

THEMATIC PEER GROUP C ON QUALITY ASSURANCE (TPG C ON QA)

TPG-C meeting

17 April 2026, Online

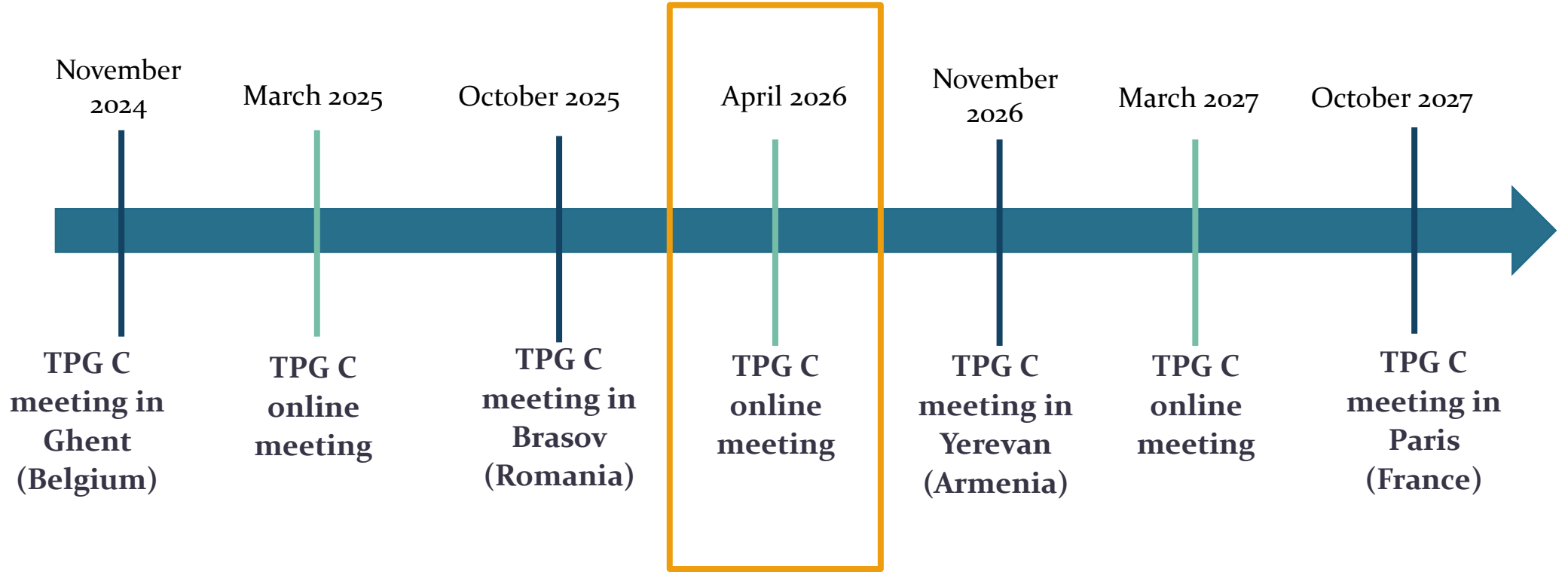


Co-funded by the
European Union



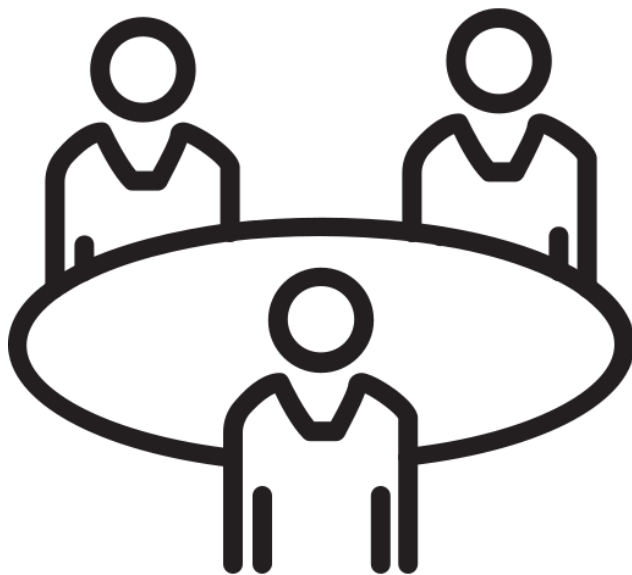
Support for the enhancement-oriented
implementations of the quality assurance
key commitment

OVERVIEW OF TPG C MEETINGS



13:00 – 13:15	Welcome by TPG C co-chairs
13:15-13:35	Tour de table
13:35-13:40	Report on the 3rd TPG C meeting held in Brasov
13:40 – 13:50	Reporting from the XCVII, XCVIII and XCIX BFUG meetings
13:50 – 14:15	Up-date on the ESG revision
14:15-14:30	Health break
14:30-14:55	Presentation of the draft 3 of the ECTS user's guide
14:55-15:05	Presentation of the results of the 1st mobility call
15:05 – 15:15	Presentation of the policy brief on the quality assurance of flexible learning pathways developed as part of the TPG C
15:15 – 15:30	Work of the TPG A on flexible learning pathways
15:30-15:40	Health break
15:40 – 15:55	Update on the EQAR knowledge base
15:55 – 16:10	Update of the working group on cross-border quality assurance
16:10 – 16:20	Next steps

