European Quality Assurance
Register for Higher Education

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Approach to External QA and Other Activities by Registered Agencies

EQAR Members' Dialogue

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Issues encountered

1) Activities within and outside the scope of the ESG

- Occasional reviews
- Work outside the "home" country
- Evaluations in cooperation with others
- Third-party labels
- Project-based work
- …

2) Separation between external QA within the scope of the ESG and other activities

- Presentation on website/publications
- Consultancy/services and external QA
- …

Possible approaches

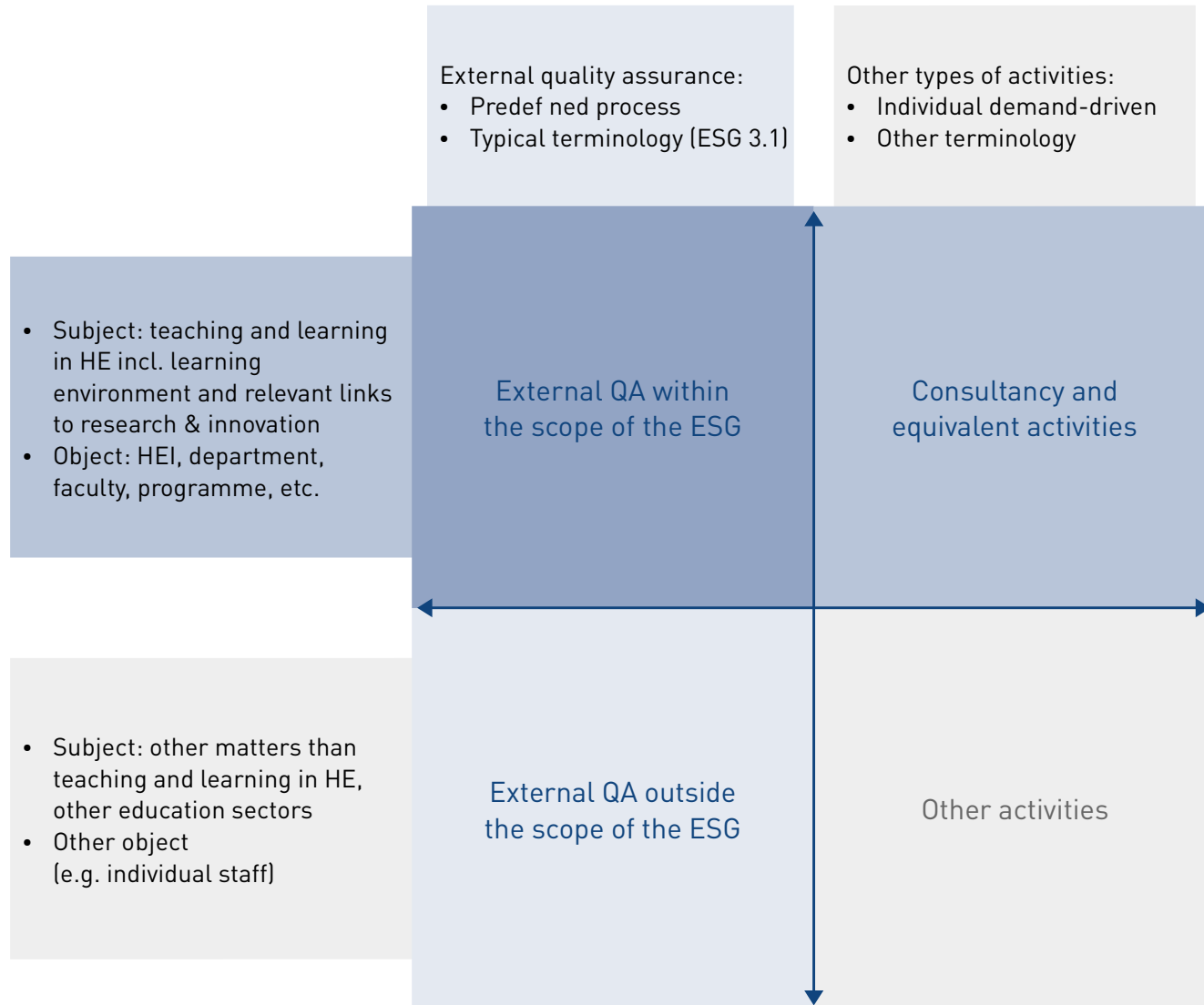|	
Handle case-by-case	Difficulties regarding consistency and comparability
Monitoring/reporting	Not a matter of knowledge or information
Dedicated policy	Initial proposal
Address in Use & Interpretation	Revised proposal

Consultation message

- More analysis
- More time for feedback
- Less detail
- Avoid negative tone
- Clarification, but no addition to ESG
- Some misunderstandings

➜ Comprehensive explanation, revised proposal

Typology of activities

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External quality assurance:
- Predef ned process
- Typical terminology (ESG 3.1)

Other types of activities:
- Individual demand-driven
- Other terminology

- Subject: teaching and learning in HE incl. learning environment and relevant links to research & innovation
- Object: HEI, department, faculty, programme, etc.

External QA within the scope of the ESG

Consultancy and equivalent activities

- Subject: other matters than teaching and learning in HE, other education sectors
- Other object (e.g. individual staff)

External QA outside the scope of the ESG

Other activities

Proposal aims to:

- Provide clarity what EQAR registration covers

- Give clear answers to QA agencies

- Ensure integrity of external QA

- Protect the label EQAR

- Ensure trust in external QA within the ESG scope

Proposal seeks to avoid:

- Confusion as to what is covered by registration

- That the name/label EQAR is brought in connection with activities outside the ESG

- Conflict of interest between ESG activities and others

Proposal does <u>not</u> aim to:

- Discourage innovation

- Constrain agencies in developing new activities

- Change the remit of EQAR

- Regulate activities outside the scope of the ESG

Roadmap

- **Today:**
  questions, answers & discussions

- **Until 31 October 2017:**
  further comments possible

- **15/16 November 2017:**
  Register Committee deliberation

- **Late November 2017:**
  final text & response to consultation comments