

European Quality Assurance Register for
Higher Education

The Impact of EQAR on the Strategy of Quality Assurance in Greek HEIs

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What is EQAR?

- Bologna / European Higher Education Area (EHEA) goals
- Transparency
- Recognition
- Register of 'trustworthy agencies' since 2008
- Registration of agencies that comply substantially with ESG
- Currently 50 agencies registered from 28 countries
- For a period of 5 years

Why registration?

National legitimation:

- **Governments** know QA is up to European standards
- **HEIs** know that QA-agency is professional, independent and trustworthy
- **Students** know that evaluation by registered agency is valid
- **Society** (labour market) can trust the quality of education and of graduates

Why registration?

International legitimization:

- Participation in **European projects** will become easier
- Participation possible in “**European Approach**” for joint programmes & European Universities
- More and better **access to ‘Europe’** for students and staff
- Easier **recognition** in cooperation with ENIC-NARICs and HEIs abroad

How could EQAR assist and support you?

- Dialogue with the ministry
- Information and explanation to the QA agency
- Convince HEIs and students of the importance of solid (internal and external) QA
- Explain to society/labour market why solid QA is important

But the most important.....

... is the quality of your Internal Quality Assurance system, which should be:

- Transparent
- Honest
- Conclusive
- Enhancement-driven
- As little bureaucratic as possible
- Supported by and active participation of staff and students

Thank you for your interest and participation.

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