The European Approach for the quality assurance of joint programmes

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Content

• What is the "European Approach"?

• Bologna Implementation Report – preliminary data

• DG EAC role and activities
Background

• Bologna Ministerial Communiqué 2012
• Adoption in 2015
• External evaluation of joint programmes: single procedure, without additional national criteria
• Based on the Standards and Guidelines for QA in the European Higher Education Area (ESG)
Joint programme:

- An integrated curriculum coordinated and offered jointly by different HEIs and leading to double/multiple degrees or a joint degree.

Joint degree:

- A single document awarded by HEIs offering the joint programme and nationally acknowledged as the recognised award of the joint programme.
Different QA systems

- **Institutional evaluations**
  - HEIs can self-accredit courses – less problematic

- **Programme accreditations**
  - Cumbersome if evaluations have to be done at all HEIs

- **European Approach**
  - Should enable one procedure, one self-evaluation report, one site visit, for 6 years
Bologna Implementation Report
Preliminary data

19 systems: state that the EA is permitted by their legislative framework...

6 systems: state that the EA is not applicable to their QA system

22 systems: state that the EA is not permitted.

Treat these data with caution – based on national reports, clarifications might be needed!
Planned changes in legislation

• Only 9 countries claim to have plans to change their legal framework to permit the EA.

• However, 8 of these country reports do not contain information on concrete plans.
What's next?

Political priority

More examples needed - awareness raising

Sharing information among key players (EAC-EACEA-E4-EQAR)

Clarifying terminology

Understanding different perspectives

Supporting HEIs

Follow-up
Thank you for your attention!