Bologna Process Implementation Report 2024:

Quality assurance section…

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2024 Bologna Process Implementation Report

- Overview

  Six chapters aiming to provide state of play of the EHEA with regard to all main policy commitments confirmed by Ministers in 2020

  Key Data, Key commitments, Fundamental Values, Social Dimension, Learning and Teaching, Internationalisation

  Quality assurance is specifically considered within the Key commitments chapter, but also considered in relation to some indicators in other chapters (eg social dimension)

Quality assurance: data sources

- EQAR
- DEQAR
- QA-FIT
- BFUG Questionnaire

European Commission

First indicator (Stage of development of external QA system)

Assesses the alignment of QA agencies with the ESG…

Proposal from WG Monitoring to remove the light green category:

A Quality Assurance system is in operation nationwide and is aligned to the ESG, but the agency/ies performing external Quality Assurance is/are not registered in EQAR.

Rationale for change: method for demonstrating alignment to the ESG is registration on EQAR. Hence the category is in contradiction with this EHEA commitment.

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First indicator (cont)

BFUG Sweden, May, discussed the proposal.

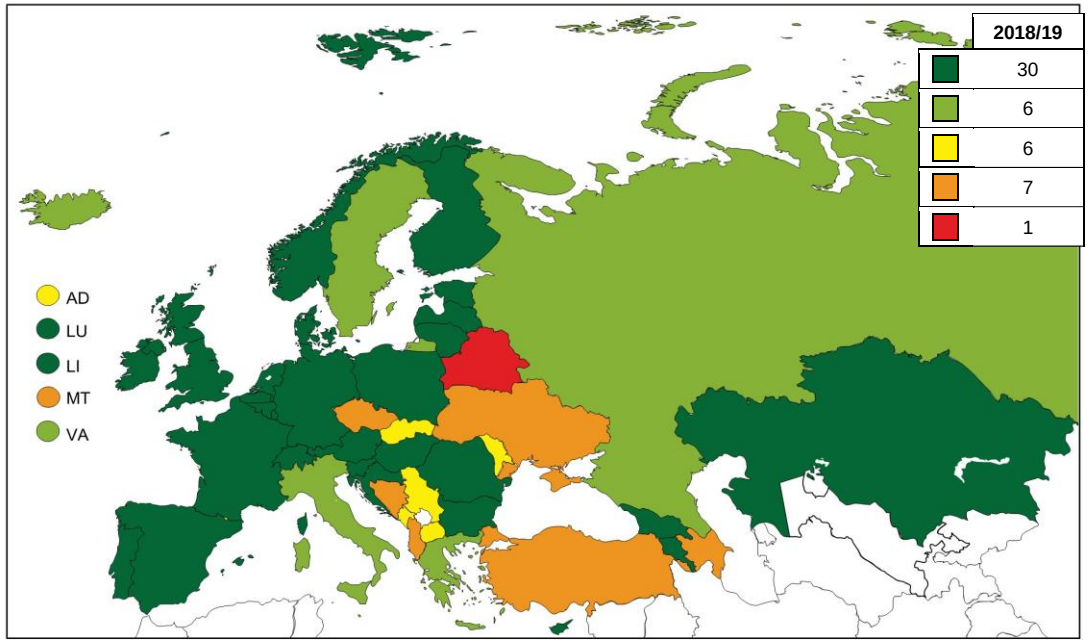
Some members were opposed to the change, while a majority supported it.

First draft developed on the basis of majority position (removing the category)

BFUG Madrid (November), several members again objected, as did TPG C written comment

