

Round Table on Quality Assurance of Bridging Higher Vocational Education and Training and Higher Education

BOOKLET

An event organised by EURASHE, the Conference of Rectors of State Schools of Higher Vocational Education in Poland (KRePSZ), and hosted by Warsaw University of Technology

PRESENTATION

What? EURASHE is organising a Round Table on Quality Assurance of Bridging Higher Vocational Education and Training and Higher Education.

While the European Standards and Guidelines (ESG)¹ and European Quality Assurance for Vocational Education and Training (EQAVET)² undergo respective developments, the permeability between higher vocational education and training and higher education, especially professional higher education, is also emerging. Convergence of quality assurance systems will become a reality in many respects. We aim to discuss these topics between both the higher vocational education and training community and the higher education community. Following an introductory speech by a recognised expert on European level, participants will discuss a holistic approach to quality assurance processes and the imperative need for quality culture in both sectors, bridging the gaps between them.

Aim? The aim of the Round Table will be to arrive at recommendations for actions from the side of professional higher education institutions through EURASHE to develop further initiatives in the future. We will use the conclusions to feed in our activities within our strategic plan for the coming years.

Where? The Round Table will be hosted at the Warsaw University of Technology.

When? The Round Table will take place on Friday 12 December 2014.

Who? The Round Table is a closed event reserved for EURASHE members and selected experts in the field. The Round Table will gather about 15 participants from Europe and Poland discussing the thematic. They will include representatives of higher VET and professional higher education institutions, researchers, policy-makers, as well as stakeholders, including representatives from the world of work and students.

Cost? Costs will be reimbursed for participants by EURASHE.

Register? If you are interested to join the Round Table, please contact EURASHE at eurashe@eurashe.eu

¹ The revised version of the ESG endorsed by the Bologna Follow-Up Group (BFUG) in its meeting in Rome (Italy) in September 2014 is available here: <http://revisionesg.wordpress.com/2014/10/21/revised-european-standards-and-guidelines-esg-endorsed-by-the-bfug/>. The revised ESG are subject to the approval by the EHEA Ministerial Conference in 2015.

² Information on the EQAVET Framework is available here: <http://www.eqavet.eu/gns/policy-context/european-quality-assurance-reference-framework/framework-overview.aspx>

AGENDA

Friday 12 December 2014

Warsaw University of Technology, Faculty of Production Engineering, Narbutta Str. 85, room 129

- 9.30 am Welcome, tour de table
Johan Cloet, Secretary General of EURASHE
Andrzej Kolasa, Conference of Rectors of State Schools of Higher Vocational Education in Poland (KRePSZ)
- 10.30 am Introduction to the day
Walter Balfe, Manager Awards and Certification at Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)
- 11.30 am Discussions and debates
- 12.30 pm Lunch
- 2.00 pm Discussions and debates
- 5.00 pm Closing
End of day

KEYNOTE CONTRIBUTION

Walter Balfe, Manager Awards and Certification at Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI), will introduce the discussions of the round table with a presentation on *Quality Assurance and the HE and VET interface: the Irish Experience*



Walter Balfe is a graduate of University College Dublin. He has worked in education and training for all of his career, as an educator in various sectors of further and higher education and latterly in a variety of quality assurance roles. Between 2002 and 2012, he worked for the Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC), the Irish state agency responsible for awards and quality assurance in VET programmes. In 2012 FETAC was amalgamated with the other state qualifications and quality assurance agencies to form QQI, Quality and Qualifications Ireland www.qqi.ie, which has responsibility in respect of the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) as well as quality assurance in further and higher education and training. His current role is Manager of Awards and Certification unit, with responsibility for the issuing of NFQ awards to learners who have successfully completed programmes.

