

Progress Report on Quality Assurance in Higher Education



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Outline presentation

- 1. Introduction: the European policy context (Lisbon, Bologna)**
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European Policy Context

- **QA important part of the Modernisation Agenda and Bologna Process**
- **QA vital in making European Higher Education more attractive, trustworthy and transparent**
- **Two Recommendations EP and Council on QA in higher education (1998 and 2006) on European cooperation QA**



Progress Report (1): main developments national and EU level

- **Strong growth in QA infrastructure.
QA agencies in almost all of 46 countries
of European Higher Education Area**
- **Increased awareness European
Standards and Guidelines**
- **Creation of European Quality Assurance
Register (EQAR)**



Progress Report (2): suggestions to strengthen EU-dimension

- 1. Make the QA infrastructure more efficient and transparent for users**
- 2. Make ESG's more coherent with the Bologna framework (3-cycles, ECTS)**
- 3. Stimulate cross-border QA (e.g by EU Quality Seals, developing recognition principles joint degrees)**



Concluding remarks

- **Ultimate goal is to create a real European dimension in higher education QA**
- **As this will allow for real comparison between EU institutions and programmes**
- **And will enhance transparency in quality of institutions, for the benefit of all users**



Find out more:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/higher-education/doc1651_en.htm