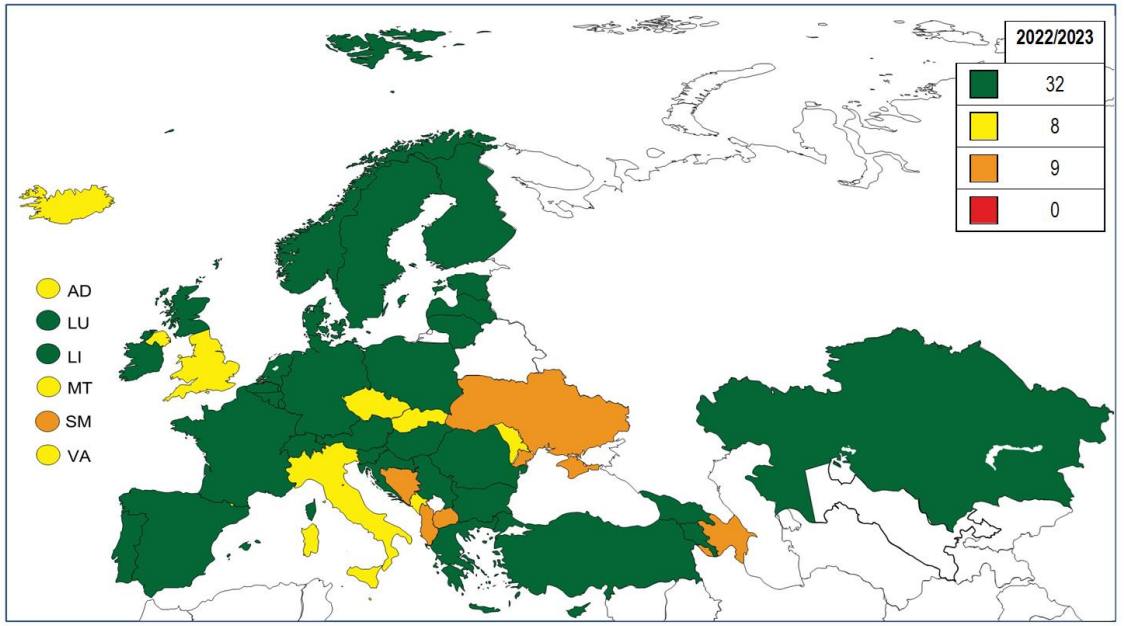
ENQA, who is among the members that would prefer the light green to be restored, proposed a compromise of including reference in text to countries/agencies that are ENQA members but not registered on EQAR.

Figure 3.1: Scorecard indicator n°4: Stage of development of external Quality Assurance system, 2018/19



Source: BFUG data collection.

Figure 2.16: Scorecard indicator n° 6: Stage of development of external quality assurance system, 2022/2023



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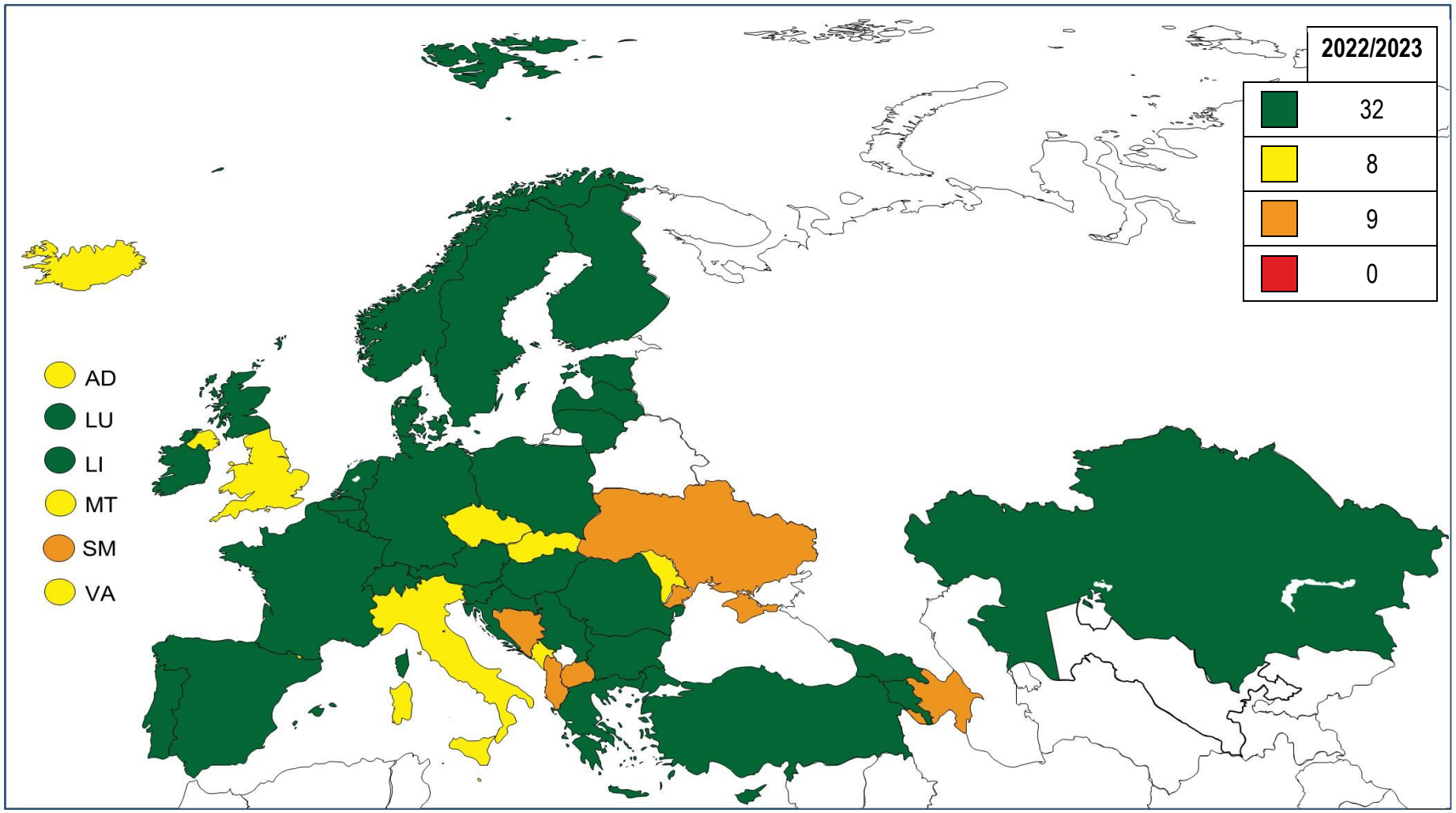