TOUR DE TABLE



13:00 – 13:15	Welcome by TPG C co-chairs
13:15-13:35	Tour de table
13:35-13:40	Report on the 3rd TPG C meeting held in Brasov Adoption of the minutes of the 3rd TPG C meeting, <i>Petrișor L. Țucă, EHEA Secretariat</i>
13:40 – 13:50	Reporting from the XCVII, XCVIII and XCIX BFUG meetings
13:50 – 14:15	Up-date on the ESG revision
14:15-14:30	Health break
14:30-14:55	Presentation of the draft 3 of the ECTS user's guide
14:55-15:05	Presentation of the results of the 1st mobility call
15:05 – 15:15	Presentation of the policy brief on the quality assurance of flexible learning pathways developed as part of the TPG C
15:15 – 15:30	Work of the TPG A on flexible learning pathways
15:30-15:40	Health break
15:40 – 15:55	Update on the EQAR knowledge base
15:55 – 16:10	Update of the working group on cross-border quality assurance
16:10 – 16:20	Next steps



PROGRAMME



13:00 – 13:15	Welcome by TPG C co-chairs
13:15-13:35	Tour de table
13:35-13:40	Report on the 3rd TPG C meeting held in Brasov
13:40 – 13:50	Reporting from the XCVII, XCVIII and XCIX BFUG meetings, <i>Petrișor L. Țucă, EHEA Secretariat</i>
13:50 – 14:15	Up-date on the ESG revision
14:15-14:30	Health break
14:30-14:55	Presentation of the draft 3 of the ECTS user's guide
14:55-15:05	Presentation of the results of the 1st mobility call
15:05 – 15:15	Presentation of the policy brief on the quality assurance of flexible learning pathways developed as part of the TPG C
15:15 – 15:30	Work of the TPG A on flexible learning pathways
15:30-15:40	Health break
15:40 – 15:55	Update on the EQAR knowledge base
15:55 – 16:10	Update of the working group on cross-border quality assurance
16:10 – 16:20	Next steps



PROGRAMME



13:00 – 13:15	Welcome by TPG C co-chairs
13:15-13:35	Tour de table
13:35-13:40	Report on the 3rd TPG C meeting held in Brasov
13:40 – 13:50	Reporting from the XCVII, XCVIII and XCIX BFUG meetings
13:50 – 14:15	Up-date on the ESG revision, <i>Cristina Ghitulica, ENQA President and member of the ESG revision steering committee</i>
14:15-14:30	Health break
14:30-14:55	Presentation of the draft 3 of the ECTS user's guide
14:55-15:05	Presentation of the results of the 1st mobility call
15:05 – 15:15	Presentation of the policy brief on the quality assurance of flexible learning pathways developed as part of the TPG C
15:15 – 15:30	Work of the TPG A on flexible learning pathways
15:30-15:40	Health break
15:40 – 15:55	Update on the EQAR knowledge base
15:55 – 16:10	Update of the working group on cross-border quality assurance
16:10 – 16:20	Next steps



Co-funded by the
European Union



PROGRAMME



13:00 – 13:15	Welcome by TPG C co-chairs
13:15-13:35	Tour de table
13:35-13:40	Report on the 3rd TPG C meeting held in Brasov
13:40 – 13:50	Reporting from the XCVII, XCVIII and XCIX BFUG meetings
13:50 – 14:15	Up-date on the ESG revision
14:15-14:30	Health break
14:30-14:55	Presentation of the draft 3 of the ECTS user's guide
14:55-15:05	Presentation of the results of the 1st mobility call
15:05 – 15:15	Presentation of the policy brief on the quality assurance of flexible learning pathways developed as part of the TPG C
15:15 – 15:30	Work of the TPG A on flexible learning pathways
15:30-15:40	Health break
15:40 – 15:55	Update on the EQAR knowledge base
15:55 – 16:10	Update of the working group on cross-border quality assurance
16:10 – 16:20	Next steps



13:00 – 13:15	Welcome by TPG C co-chairs
13:15-13:35	Tour de table
13:35-13:40	Report on the 3rd TPG C meeting held in Brasov
13:40 – 13:50	Reporting from the XCVII, XCVIII and XCIX BFUG meetings
13:50 – 14:15	Up-date on the ESG revision
14:15-14:30	Health break
14:30-14:55	Presentation of the draft 3 of the ECTS user's guide, <i>Yann-Mael Bideau, European Commission & Colin Tueck, external expert of European Commission</i>
14:55-15:05	Presentation of the results of the 1st mobility call
15:05 – 15:15	Presentation of the policy brief on the quality assurance of flexible learning pathways developed as part of the TPG C
15:15 – 15:30	Work of the TPG A on flexible learning pathways
15:30-15:40	Health break
15:40 – 15:55	Update on the EQAR knowledge base
15:55 – 16:10	Update of the working group on cross-border quality assurance
16:10 – 16:20	Next steps



