

QA-FIT Focus Group for QA agencies

Call for Participation

ENQA is pleased to invite members and affiliates (that are quality assurance agencies, in compliance or working towards compliance with the ESG) to apply to participate in the QA-FIT project Focus Group for QA Agencies.

Background

This Focus Group is organised as part of the [Quality Assurance Fit for the Future](#) (QA-FIT) project consultations with higher education stakeholders. QA-FIT is a 2.5-year project co-funded by the European Union. It aims to explore how the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG) have been adapted and implemented in different contexts. The project reflects on if and how the ESG, as the current EHEA framework, is perceived to limit the responsiveness of quality assurance to trends and innovations in higher education, and if and how there should be more room for the development of alternative approaches to quality assurance. The main conclusions of all project activities will feed into the development of policy messages to be taken up in national, European Union and EHEA policy discussions.

Focus Group Discussion

The Focus Group will draw on the work of the QA-FIT project, 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 discussions will build on the outcomes of the surveys and sessions at the 2023 ENQA General Assembly, while also addressing further topics in more detail. The outcomes of the Focus Group will feed into the conclusions of the QA-FIT project, which aims to provide an evidence base for the revision of the ESG, which will take place in 2024-26.

Dates and location

The Focus Group is a lunch-to-lunch event taking place on 13-14 May 2024 at ENQA's office situated at Rue de l'Industrie 10, 1000 Brussels Belgium.

Application process

In order to ensure an interactive session, participation is limited to 20 representatives of ENQA members and affiliates (maximum one participation per agency). The selection of participants will take into account experience, geographical balance as well as the diversity of type of agencies. Applicants should have significant experience in external quality assurance and the use of the ESG.

To apply to participate, please fill in this [Application Form](#). The deadline for submission is **12 April**. The results of the selection process will be announced by **16 April**.

Should you have questions about the Focus Group or the application procedure, please contact Elena Cirlan at elena.cirlan@enqa.eu.

Practical arrangements

Lunches on 13 and 14 May as well as dinner on 13 May will be covered by the QA-FIT project. Each participant is responsible for covering and making his/her own travel and accommodation arrangements. Please only book your travel and accommodation after your participation is confirmed by ENQA.