Source: EQAR.

Overall situation slightly improved (32 countries in DG compared to 30 in 2020 report)

For some countries that were in light green, a move backwards

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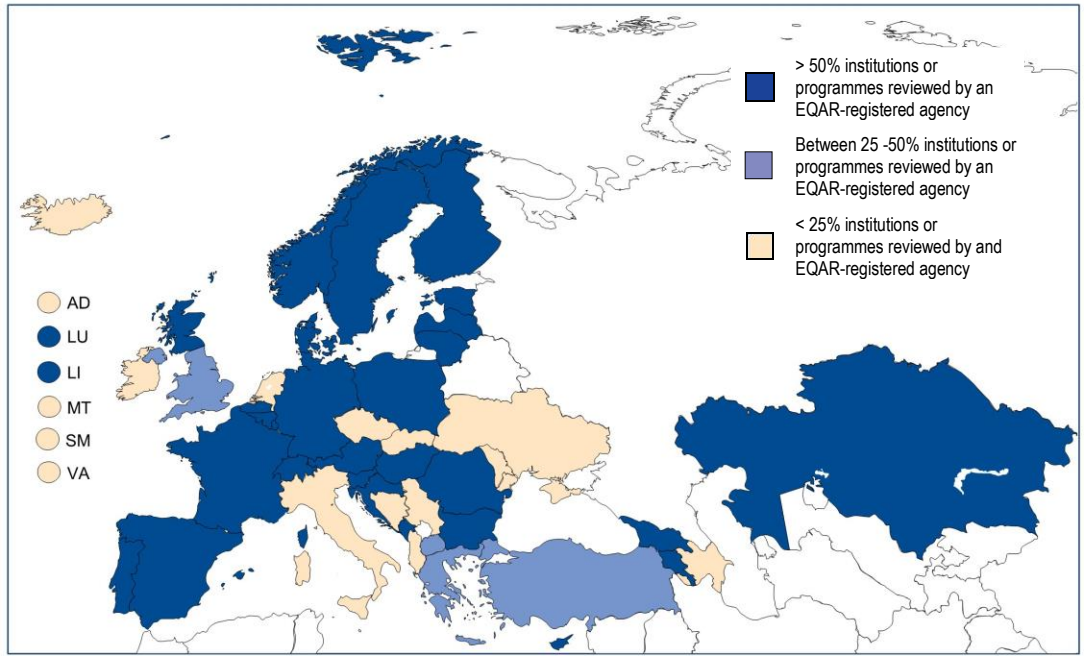
Share of HEIs reviewed by EQAR-registered agency

Figure 2.17: Share of higher education institutions reviewed by an EQAR-registered quality assurance agency, 2022/2023



Source: EQAR.

