

**ENQA General Assembly  
25-27 October 2023  
Dublin, Ireland  
Hosted by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)**

**Programme**

**WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2023**

**Statutory meetings (invitation only)**

**Venue: Croke Park Hotel**

**9.00-11.00 ENQA Board Meeting**  
The Clonliffe Room

**9.00-11.00 ENQA Agency Review Committee Meeting**  
The Fitzroy Room

**11.00-12.00 Joint meeting of ENQA Board and Agency Review Committee**  
The Clonliffe Room

**12.00-13.00 Lunch for ENQA Board and Agency Review Committee**

**Social Programme**

**13.30 – 14.30** Presentation of the Irish QA system  
Venue: Chartered Accountants House, Pearse Street

- Bryan Maguire, Director of Integration Directorate, QQI (Ireland)

**15.00 – 16.15** Walking tour of Dublin  
Meeting point: the gates of the National Gallery, Merrion Square

**18.30 – 22.30** Tour and reception at EPIC Museum  
Venue: EPIC Museum

**THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2023**

**Venue: Croke Park Conference Centre**

**8.30 – 9.50** Registration

**8.50 – 9.40** CEO breakfast  
Nally Suite

**9.50 – 10.20** Welcome addresses  
Hogan Mezzanine Suite

- Pdraig Walsh, CEO of QQI
- Douglas Blackstock, ENQA President



- Simon Harris, TD, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science of Ireland

### 10.20 – 11.20 Plenary 1

Hogan Mezzanine Suite

#### **Recognition in the spotlight: latest policy developments**

This session will provide an overview of the latest policy developments related to recognition, including the Global Recognition Convention and focus on this topic from the European Commission. Actions to support the implementation of these policies, as well as the links with quality assurance, will also be addressed.

- Vanja Gutovic, Education Specialist, UNESCO
- Chiara Finocchietti, President, ENIC-NARIC networks

Chaired by Jolanta Silka, ENQA Board Member

### 11.20 – 11.45 Coffee break

### 11.45 – 12.45 Plenary 2

Hogan Mezzanine Suite

#### **QA and recognition in practice**

Exploring the practical links between quality assurance and recognition – what are the practical challenges for recognition within institutions, and how can quality assurance help to address those?

- Jill O'Mahony, Director of Admissions and Strategic Enrolment, University College Dublin (Ireland)
- Almantas Šerpatauskas, Director, Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education (SKVC, Lithuania)

Chaired by Øystein Lund, ENQA Board Member

### 12.45 – 13.45 Lunch

### 13.45 – 15.15 General Assembly meeting part 1 (including Board elections)

Hogan Mezzanine Suite

### 15.15 – 15.45 Coffee break

(and meeting of the new Board in the Nally Room)

### 15.45 – 17.15 General Assembly meeting part 2 (including Vice-President elections)

Hogan Mezzanine Suite

### 19.30 - 23.30 Tour and dinner at Guinness Storehouse



## FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023

Venue: Croke Park Conference Centre

### 9.00 – 10.10 Breakout sessions

*See descriptions of the breakout sessions at the end of this document.*

*Note that in this session, the focus group on ENQA's targeted review methodology is invitation only. An open session on the same topic, for all interested participants, will be held in the second round of breakout sessions (10.40-11.50).*

- **Academic integrity: outcomes of the ENQA working group**  
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Facilitated by Sue Hackett (QQI) and Yvonne Overdeest (NVAO), ENQA working group on academic integrity
- **Workshop on ENQA's message to the 2024 Bologna Ministerial Conference**  
Nally Suite  
Facilitated by Cristina Ghitulica and Péter Levente Lakatos (ENQA Board Members)
- **Workshop on the future of the ESG**  
Hogan Mezzanine Suite  
Facilitated by Anna Gover (ENQA Director) and Patrick van den Bosch (ENQA Board Member)
- **Focus group on ENQA's targeted review methodology**  
Suite 688/689  
Facilitated by Goran Dakovic and Agency Review Committee members

10.10 – 10.40 Coffee break

### 10.40 – 11.50 Breakout sessions

*The breakout sessions are repeated, allowing participants to attend another session.  
See descriptions of the breakout sessions at the end of this document.*

11.50 – 11.55 Return to plenary room



### 11.55 - 12.55 **Plenary 3**

Hogan Mezzanine Suite

#### **Cross-border quality assurance**

Many quality assurance agencies conduct activities outside the country in which they are based. For some this is their daily business, for others it is an additional strand of work beyond their usual (national) activities. This session will examine the realities of cross-border quality assurance, particularly that conducted outside the European Higher Education Area. It will explore some of the benefits and challenges and well as ethical considerations.