13:00 – 13:15	Welcome by TPG C co-chairs
13:15-13:35	Tour de table
13:35-13:40	Report on the 3rd TPG C meeting held in Brasov
13:40 – 13:50	Reporting from the XCVII, XCVIII and XCIX BFUG meetings
13:50 – 14:15	Up-date on the ESG revision
14:15-14:30	Health break
14:30-14:55	Presentation of the draft 3 of the ECTS user's guide
14:55-15:05	Presentation of the results of the 1st mobility call, <i>Aila Veli, TPG C co-chair</i>
15:05 – 15:15	Presentation of the policy brief on the quality assurance of flexible learning pathways developed as part of the TPG C
15:15 – 15:30	Work of the TPG A on flexible learning pathways
15:30-15:40	Health break
15:40 – 15:55	Update on the EQAR knowledge base
15:55 – 16:10	Update of the working group on cross-border quality assurance
16:10 – 16:20	Next steps



13:00 – 13:15	Welcome by TPG C co-chairs
13:15-13:35	Tour de table
13:35-13:40	Report on the 3rd TPG C meeting held in Brasov
13:40 – 13:50	Reporting from the XCVII, XCVIII and XCIX BFUG meetings
13:50 – 14:15	Up-date on the ESG revision
14:15-14:30	Health break
14:30-14:55	Presentation of the draft 3 of the ECTS user's guide
14:55-15:05	Presentation of the results of the 1st mobility call
15:05 – 15:15	Presentation of the policy brief on the quality assurance of flexible learning pathways developed as part of the TPG C, <i>Sophie Guillet & Solange Pisarz, TPG C co-chairs</i>
15:15 – 15:30	Work of the TPG A on flexible learning pathways
15:30-15:40	Health break
15:40 – 15:55	Update on the EQAR knowledge base
15:55 – 16:10	Update of the working group on cross-border quality assurance
16:10 – 16:20	Next steps



REMINDER – WHY QA OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING PATHWAYS?

As mentioned in the key commitments reaffirmed by the [Tirana Communiqué](#) (2024, p.8):

“We commit to fostering flexible learning paths, which need to be flexible, properly delivered, **quality assured**, and recognised, in all higher education programmes. This also includes the recognition of prior learning, and new forms of education provision, such as micro-credentials. We need to ensure student-centred learning is a reality for all students”



Flexible learning pathways can be defined as ([IIEP-UNESCO](#), p.46) :

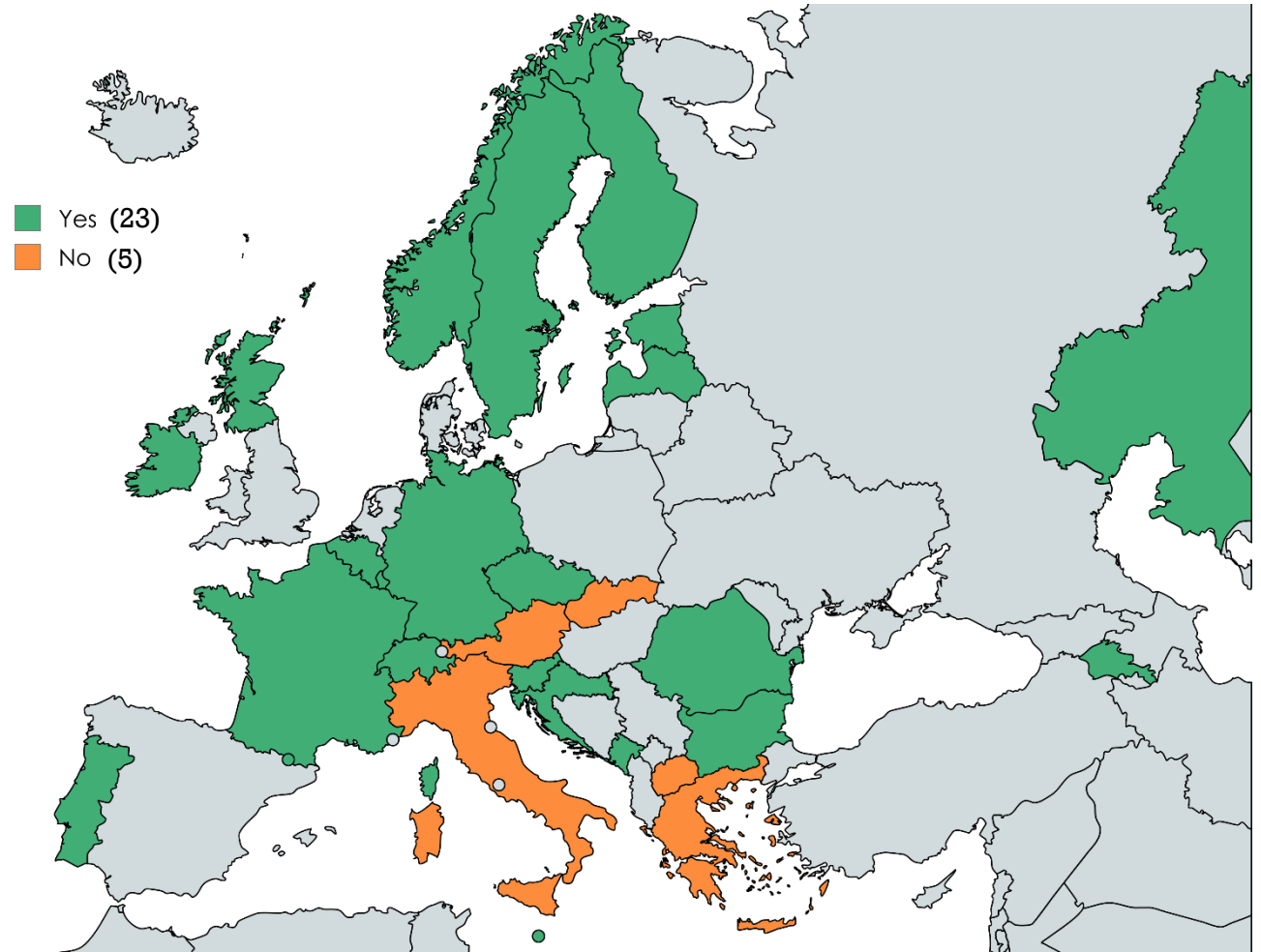
« entry points and re-entry points at all ages and all educational levels, strengthened links between formal and non-formal structures, and recognition, validation and accreditation of the knowledge, skills and competencies acquired through non-formal and informal education »