Information from DEQAR

90.000 quality assurance reports

shows countries where no EQAR-registered quality assurance agency regularly carrying out external reviews, but still well covered (Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Moldova, Montenegro and the UK).

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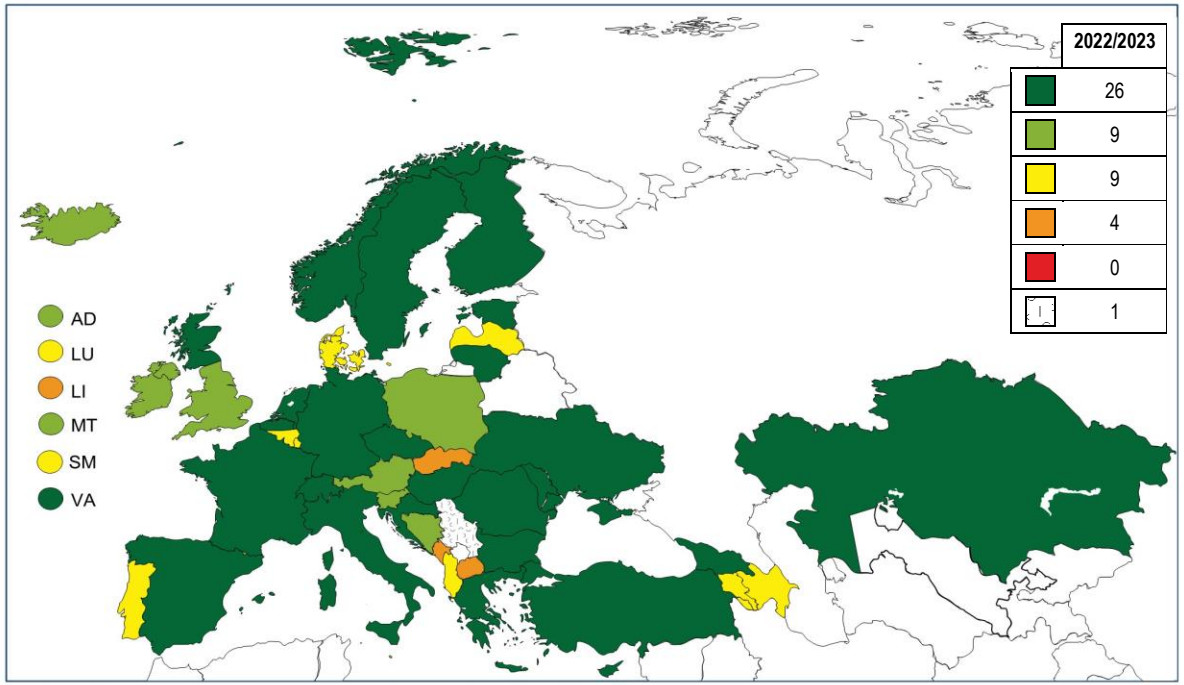
Level of student participation

Figure 2.18: Scorecard indicator n° 7: Level of student participation in external quality assurance, 2022/2023



