks, organised in collaboration with its Irish members IUQB and HETAC and the Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC).

ENQA was prompted to organize this event, as more and more countries are completing their national qualifications frameworks and quality assurance agencies need to take important decisions on how to implement them.

The topics were addressed through presentations of experiences and practices from ENQA member agencies and included highly interactive breakout groups in which participants were able to share their own experiences.

The workshop assembled about 60 people including ENQA members and affiliates, and stakeholders in higher education (higher education institutions, ministries of education, etc.). The related workshop report is expected to be published in May 2012.

ENQA Working groups

To respond to the needs of its member agencies and to help fulfill its mission, ENQA is in the process of establishing a number of working groups, most of which will address issues highly relevant to the Bologna Process, such as quality assurance of **lifelong learning, excellence in higher education** and the **impact of quality assurance**.

The working groups are open to all ENQA members and affiliated bodies.

Supporting new agencies in aligning procedures to the ESG

ENQA is carrying out a series of activities in the Western Balkans funded by the UNESCO and World Bank **GIQAC-initiative**. On March 8-9 ENQA will organize a training workshop for agencies in the region, to support them in preparing for external reviews and in elaborating self evaluation reports. In addition, a series of regional exchanges are being organised to support sharing of knowledge and good practice between agencies in the region.

In addition, ENQA will organize a **workshop on “Development of QA procedures and alignment to the ESG”** in Belgrade, Serbia, on 3-4 May. In addition to agencies in the Balkans, the event is targeting all new agencies across Europe together with agencies currently in the process of aligning their procedures to the ESG.

Other events and publications

The **ENQA Members' Forum**, which is to take place in Paris on 23-24 April 2012, will focus on impact of QA, independence of quality assurance agencies, and the perspectives of the Bologna Process after the Bucharest 2012 Ministerial meeting.

ENQA has recently published a Workshop report on Quality Assurance in Lifelong learning. The publication is available in electronic format from at the ENQA website: http://www.enqa.eu/pubs_workshop.lasso. A Workshop report on Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes is due to be published in March 2012.