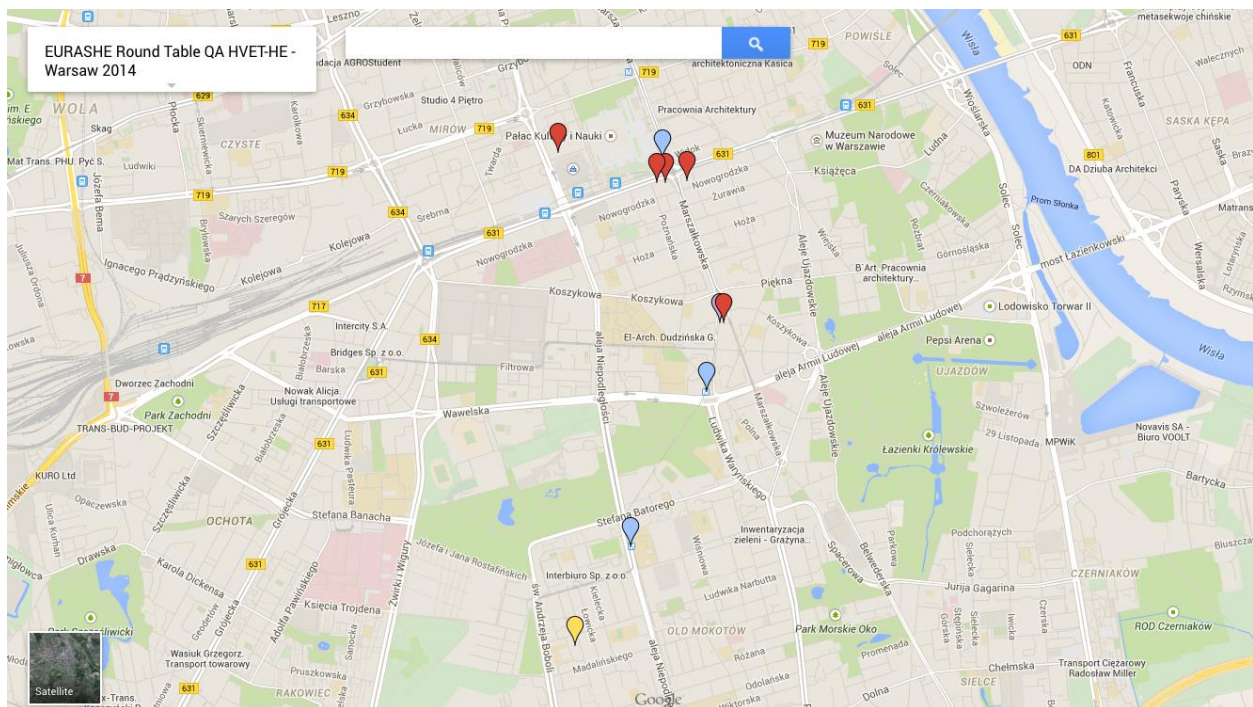
PARTICIPANTS

1. Walter Balfe, Manager Awards and Certification at Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) (Ireland)
2. Johan Cloet, Secretary General of EURASHE (Belgium)
3. Hans Daale, Secretary General of Dutch Association for Shorter Higher Education (DASHE) (Netherlands)
4. Prof. Jozef Garbarczyk, Chairman of the Conference of Rectors of State Schools of Higher Vocational Education in Poland (KRePSZ) (Poland)

5. Andrzej Kolasa, Conference of Rectors of State Schools of Higher Vocational Education in Poland (KRePSZ) (Poland)
6. Armando Pires, Portuguese Polytechnics Coordinating Council (CCISP) (Portugal)
7. Tudor Pitulac, President of 'Petre Andrei' University in Iași (Romania)
8. Dr Tomasz Saryusz-Wolski, Expert at Educational Research Institute (IBE) (Poland)
9. Alicia-Leonor Sauli-Miklavčič, Association of Slovene Higher Vocational Colleges (Slovenia)
10. Beata Skibińska, Deputy Director of the Foundation for the Development of the Education System (FRSE), National Agency of Erasmus+ Programme (Poland)
11. Irina Vanyan, PhD in Economics, Associate Professor in the Chair of Economics, Law and Management, National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia (NUACA) (Armenia)
12. Prof. Elzbieta Lonc, Rector of Angelus Silesius State School of Higher Vocational Education in Wałbrzych (PWSZ-AS) (Poland)
13. Representative of Ministry of Science and Higher Education (Poland)
14. Representative of Polish Accreditation Agency (PKA) (Poland)

PRACTICALITIES

Round Table map:



View a larger map at www.eurashe.eu/map-2

Venue:

The Round Table will be hosted by Warsaw University of Technology, **Faculty of Production Engineering**, Warsaw, Narbutta Str. 85, room 129 (address in Polish: Politechnika Warszawska, Wydział Inżynierii Produkcji, Warszawa, ulica Narbutta 85, pok. 129) (in **yellow** on the map). It is about 10 minutes by foot from the Pole Mokotowskie metro station (in **blue** on the map).

Recommended hotels:

The following 5 hotels are recommended (in red on the map):

- Hotel MDM, Plac Konstytucji 1, www.hotelmdm.com.pl
- Hotel Metropol, ul. Marszałkowska 99A, www.hotelmetropol.com.pl
- Novotel Warszawa Centrum, ul. Marszałkowska 94/98, www.novotel.com
- Polonia Palaca Hotel, Aleje Jerozolimskie 45, www.poloniapalace.com
- Hotel Mercure Warszawa Centrum, ul. Złota 48/54, www.mercure.com

All hotels are located in the centre of the city close to metro stations: Centrum or Politechnika (in blue on the map).

Dinner:

You are invited for a dinner in the evening of Thursday 11, at 19.00, at the restaurant 'U Szwejka', located at plac Konstytucji 1, Warszawa (in purple on the map). It is in the same building as the Hotel MDM.