

European Quality Assurance
Register for Higher Education



Quality Assurance of Higher Education in the EHEA and the Role of the ESG

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The European Higher Education Area (EHEA)



The Bologna Process

- 1) launched with the Bologna Declaration of 1999
- 2) one of the main voluntary processes at European level
- 3) implemented in 49 countries (≠ EU)
- 4) define and harmonise the European Higher Education Area

Membership of EHEA

- 1) Member: countries and European Commission
- 2) Consultative member: Council of Europe, UNESCO, EUA, EURASHE, ESU, ENQA, EI and BUSINESS EUROPE. EQAR has a similar status to the consultative members.
- 3) Partner: organisations that wish to be associated with the Bologna Process

How does the EHEA work?



Ministerial Conferences

- 1) every two or three years
- 2) next Ministerial Conference: Albania in May/June 2024
- 3) a communiqué outlines decisions taken by the Ministers
- 4) last communiqué Rome 2020

Bologna Follow Up Group (BFUG)

- 1) executive structure supporting the Bologna Process in-between the Ministerial Conferences
- 2) working structures: working groups, task forces, etc.
- 3) supported by BFUG secretariat

EHEA Key Commitments



- 1) A Three-Cycle System compatible with the QF-EHEA and scaled by ECTS**
- 2) Compliance with the Lisbon Recognition Convention (LRC)**
- 3) Quality Assurance in conformity with European Standards and Guidelines (ESG)**

Quality Assurance in conformity with European Standards and Guidelines (ESG)

- 1) Role of institutions
- 2) Role of QA agencies
- 3) EQAR

Scope and concepts of the ESG



- Set of standards and guidelines for internal and external QA in HE
- Not prescriptions for quality, but provide guidance
- ESG are imbedded in broader context incl. QF's, ECTS, DS
- Focus on learning and teaching
- Apply to all HE offered in EHEA, regardless of the mode of study or place of delivery
- QA activities: twin purpose of accountability and enhancement → trust & quality culture

**ESG
2015**



Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance
in the European Higher Education Area

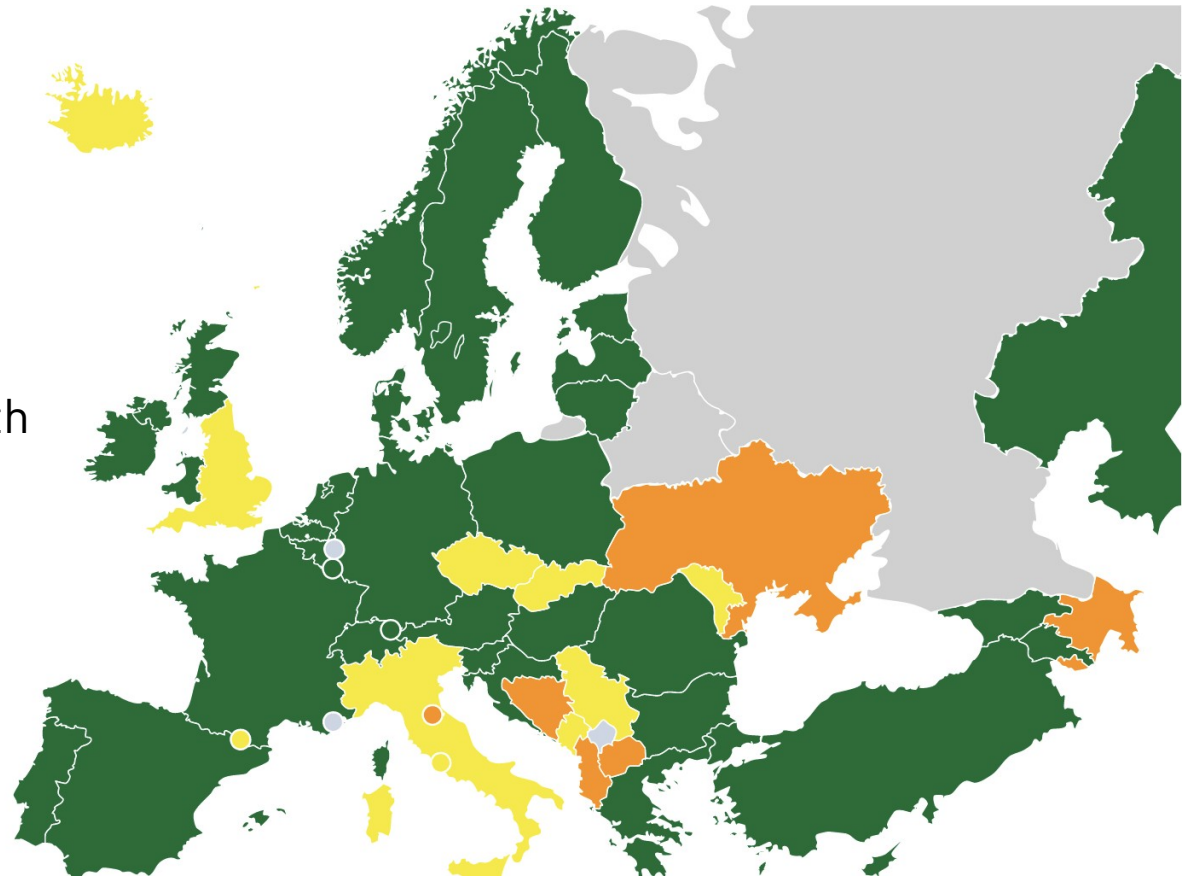
EHEA Key Commitment: stage of implementation



