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ENQA GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE REALITIES OF CROSS-BORDER QUALITY ASSURANCE (CBQA)

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CROSS BORDER QUALITY ASSURANCE TOOLS

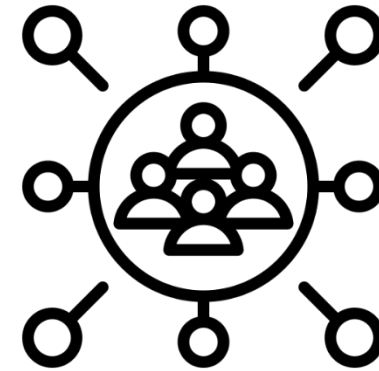
⇒ **Same standards and guidelines** as the ones used for national evaluations with **adaptation** to an international context (**ESG-compliant**)

+ Methodological **guides**



⇒ Dedicated pool of **experts for CBQA**

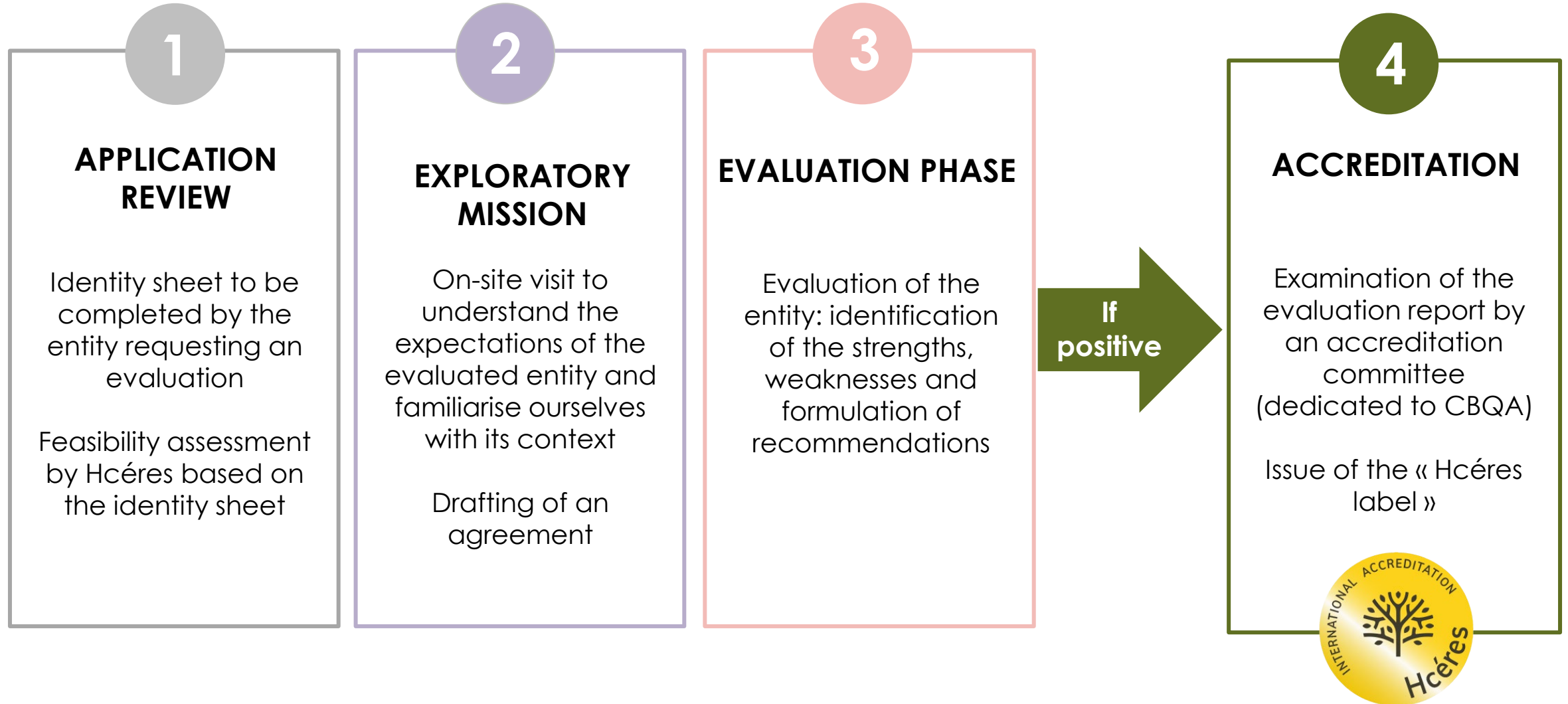
- Language requirements
- International experience



- The **pool of CBQA experts is limited** in some disciplines
- **Limited availability** – heavier workload for CBQA + short deadlines when there is a funding partner

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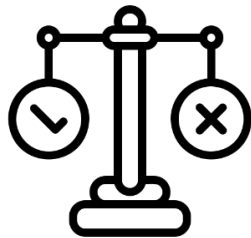
CROSS BORDER QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCESS



HCÉRES CBQA – STRIKING THE RIGHT BALANCE

Success factors for CBQA

- **Dedicated team** to develop strong expertise in CBQA + **language skills**
 - Adaptations of the standards and familiarisation with the local context to reinforce the **fitness-for-purpose approach**
- ⇒ Sometimes, **joint EQA procedures** to strengthen the fitness-for-purpose approach