- Henning Schäfer, Managing Director, ZEvA (Germany)
- Sophie Guillet, Head of agency cooperation and development, Hcéres (France)

Chaired by Doris Herrmann, ENQA Board Member

### 12.55 – 13.00 **Closing words by the President**

Hogan Mezzanine Suite

- Douglas Blackstock, ENQA President

13.00 [Lunch](#)

13.30 – 15.00 [Croke Park Skyline Tour](#)  
Venue: [Croke Park](#)



## Descriptions of the breakout sessions

### **Academic integrity: outcomes of the ENQA working group**

Facilitated by Sue Hackett (QQI) and Yvonne Overdevest (NVAO), ENQA working group on academic integrity

The ENQA Academic Integrity Working Group has been exploring perspectives, levels of awareness and extent of agency remits in relation to academic integrity, with a view to producing a guidance document for ENQA members. The process of development has included an ENQA member survey and interviews with invited agencies, to further explore key points made through the survey. This has resulted in a detailed picture of the academic integrity landscape across ENQA member agencies, whilst also recognising that this is such a dynamic and ever-developing field, and that members are working in different educational and cultural contexts. The session will briefly present the findings of the group under the draft report headings before discussion and reflection on the key points raised – what do these findings mean in terms of quality assurance systems and processes; what is ideally needed to ensure a common understanding and framework of actions to enable the fostering of a resilient approach to academic integrity, which both protects learners, the higher education providers, the national qualifications systems, and society at large.

### **Workshop on ENQA's message to the 2024 Bologna Ministerial Conference**

Facilitated by Cristina Ghitulica and Péter Levente Lakatos, ENQA Board Members

In May 2024, the Ministers of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) will meet in Tirana (Albania) for the Bologna Process Ministerial Conference. The conference is an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the Bologna Process and set the strategic direction for the next working period. In advance of the conference, ENQA will deliver its message to the Ministers, in order to ensure that the voice of quality assurance agencies is represented. This workshop will help shape that message by exploring current challenges and future priorities for external quality assurance, and the role that public authorities play in ensuring an operating context that is conducive to both accountability and enhancement in higher education.

### **Workshop on the future of the ESG**

Facilitated by Anna Gover (ENQA Director) and Patrick van den Bosch (ENQA Board Member)

This focus group will draw on the work of the QA-FIT project (Quality Assurance Fit for the Future), which has identified differing stakeholder views around the scope and level of detail required from a European framework for quality assurance. Participants will debate some of the fundamental questions underpinning the future development of the ESG, as well as exploring some specific standards of Parts 2 and 3 that could benefit from revision. The outcomes of the discussion will feed into the conclusions of the QA-FIT project, which aims to provide an evidence base for a revision of the ESG in 2024-26.

### **Focus group on ENQA's targeted review methodology**

Facilitated by Goran Dakovic and Agency Review Committee members

*NB. During the first round of breakout sessions, this focus group is for invited agencies only. In the second round of breakout sessions, the focus group is open to all interested participants.*



The focus group is an opportunity to reflect on which objectives of a targeted review are most important to quality assurance agencies, and how those goals can be met during the review process. In this regard, a part of the session will be used to reflect on the methods used during the site visit as part of the panel's engagement in the developmental dialogue with the agency's stakeholders. In addition, the participants will discuss possible future developments of the targeted reviews, in order to ensure that they remain fit for purpose. Through these discussions, participants have the opportunity to help shape this important aspect of ENQA's work and ensure that the review process brings added value for agencies while still providing accountability against the ESG.