QA OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING PATHWAYS

SURVEY RESULTS RESPONDENTS' NATIONAL REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

Does your country currently have national regulations or guidelines for flexible learning pathways? (e.g. a law or act, or national framework)

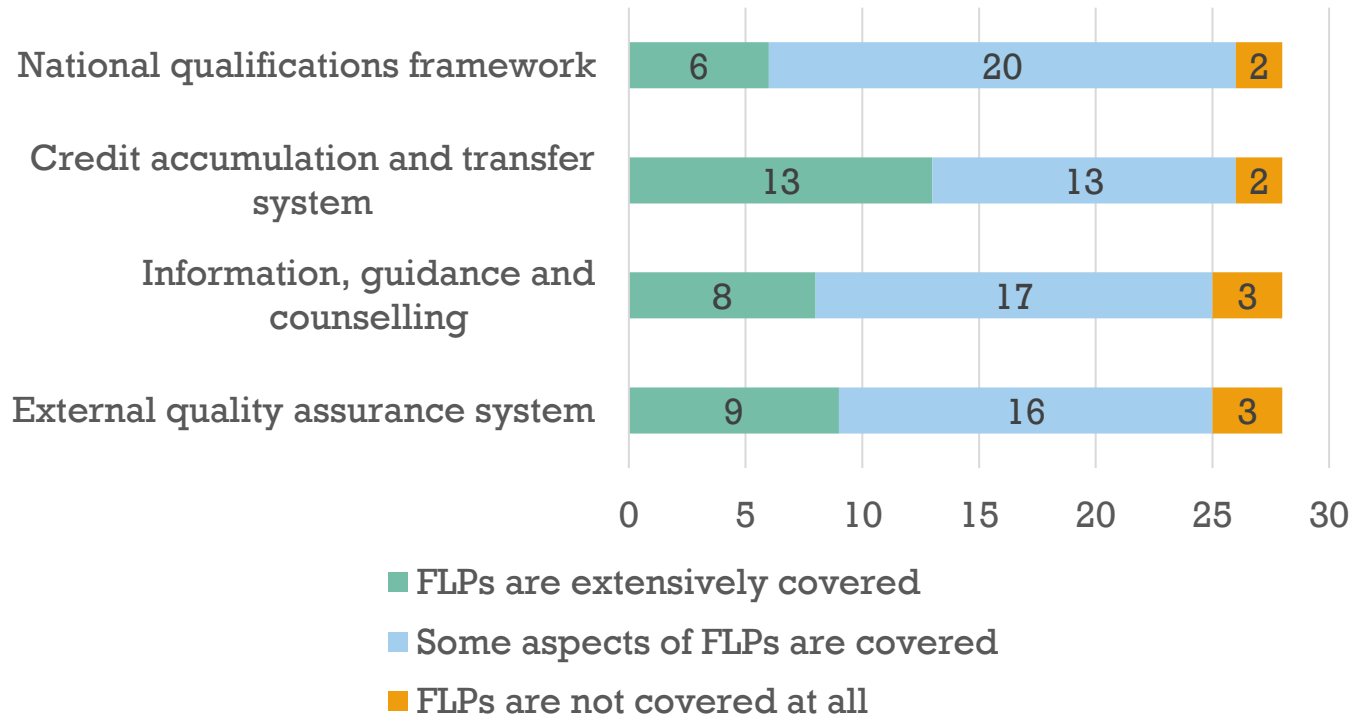
28 respondents



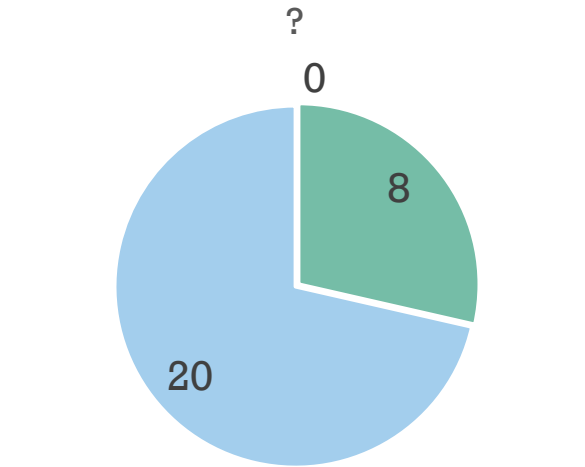
QA OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING PATHWAYS

SURVEY RESULTS – GENERAL QUESTIONS

To what extent do your national policy instruments support flexible learning pathways (FLPs)?