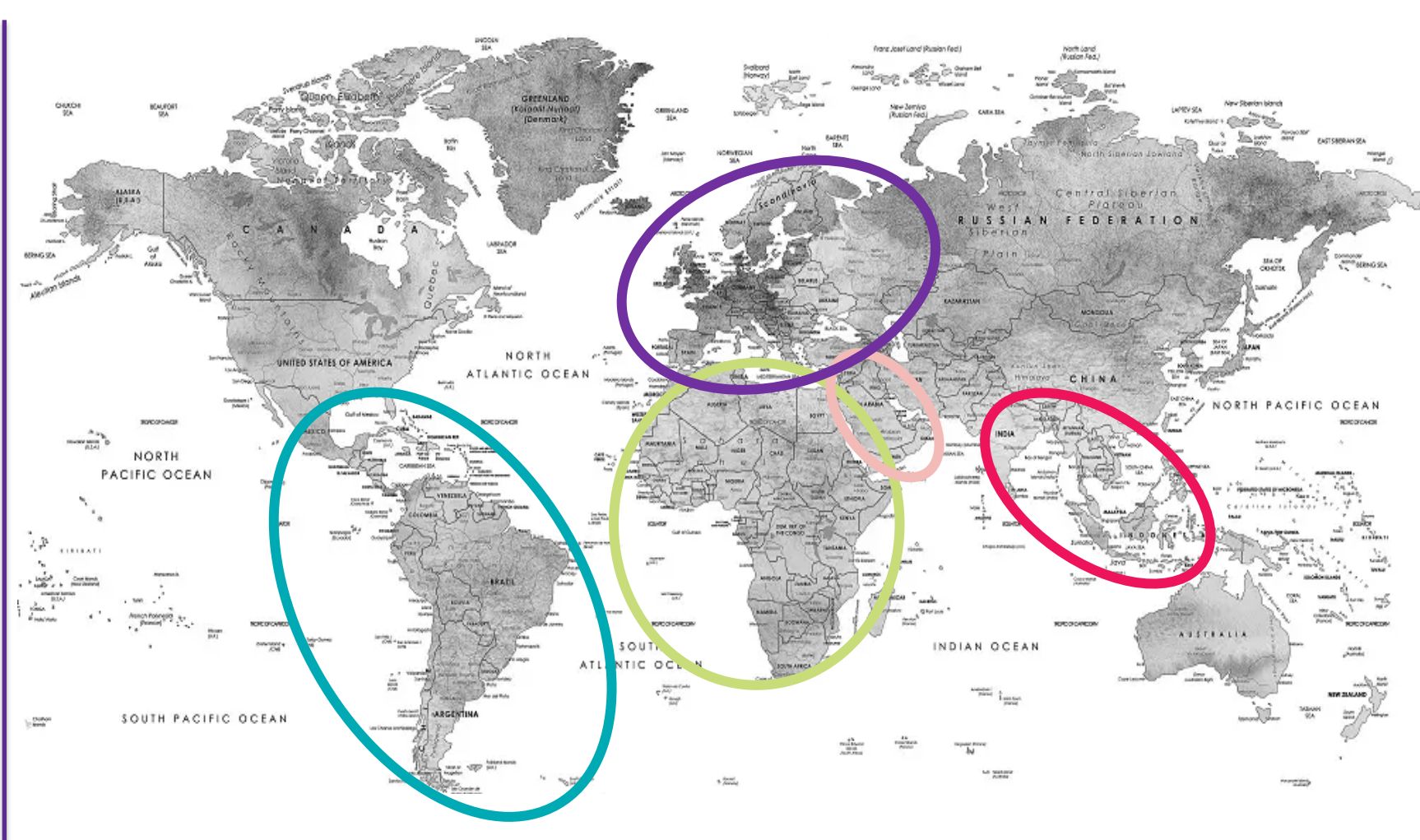


Remaining challenges

- **Eligibility requirements** to CBQA in some countries and **language limitations**
 - **Geopolitical issues** – CBQA in high-risk countries
 - **Ethical concerns** – can a label be fit-for-purpose or should it have the same criteria for everyone (?)
 - **Methodological concerns** – if experts are called upon because they're French to award a French label, should they adopt a fitness-for-purpose approach (?)
- ⇒ **Complex** methodology and time-consuming

SUMMARY OF HCÉRES CBQA ACTIVITIES

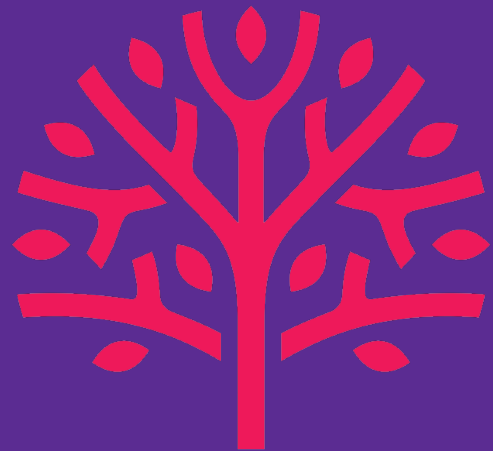
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