

QA of European University Alliances

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la Qualité de l'Enseignement Supérieur

Breakout session

- Introduction
- AEQES' first reflections
- questions for discussion

QAAs views so far... [QA-FIT results]

■ Agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Disagree ■ I don't know

The European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes should be used in the evaluation/accreditation of programmes offered by University Alliances



The evaluation of each University Alliance member is not sufficient and an evaluation at Alliance level is needed



The evaluation at Alliance level is sufficient and an evaluation of each University Alliance member is not needed



The evaluation of each University Alliance member is sufficient and no evaluation at Alliance level is needed



What is your agency's view on the following statements related to quality assurance of University Alliances?

Chart: ENQA • Source: QA-FIT • Created with Datawrapper

AEQES' first reflections & actions



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Pragmatic and proactive approach

- Read about the EUniQ pilot project
- Set up and update a mapping : HEIs - Alliances - potential QAAs (spring 2022)
- Asked to meet the « Alliances WG » (June 2022)
- Raised the issue at the Steering Committee of AEQES
- Keep up-to-date
- Discuss with colleagues from agencies to see if there's an interest in developing collaboration
- ...

Mapping (updated in January 2023)

name of the HEI	name of the Alliance	QAAs potentially involved
Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)	CIVIS – Europe’s Civic University Alliance [11 partners]	AAQ – AEQES – ANECA – ANVUR - AQ Austria – ARACIS – GAC (<i>tbc</i>) – HAHE – Hcéres – QAA Scotland - UKÄ
UCLouvain	Circle U [9 partners]	AEQES - AI - ANVUR - Hcéres – NEAQA (aff) - NOKUT– QAA - QA Austria -
Université de Mons (UMONS)	EUNICE [10 partners]	AEQES – ANECA (<i>tbc</i>) – ANVUR - A3ES - FINEEC - GAC (<i>tbc</i>) - HAHE – Hcéres – PKA - UKÄ
Université de Liège (ULiège)	UNIC European universities of post-industrial cities [10 partners]	AEQES – ASHE - FINEEC - GAC (<i>tbc</i>) – NVAO – PKA – QQI – THEQS – UNIBASQ - UKÄ
Université de Namur (UNamur)	UniversEH European space university for Earth and Humanity [7 partners]	AEQES – ANVUR - GAC (<i>tbc</i>) - Hcéres – NVAO - PKA - UKÄ
Haute école de la Province de Liège (HEPL)	UniGreen [7 partners]	AAC-DEVA – AEQES – ANVUR - NEAA – Hcéres – PKA – Quality Board of Iceland (aff)

Reflections...

WHY ?

HOW ?

WHEN ?

With WHO?

- Motivation?

From the perspective of an agency and ... from the perspective of an alliance

- How ?

So far, 2 rather distinct approaches that reflect a tension between a programmatic evaluation (the European Approach for Joint programme) and a systemic evaluation (the EUnIQ model)

How to choose QAAs partners? How many?

- Is it timely? Too fast? Almost too late?
- What are the main obstacles or challenges?
- What would the main benefits be?
- ...

discussion

- Is the QA of University Alliances being discussed within your agency/with stakeholders in your operating context? For what reasons?
- If so, what approaches are you discussing?
- Would they link with other QA activities of your agency?
- What are the challenges/opportunities?
- Is there a need for a specific tool or framework to be agreed at European level?
- How might external QA deal with the diversity of breadth and depth of cooperation that is seen in the different models of Alliances?