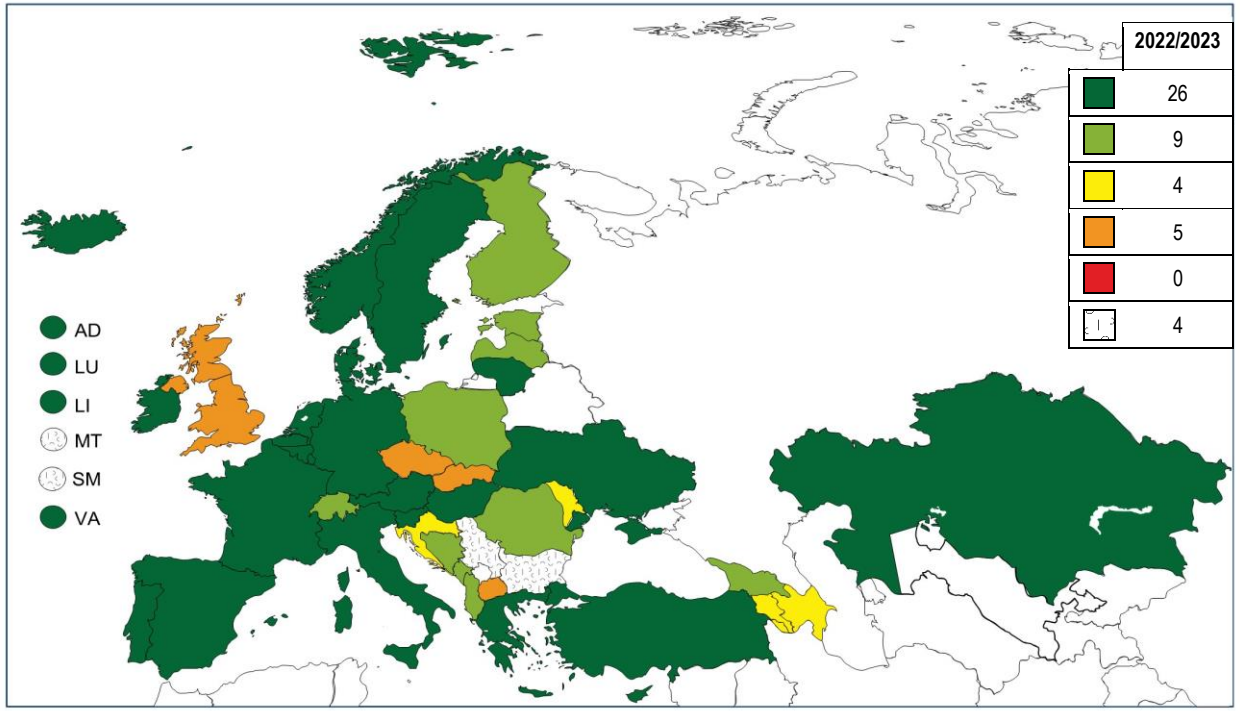
Source: BFUG Data Collection

Indicator shows progress

26 countries in dark green, up from 20 in previous edition

Level of international participation

Figure 2.19: Scorecard indicator n° 8: Level of international participation in external quality assurance, 2022/2023