Green countries
fully realise the
key commitment

Remaining countries:
Yellow: only some HEIs with
external QA by an
EQAR-registered
agency

Orange: national QA
agencies
not fully aligned
with ESG yet



Quality framework of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA)

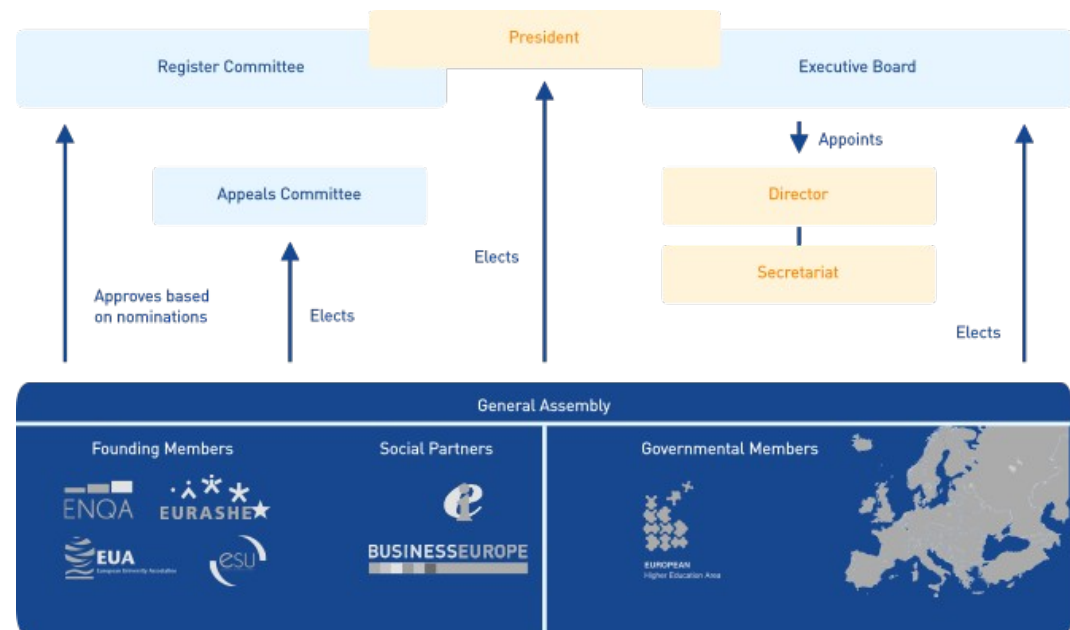


QF-EHEA & ECTS	qualifications framework with learning outcomes and ECTS credit ranges
ESG	common standards for internal and external quality assurance (QA)
European Approach	specific standards and procedures for single, integrated external QA of joint programmes
EQAR	official register of agencies that substantially comply with ESG
DEQAR	higher education institutions & programmes quality-assured in line with ESG

