

ENQA Members' Forum
QA in the EHEA: linking policy and practice

19-21 April 2023
Tbilisi, Georgia
National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement (NCEQE)

Draft Programme

WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL 2023

Statutory meetings (invitation only)

Venue: NCEQE Office

- 10.00-12.00 ENQA Board Meeting
- 10.00-12.00 ENQA Agency Review Committee Meeting
- 12.00-13.00 Lunch for Board and Agency Review Committee

Social Programme

- 13.30 – 14.30 Guided tour at the Georgian National Museum
- 14.30 – 15.00 Introduction of the Georgian QA system at the Georgian National Museum
- 15.00 – 17.00 Old Town Tbilisi tour
- 18.30 – 22.30 Dinner

THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2023

Venue: Hotel Biltmore Tbilisi

- 8.30 – 9.25 **Registration**
Grand Royal Ballroom prefunction, floor B1
- 8.45 – 9.25 **Newcomers session**
A welcome and introduction session for participants attending their first in-person ENQA event.
Amphitheatre Room, floor 2
- 9.30 – 9.50 **Welcome addresses**
- Mr. Giorgi Amilakhvari, Minister of Education and Science of Georgia
 - Tamar Makharashvili, NCEQE Director
 - Douglas Blackstock, ENQA President
- Grand Royal Ballroom, floor B1*



9.50 – 10.50 **Plenary I - QA Fit for the Future? The view from agencies**

This session will highlight some key outcomes of the large scale mapping of QA agency activities and perspectives on the ESG, conducted under the QA-FIT project, and discuss how this feeds into the discussions on QA policy in the EHEA.

- Anna Gover, ENQA Director
- Pdraig Walsh, Chief Executive, QQI, Ireland

Chair: Ruben Topchyan, ENQA Board
Grand Royal Ballroom, floor B1

10.50 – 11.20 **Coffee break** Grand Royal Ballroom prefunction, floor B1

11.20 – 12.20 **Breakout session**

Participants will have a choice to attend one of three discussion groups to explore topics that the QA-FIT mapping showed are of current interest to agencies. Each group will start with an introductory input from an ENQA member.

- QA and Research

Research is an area addressed by agencies in their external evaluation processes either as an explicit evaluation area or when looking at the links between teaching a research. During this session participants will discuss how these two areas of university activity interlink and what is the role of agencies in supporting QA of research, depending on their remit and operating context.

Facilitators: Sophie Guillet, Head of agency cooperation and development, HCERES, France and Maria Wikse, Head of group, UKA, Sweden
Room 3, floor 2

- QA of European University Alliances

A significant number of higher education institutions are involved in the European University Alliances. As many Alliances plan to move from a project-based operation to a permanent, sustainable cooperation, the question of assuring the quality of their provision becomes more prominent. During this session, participants will explore the emerging developments for the QA of University Alliances.

Facilitator: Caty Duykaerts, Director, AEQES, Belgium
Room 4, floor 2

- Digital transformation and enhancement of QA procedures

Agencies continuously work on the development of their activities including the design and improvement of internal information systems that have the potential to increase efficiency, make better use of data and analytics, and support communication with stakeholders. In this session, participants will exchange about opportunities for integrating digital tools in their work and reflect on how this can enhance QA procedures.

Facilitators: Andrej Krcek, Deputy Head, Department of analytics and information technology and Tilen Heco, Area Advisor, Department of analytics and information technology, SQAA, Slovenia
Room 8, floor 2

12.20 – 13.30 Lunch
Sonnet Restaurant, floor 1

13.30 – 14.30 Plenary 2 – QA in the EHEA: stakeholder perspectives

This panel of QA stakeholders will set out the results of the parallel QA-FIT mapping conducted among higher education institutions, students and governments, and highlight areas of convergence and divergence.

- Horia Onița, Vice President, ESU
- Jakub Grodecki, Project and Policy Officer, EURASHE
- Cecilia Biaggi, Project and Policy Officer, EUA
- Melinda Szabó, Deputy Director, EQAR

Chair: Patrick Van den Bosch, ENQA Board
Grand Royal Ballroom, floor B1

14.30 – 15.30 Plenary 3 – The road to Tirana: ENQA's input to the Bologna Process

This session will provide an insight into ENQA's position and contributions to the key issues being discussed in the Bologna Process as the European higher education community looks towards the next Ministerial Conference, taking place in Tirana in spring 2024.

- Cristina Ghitulica, ENQA Vice-President
- Øystein Lund, ENQA Vice-President

Grand Royal Ballroom, floor B1

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break
Grand Royal Ballroom prefunction, floor B1

16.00 – 17.30 General Assembly meeting (for members and affiliates)
Grand Royal Ballroom, floor B1

19.00 - 22.30 Dinner

FRIDAY 21 APRIL 2023

Venue: Hotel Biltmore Tbilisi

8.30 - 9.20 **CEO Breakfast**
Grand Royal Ballroom, floor B1

9.30 – 10.30 **Thematic poster session I**

Contributions from members and affiliates will share practices in strengthening the enhancement aspect of external QA and going beyond the ESG. Participants will be able to attend 3 of the 6 posters presented in each session. Please consult the [poster abstracts](#) for more information.

3 Rooms, floor 2



10.30 – 10.45 **Coffee break**
Amphitheatre Room prefunction, floor 2

10.45 – 11.40 Thematic poster session 2

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11.45 - 12.45 Plenary 4 - Looking forward: future issues for higher education

The fast advances in artificial intelligence and rise to prominence of ChatGPT has raised numerous questions for the higher education community, including about its impact on assessment practices and academic integrity. This session will reflect on the challenges and opportunities for higher education institutions, the role of QA agencies in supporting them, and the potential impact on QA itself.

- Alexander Gamkrelidze, Professor of Computer Science at Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia
- Eve Alcock, Head of Public Affairs, QAA, UK

Chair: Doris Herrmann, ENQA Board
Grand Royal Ballroom, floor B1

12.45 – 12.55 Closing words

- Douglas Blackstock, ENQA President

13.00 **Lunch**
Sonnet Restaurant, floor 1

16.00 – 21.30 **City tour of Mtskheta (old capital of Georgia) and dinner (optional activity for participants staying in Tbilisi on Friday afternoon/evening)**