In your country's opinion, to what extent do the ESG facilitate the implementation of flexible learning pathways



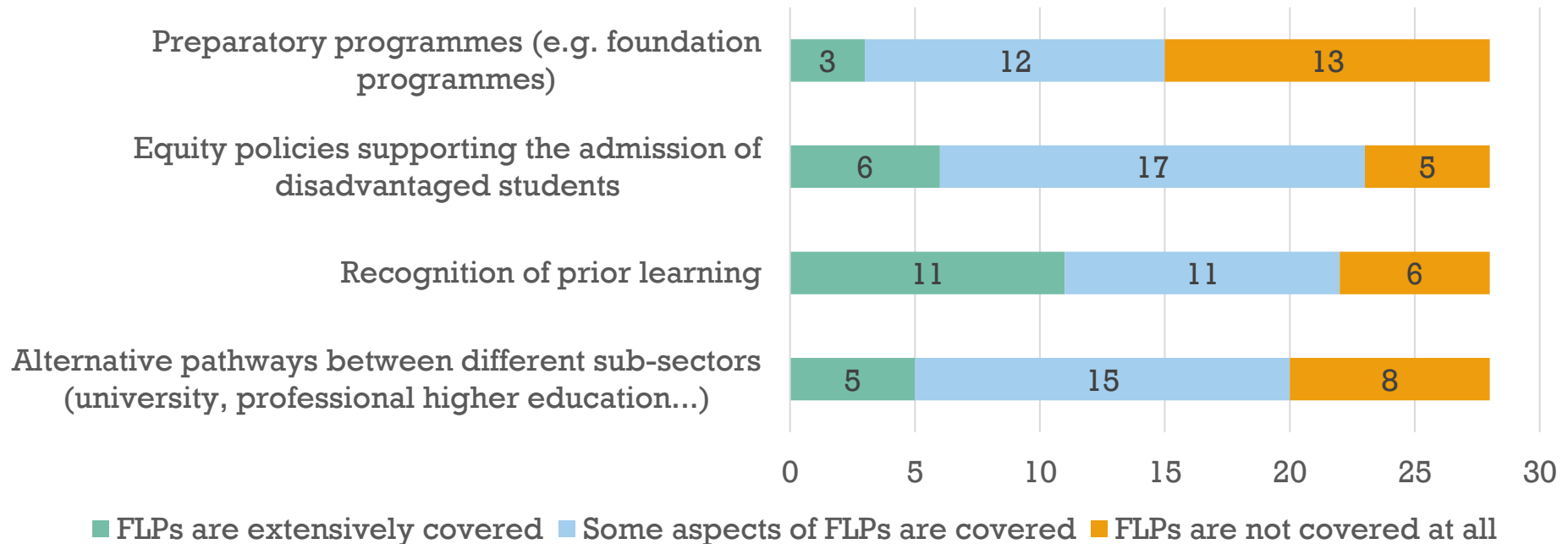
- The ESG highly support flexible learning pathways at the level of the EHEA
- The ESG somewhat support flexible learning pathways at the level of the EHEA



QA OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING PATHWAYS

SURVEY RESULTS – QA QUESTIONS

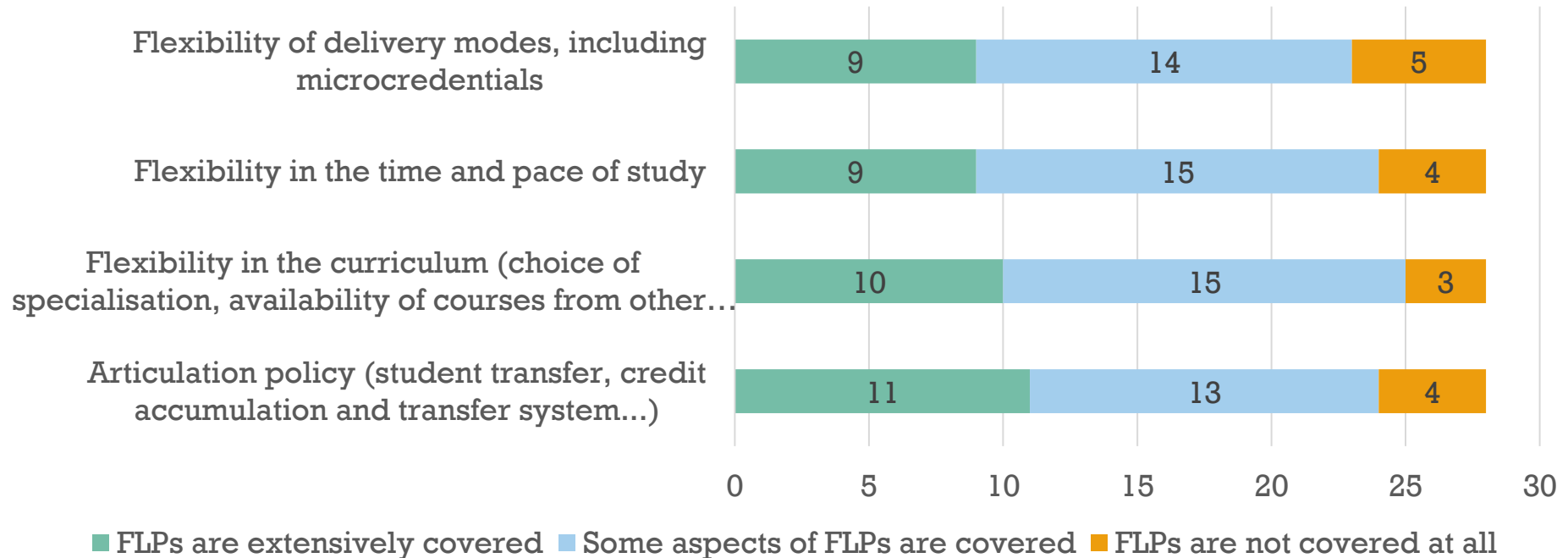
Do/Does the quality assurance agencies/agency of your country cover the following aspects of flexible learning pathways to get INTO higher education