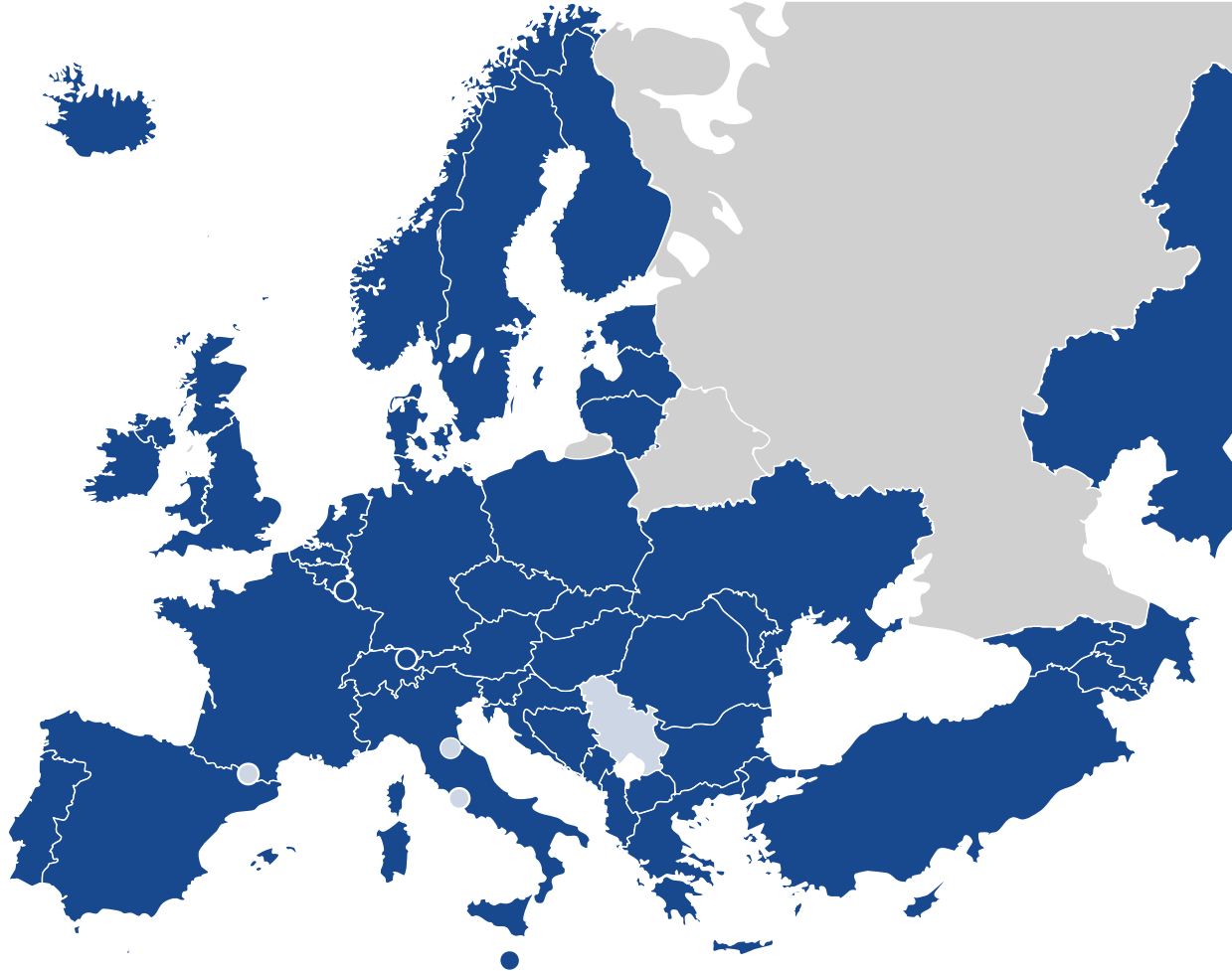
EQAR: Mission and Role



- Enhance transparency and trust, promote international recognition
- EHEA's official register of quality assurance agencies that comply with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the EHEA (ESG)
- Established by E4 (ENQA, ESU, EUA, EURASHE), jointly governed with ministries of higher education
- Non-profit and independent
- Acting in the public interest



EQAR: Mission and Role



EQAR 47 Governmental Members (June 2023)

Offered by EQAR



- Easy access to information on QA agencies working in line with the ESG, country requirements, QA reports and decisions by EQAR-registered agencies
- Enhance transparency and visibility at the European level
- Facilitates trust and automatic recognition, based on robust quality assurance in line with ESG
- Responds to information needs of various stakeholders, in particular ENIC-NARICs and admission officers

