

## **IMINQA - Peer Learning Activity 1**

### **Aligning the legal frameworks with the ESG**

**1 September 2022**

**Venue:**

**Flemish Government,**

**Koning Albert II-laan 15, 1210 Brussels, BELGIUM**

**Room: 1B15 (Pierre & Marie Curie)**

**Hosted by:**

**Flemish Community of Belgium**

**Department of Education and Training**

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#### **About the event**

‘Aligning the legal frameworks with the ESG’ is one of the topics of the three Peer-Learning Activities (PLAs) on EHEA policy priorities in quality assurance organised in the context of the ‘Implementation and Innovation in QA through Peer Learning’ (IMINQA) project. The aim of the PLA activity is to catalyse exchange between national authorities and stakeholders on effective approaches to implement QA policies, agreed within the Bologna Process, on aligning the legal framework with the ESG in their national/local systems.

A thematic preparatory note (Thematic Analysis) will feed into the PLA event, mapping the current landscape of countries alignment with the ESG, analysing the legal status/role of external QA in different countries, the key issues that need to be assured by the legal framework for internal and external QA, the balance between institutional and programme-level approaches to external QA and ESG compliance in complex multi-actor systems, as well as good practices and remaining barriers in ESG compliance at national level.

**Sources:** DEQAR data, Register Committee Analysis, QA agency change reports, QA agency external review reports, results from the SEQA ESG project.

The peer learning activity will try to address the following three topics underscored in the preparatory note:

- **Topic 1:** What are the key issues that need to be assured by the legal framework for internal and external QA?
- **Topic 2:** What are the main barriers in ensuring ESG compliance at national level and what are the effective approaches to address these issues?
- **Topic 3:** What is the status/role of external QA in different countries, and the balance between institutional and programme-level approaches to external QA and ESG compliance?

## Participants

40 to 45 participants representing national authorities (governmental members of the Bologna Thematic Peer Group on QA) and stakeholders.

## PLA 1 - Agenda

### Thursday, 1 September 2022

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| 10:00 | <b>Welcome and opening</b><br><i>Chair: Magalie Soenen (co-chair TPG C, Ministry of Education and Training, Belgium/Flemish Community)</i>            |
| 10:15 | <b>Presentation – Main findings of the Thematic Analysis</b><br><i>Melinda Szabó (EQAR)</i>   |
| 10:45 | Q&A   |
| 11:00 | <b>Topic 1: Cross-Cutting Findings &amp; Country Example</b><br><i>Peter Ondreička (Ministry of education, science, research and sport, Slovakia)</i> |
| 11:15 | Parallel sessions on topic 1  |
| 12:15 | Lunch   |
| 13:15 | <b>Topic 2: Cross-Cutting Findings &amp; Country Example</b><br><i>Marilena Marinaci (ANVUR, Italy)</i>   |
| 13:30 | Parallel Sessions on Topic 2  |
| 14:30 | Coffee break  |
| 15:00 | <b>Topic 3: Cross-Cutting Findings &amp; Country Example</b><br><i>Ulf Hedbjörk (UKA, Sweden)</i>   |
| 15:15 | Parallel Sessions on Topic 3  |
| 16:15 | <b>Main messages</b> from the parallel sessions   |
| 18:00 | <b>Reception/Dinner</b><br>Serra, Place Charles Rogier 20   |