QA OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING PATHWAYS

SURVEY RESULTS – QA QUESTIONS

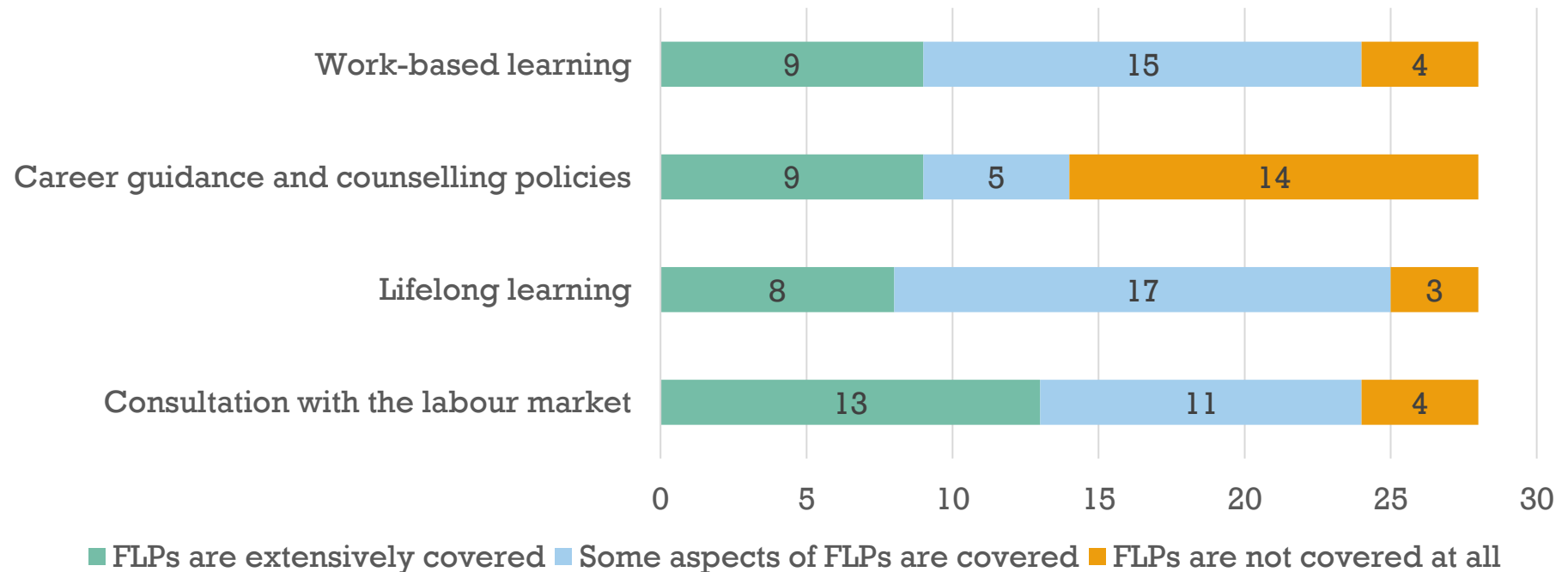
Do/Does the quality assurance agencies/agency of your country cover the following aspects of flexible learning pathways to get THROUGH higher education



QA OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING PATHWAYS

SURVEY RESULTS – QA QUESTIONS

Do/Does the quality assurance agencies/agency in your country cover the following aspects of flexible learning pathways facilitating the TRANSITION WITH THE LABOUR MARKET



QA OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING PATHWAYS

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF QUALITY ASSURANCE OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING PATHWAYS IN THE EHEA

What kind of regulations should there be for flexible learning pathways at the national level?

National regulation should be rather **flexible** and **light**.

- ⇒ **National qualifications frameworks** should include FLPs and describe them in a broad sense that encompasses their various facets
- ⇒ **External quality assurance** should adopt 'light' procedures enabling HEIs to organise themselves to develop FLPs that are fit for purpose.

The level of regulation could also differ depending on the type of provider:

- ⇒ HEIs that are regularly reviewed by an EQAR-registered agency could be granted more autonomy, while other private or alternative providers could face more rigorous regulation on the implementation of FLPs



QA OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING PATHWAYS

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF QUALITY ASSURANCE OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING PATHWAYS IN THE EHEA

To what extent does the external quality assurance of flexible learning pathways by agencies affect the autonomy of higher education institutions?

