

## RIQAA Final Conference and EQAR Members' Dialogue

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**14:00 Welcome and opening (Sala Magna)**

**Andreas Orphanides** (President of the EQAR Executive Board)

**Roberto Lagalla** (Rector, University of Palermo)

**Marzia Foroni** (Advisor, Ministry of Education, Universities and Research, Italy)

**14:30 Findings on the recognition of EQA reviews across borders (Sala Magna)**

Format: Presentation of project results followed by short statements and reactions from panel members. Panellists will discuss the implications of the current findings for opening national frameworks to EQA with an EQAR-registered agency.

Moderator: **Eric Froment** (Chair, EQAR Register Committee)

Presentation: **Melinda Szabo**, (Project Officer, EQAR Secretariat)

Speakers:

- **Tia Loukkola** (Director, Institutional Development Unit at EUA)
- **Inese Sture**, (Deputy Director for Higher Education, Latvia)
- **David Crosier** (Coordinator for Higher Education, Eurydice)

Q&A

16:00 Coffee Break

**16:30 A snapshot of cross-border EQA (Sala Magna/Sala Carapezza/Sala Chiesa S. Antonio Abate)**

Format: Knowledge Café" formed by QAAs/HEIs/ministry "trios" sharing their cross-border EQA story.

1. **Andreas Neuhold** (Federal Ministry of Science and Research, Austria) & **Kathrin Maier** (University of Graz)

FINEEC institutional audit at University of Graz (Austria)

2. **Noël Vercruyse** (Belgium-Flemish Community) & **Ronny Heintze** (AQAS) & **Tim Deprez** (Ghent University)

AQAS joint programme accreditation at Ghent University (Belgium - Flemish Speaking Community)

3. **Anke Rigbers** (evalag) & **Inga Juknytė-Petreikienė** (Mykolas Romeris University)

Evalag programme accreditations at Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania)

4. **Ulrich Hörlein** (Germany) & **Stephanie Hering** (OAQ) & **Rudolf Bauer** (University of Munich)

OAQ institutional accreditation at University of Munich (Germany)

18:00 Day ends

19:30 Conference reception ([Hotel Borsa](#), Via dei Cartari, 18 - 90133 Palermo)

### Wednesday, 22 October 2014

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#### 9:30 Improving trust and recognition of EQA across borders (Sala Magna)

Format: Short review of project's conclusions followed by statements and reactions from panel members. The session will discuss the importance of delivering high quality reviews in less familiar EQA frameworks.

Moderator: **Andree Sursock** (Senior Advisor, EUA)

Speakers:

- **Oliver Vettori** (Vienna University of Economics and Business, Chair of the Quality Management Network of Austrian Universities) - HEIs benefiting from a diverse offering of professional cross-border external QA
- **Achim Hopbach** (AQ Austria and Expert Group for the development of the European Approach for QA of joint programmes)- Developing a European framework for joint programmes

11:10 Coffee Break

#### 11:30 Conclusions and Closing (Sala Magna)

Format: Plenary session with different stakeholders taking stock of the commitment taken in the Bucharest Ministerial Communiques and discussing possible policy recommendations for the upcoming Ministerial Meeting in Yerevan.

Conference rapporteur: **Ligia Deca** (PhD researcher, former EQAR Secretariat, Policy Expert UEFISCDI)

Moderator: **Kevin Guillaume** (President of the ENIC Network, Belgium - French Community)

Speakers:

- **Stefan Delplace** (Honorary Secretary-General of EURASHE)
- **Klara Engels-Perenyi** (Policy Officer, European Commission)
- **Helka Kekäläinen** (Vice-President, ENQA)
- **Fernando Miguel Galan Palomares** (Vice-Chairperson, ESU)

13:00 Lunch