Source: BFUG Data Collection & ENQA list of members

Indicator not moving significantly

2 more in dark green

4 fewer in light green

Several countries without data

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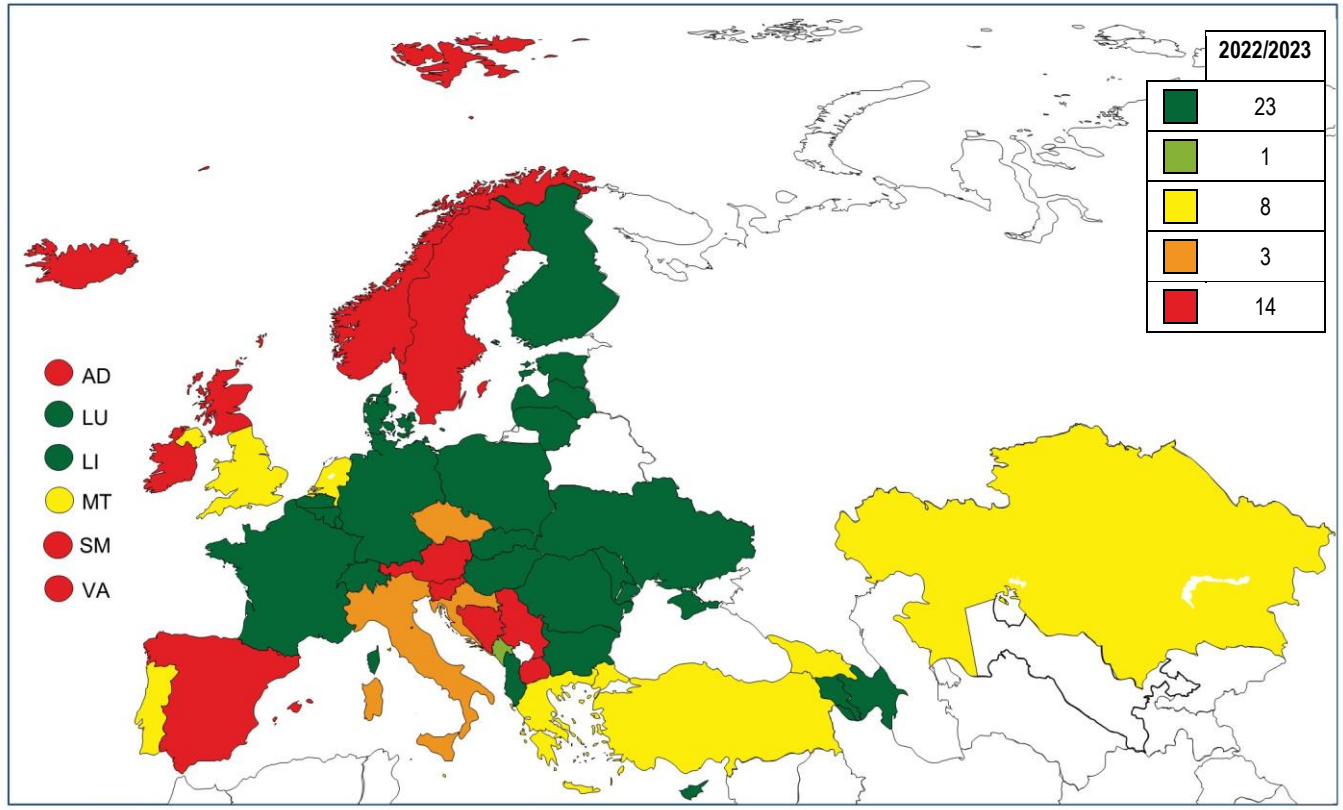
Level of openness to cross border QA

Figure 2.20: Scorecard indicator n° 9: Level of openness to cross border quality assurance of EQAR registered agencies, 2022/2023



Source: EQAR.

Indicator not moving significantly

2 more in dark green

7 fewer in light green

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European approach to QA of joint programmes

Figure 2.21: Countries allowing the European Approach for quality assurance of joint programmes, 2022/2023

