

EQArep workshop on QA reports for QA agencies

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EQArep project – why?

- Need for detailed and reliable information on individual study programmes, faculties and higher education institutions, and especially on quality at programme and at institutional level.
- Quality assurance is an important tool in providing transparent and reliable information on the quality of HE

BUT....

- reports vary a lot in terms of structure and content and also as regards publication channels and strategies
- we do not know how much they are used, by whom, and how useful are they for the users
- → their contribution to the comparative dimension of transparency of higher education at the European level is still relatively limited

EQArep project – who?

- Consortium of ENQA and four of its member agencies:
 - ASHE, Croatia
 - EKKA, Estonia
 - OAQ, Switzerland
 - QQI, Ireland
- Stakeholder Advisory Board:
 - Business Europe
 - ESU
 - EUA
 - EURASHE

EQArep project – what?

- map the current publication practices and analyse the typology of reports, their purposes, use, etc.
 - explore the different needs of stakeholders for transparent and comparable information, and the role that EQA review reports can/are expected to/do play
 - Provide good practice and recommendations/standards for different types of quality assurance reports in the EHEA
 - evaluate whether a European template for quality assurance (summary) reports is feasible
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- Better understanding of the needs of (potential users)
 - Increased comparability → increased mobility, facilitated collaboration, etc.
 - Better information provided to the stakeholders

Activities and stages

- Survey on stakeholders' requirements for transparency
- Workshop for stakeholders of quality assurance
- Survey of QA agencies on publication of quality assurance reports: purpose, structure and content
- Analysis of a sample of QA reports
- Workshop for quality assurance agencies on publication of review reports
- Elaboration of recommendations (and a template?) for external evaluation reports
- Final dissemination conference, Brussels 22-23 September 2014
- Final report and publication

This workshop

- Participants:
 - ENQA member agencies
- Working methods
 - Plenary presentations to provide background and context to the issue at stake and to validate the findings of research done so far
 - Working groups → small groups to analyse and discuss summary reports and provide input for the next stages of the project



Thank you!