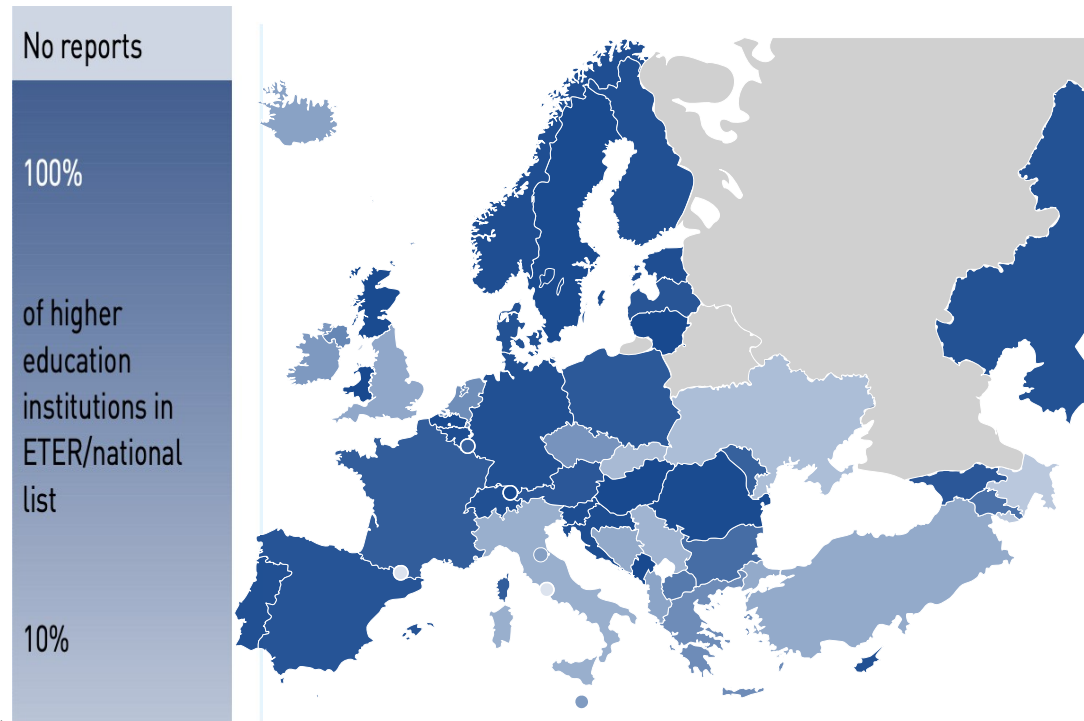
The screenshot displays the EQAR website interface for the Danish Accreditation Institution (AI). On the left, a navigation menu lists various sections under the 'Register' heading, including 'Registered agencies', 'AI', 'Suspended entries', 'Former entries', 'Current applications', 'Decisions', 'Analysis of Decisions', 'Complaints', 'Guide for Agencies', 'Explaining the Register', and 'COVID-19 consequences'. The main content area shows the breadcrumb path 'eqar.eu > Register > Registered agencies > AI' and the title 'AI - The Danish Accreditation Institution'. Below this, it identifies the agency as 'Danmarks Akkrediteringsinstitution' and notes 'SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE ESG' with a link to 'VIEW 62 REPORTS ON 36 INSTITUTIONS'. A box highlights the website 'www.eqar.eu'. The 'Registration valid until' is listed as 30/06/2026 (listed since 01/07/2010). The website URL is 'http://www.akkr.dk'. Reports by the agency are listed with links to 'http://akkrediteringsraadet.dk/database/'. A list of reports is shown, including '15/10/2021 Renewal of Registration', '15/10/2021 External Review Report', '08/12/2016 Renewal of Registration', '08/12/2016 External Review Report', and '15/11/2010 Admission to the Register'. The permalink is 'https://data.deqar.eu/agency/10'. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'Information on the agency's work' which describes the institution's role in accrediting HEIs and producing reports on higher education.

DEQAR - data



Database of External Quality Assurance Results (DEQAR)

- **launched in 2018**
- **28 EHEA** countries comprehensive coverage ($\geq 50\%$ of HEIs)
- public access to the assessments made by the QA agencies listed on EQAR
- integration by ENIC-NARICs, with European Digital Credentials for learning (EDC) and European Blockchain Services Infrastructure (EBSI)



EQAR-registered agencies coverage of EHEA (June 2023)

Map Legend:

Dark blue: 50-100% coverage

Medium blue: 10-50% coverage

Light blue: 5-10% coverage

Grey area: non-EHEA

Key Statistics

The DEQAR Website continues to attract ca. 3000 page views monthly, making up over a third of the total traffic to EQAR's website.

	February 2023	September 2023
Reports	83 593	92 951
Institutions	3454	3843
Agencies*	47	50

*Number of agencies that have at some point uploaded reports in DEQAR

Serbia in DEQAR



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DOBA Fakulteta za uporabne poslovne in družbene študije
Maribor (Slovenia)
Further location: Belgrade (Serbia)

University of Arts in Belgrade
Универзитет уметности у Београду
Belgrade (Serbia)

University of Belgrade
Универзитет У Београду
Belgrade (Serbia)

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	Information Systems and Technologies, first cycle	▼
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University of Belgrade

Универзитет У Београду

Basic information

Identifiers

DEQARINST2282 ET ER RS0001

WHED: IAU-020694

Legal seat(s)

Belgrade, [Serbia](#)

Website

<http://www.bg.ac.rs>

Founding year

1905

QF-EHEA levels

third cycle, second cycle, first cycle

www.deqar.eu

Registration and monitoring



Currently there are 55 registered agencies in EQAR



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