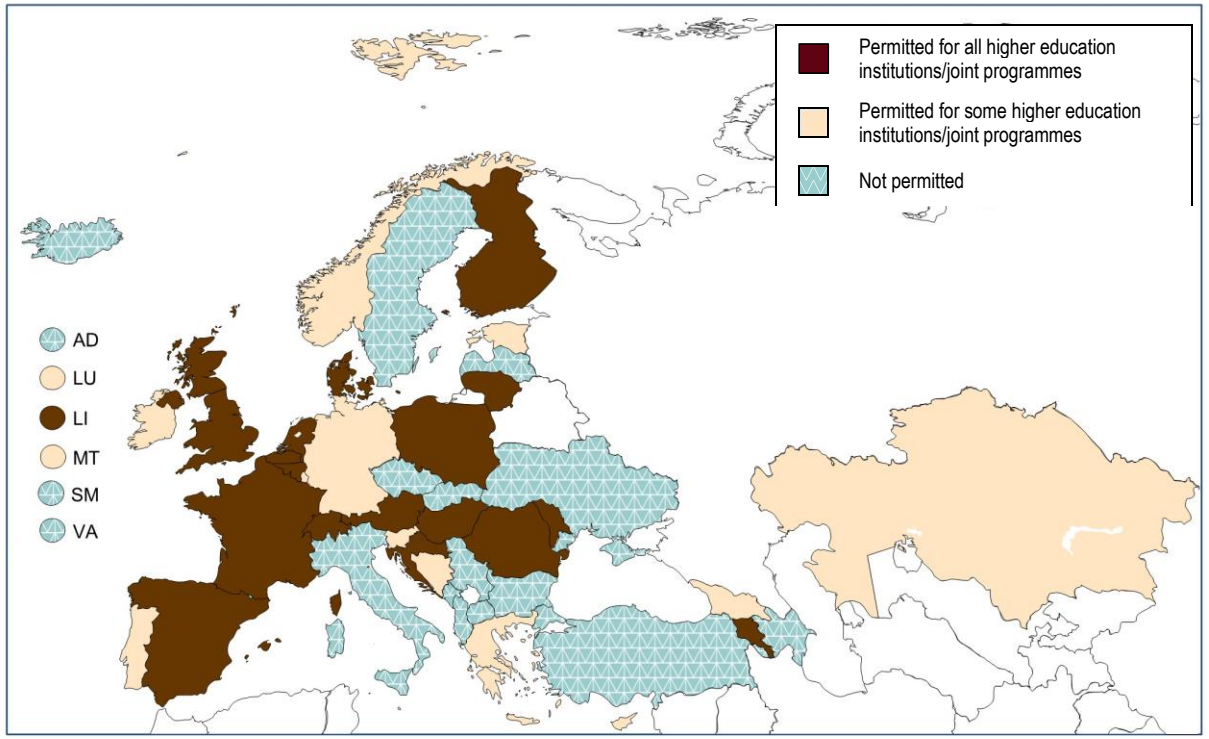

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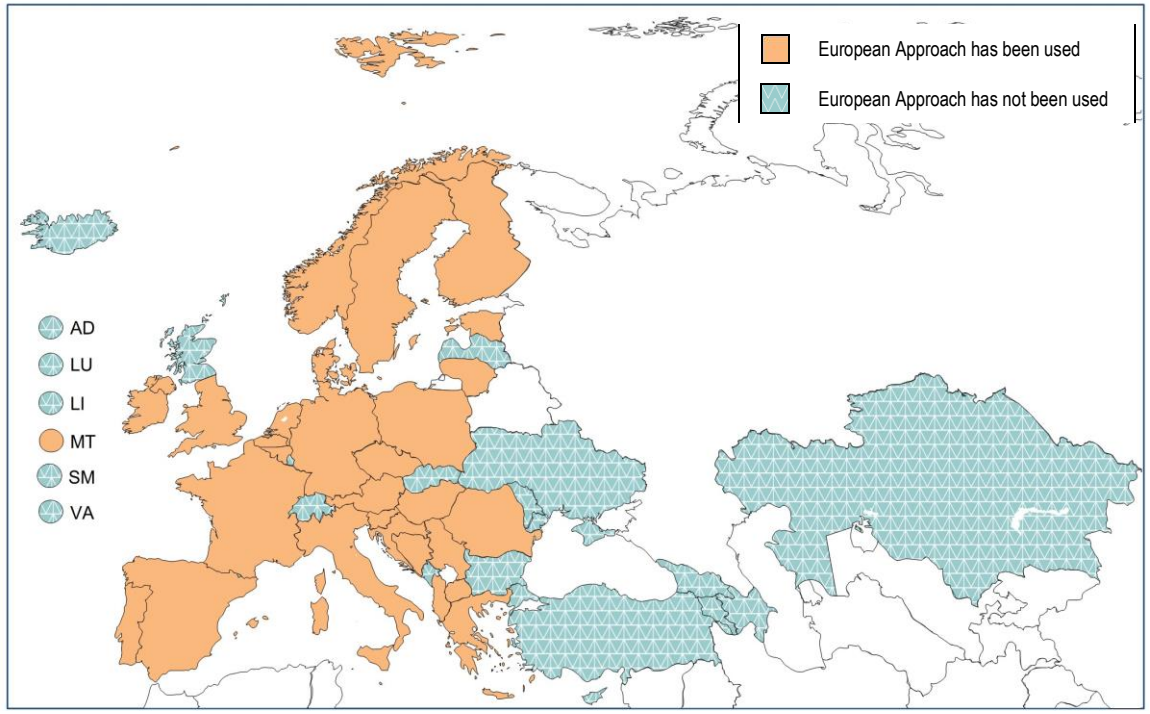
Figure 2.22: Countries using the European Approach for quality assurance of joint programmes, 2022/2023



Source: EQAR.

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Overall state of play

- QA key commitment shows progress: impact of TPG?..
- But push needed for all QA agencies to demonstrate adoption of ESG
- Student & international participation in QA not to be taken for granted
- European Approach of QA for joint programmes picking up – but a long way to go…

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