While ministers mandated that FLPs be quality assured, overly detailed quality assurance standards might hinder institutional autonomy and the capacity to design successful FLPs..

⇒ One possible solution: to **address FLPs primarily through external quality assurance at institutional level.**

This is aligned with European trends:

- a number of agencies have gradually moved from an approach focusing solely on programmes to a combined approach, or even an approach focusing solely on institutions .
- the European Commission formulated recommendations for the 27 EU Member States that, ‘once higher education institutions have a robust internal quality assurance, [they] move towards institutional approach for quality assurance



QA OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING PATHWAYS



SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION TO SUPPORT EFFECTIVE QUALITY ASSURANCE OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING PATHWAYS

Ministries	In national regulations, define FLPs in a broad sense to safeguard the autonomy of higher education institutions in implementing them.
	Include FLPs in the national qualifications framework and foster FLPs across different tertiary education sub-sectors
Agencies	Place a stronger emphasis on FLPs in institutional-level reviews , treating them as a core institutional policy rather than quality-assuring all aspects of FLPs at programme level.
	Contribute to knowledge-sharing on good practices related to the quality assurance of FLPs (e.g. thematic analysis based on external reports; thematic evaluations on specific aspects of FLPs...)
Higher education institutions	Include flexible learning pathways in the institutional strategy , supporting their implementation with targeted policies disseminated both at institutional and programme level.
	Work with all stakeholders to define clear indicators with which to monitor and continuously support the development of FLPs, ensuring they are fit for purpose.

PROGRAMME



13:00 – 13:15	Welcome by TPG C co-chairs
13:15-13:35	Tour de table
13:35-13:40	Report on the 3rd TPG C meeting held in Brasov
13:40 – 13:50	Reporting from the XCVII, XCVIII and XCIX BFUG meetings
13:50 – 14:15	Up-date on the ESG revision
14:15-14:30	Health break
14:30-14:55	Presentation of the draft 3 of the ECTS user's guide
14:55-15:05	Presentation of the results of the 1st mobility call
15:05 – 15:15	Presentation of the policy brief on the quality assurance of flexible learning pathways developed as part of the TPG C
15:15 – 15:30	Work of the TPG A on flexible learning pathways, <i>Ana Duplava & Jakub Grodecki, EURASHE & TPG A members</i>
15:30-15:40	Health break
15:40 – 15:55	Update on the EQAR knowledge base
15:55 – 16:10	Update of the working group on cross-border quality assurance
16:10 – 16:20	Next steps



PROGRAMME



13:00 – 13:15	Welcome by TPG C co-chairs
13:15-13:35	Tour de table
13:35-13:40	Report on the 3rd TPG C meeting held in Brasov
13:40 – 13:50	Reporting from the XCVII, XCVIII and XCIX BFUG meetings
13:50 – 14:15	Up-date on the ESG revision
14:15-14:30	Health break
14:30-14:55	Presentation of the draft 3 of the ECTS user's guide
14:55-15:05	Presentation of the results of the 1st mobility call
15:05 – 15:15	Presentation of the policy brief on the quality assurance of flexible learning pathways developed as part of the TPG C
15:15 – 15:30	Work of the TPG A on flexible learning pathways
15:30-15:40	Health break
15:40 – 15:55	Update on the EQAR knowledge base
15:55 – 16:10	Update of the working group on cross-border quality assurance
16:10 – 16:20	Next steps



13:00 – 13:15	Welcome by TPG C co-chairs
13:15-13:35	Tour de table
13:35-13:40	Report on the 3rd TPG C meeting held in Brasov
13:40 – 13:50	Reporting from the XCVII, XCVIII and XCIX BFUG meetings
13:50 – 14:15	Up-date on the ESG revision
14:15-14:30	Health break
14:30-14:55	Presentation of the draft 3 of the ECTS user's guide
14:55-15:05	Presentation of the results of the 1st mobility call
15:05 – 15:15	Presentation of the policy brief on the quality assurance of flexible learning pathways developed as part of the TPG C
15:15 – 15:30	Work of the TPG A on flexible learning pathways
15:30-15:40	Health break
15:40 – 15:55	Update on the EQAR knowledge base, <i>Aleksandar Šušnjar, EQAR Director</i>
15:55 – 16:10	Update of the working group on cross-border quality assurance
16:10 – 16:20	Next steps



PROGRAMME



13:00 – 13:15	Welcome by TPG C co-chairs
13:15-13:35	Tour de table
13:35-13:40	Report on the 3rd TPG C meeting held in Brasov
13:40 – 13:50	Reporting from the XCVII, XCVIII and XCIX BFUG meetings
13:50 – 14:15	Up-date on the ESG revision
14:15-14:30	Health break
14:30-14:55	Presentation of the draft 3 of the ECTS user's guide
14:55-15:05	Presentation of the results of the 1st mobility call
15:05 – 15:15	Presentation of the policy brief on the quality assurance of flexible learning pathways developed as part of the TPG C
15:15 – 15:30	Work of the TPG A on flexible learning pathways
15:30-15:40	Health break
15:40 – 15:55	Update on the EQAR knowledge base
15:55 – 16:10	Update of the working group on cross-border quality assurance, <i>Goran Dakovic and Nathalie Lugano, ENQA</i>
16:10 – 16:20	Next steps

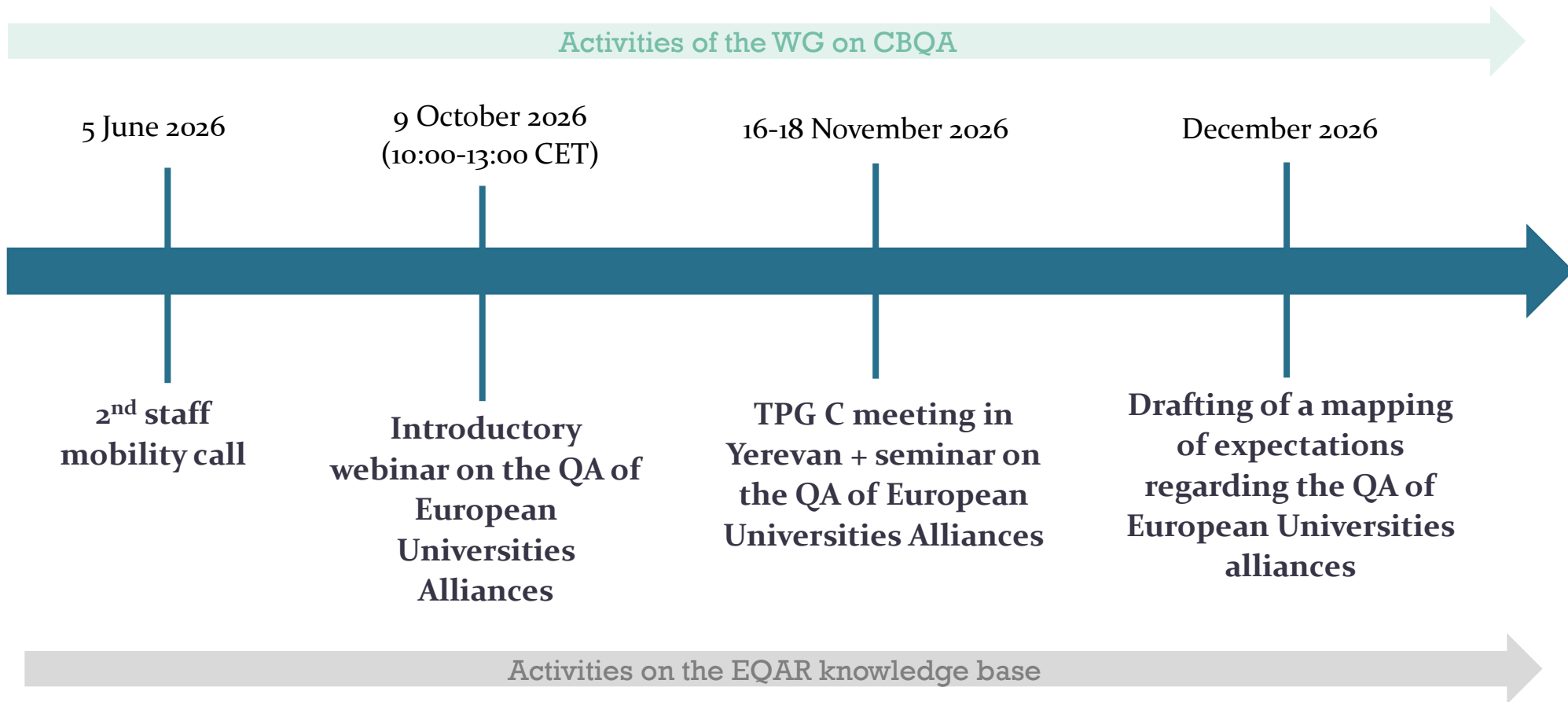


13:00 – 13:15	Welcome by TPG C co-chairs
13:15-13:35	Tour de table
13:35-13:40	Report on the 3rd TPG C meeting held in Brasov
13:40 – 13:50	Reporting from the XCVII, XCVIII and XCIX BFUG meetings
13:50 – 14:15	Up-date on the ESG revision
14:15-14:30	Health break
14:30-14:55	Presentation of the draft 3 of the ECTS user's guide
14:55-15:05	Presentation of the results of the 1st mobility call
15:05 – 15:15	Presentation of the policy brief on the quality assurance of flexible learning pathways developed as part of the TPG C
15:15 – 15:30	Work of the TPG A on flexible learning pathways
15:30-15:40	Health break
15:40 – 15:55	Update on the EQAR knowledge base
15:55 – 16:10	Update of the working group on cross-border quality assurance
16:10 – 16:20	Next steps



NEXT STEPS

Activities of the WG on CBQA



Activities on the EQAR knowledge base





Co-funded by the
European Union

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

TPG C co-chairs:

- Armenia : v.gyulazyan@anqa.am
- France : sophie.guillet@hceres.fr & solange.pisarz@cti-commission.fr
- Romania : cristina.ghitulica@aracis.ro

EHEA secretariat: petrisor.tuca@eha.info



Support for the enhancement-oriented
implementation of the quality assurance
key commitment