



2019 European Quality Assurance Forum

Supporting societal engagement of higher education

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21-23 November 2019

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The European Quality Assurance Forum (EQAF) provides a platform for discussion, professional development and exchange of experiences among the main stakeholders in quality assurance (QA). Specifically, the Forum will be of interest to rectors and vice-rectors responsible for QA, QA officers in higher education institutions, students, QA agency staff and researchers working on higher education or the QA field.

Through a mix of plenary and parallel sessions, the 2019 EQAF, entitled '**Supporting societal engagement of higher education**', will combine practice-oriented or research-based discussions that will take place in the paper sessions and workshops with presentations of current developments in quality assurance. The Forum provides an opportunity for participants to update their knowledge and extend their professional development.

Forum objectives

Societal demands on higher education are changing and becoming more complex. Higher education institutions need to foster academic excellence in research, drive innovation and ensure through high-quality teaching that graduates have the knowledge and skills that prepare them for their future careers and role as active citizens. To do this successfully, institutions are expected to engage internal and external stakeholders, and entertain partnerships with industry actors, their local and regional environment, and often in collaboration with other higher education institutions. This year's EQAF will explore how external and internal QA processes can support engaged higher education institutions in developing activities that meet the expectations and needs of all stakeholders and demonstrate their value to society.

Thursday 21 November

Pre-forum meetings

15.30-16.30

Introduction to the European quality assurance framework

A pre-forum session providing an introduction to the quality assurance framework of the European Higher Education Area. Attendance is free for EQAF participants, however advance registration is required.

16.00-16.30

Meeting for key players

A pre-forum briefing for keynote speakers, parallel plenary speakers, paper and workshop presenters and chairs.



Forum

15.00-17.00	Registration
17.00-17.15	Official Opening
17.15-18.30	Plenary Session I
18.30	Welcome Reception

Friday 22 November

09.00-17.30	Registration
09.30-10.45	Plenary Session II
10.45-11.15	Coffee Break
11.15-13.00	Papers and Workshops – Session I
	Participants will have a choice of attending a workshop lasting 90 minutes or two paper sessions lasting 45 minutes each, with a 15-minute break in between to allow the participants to move around.
13.00-14.30	Lunch
14.30-15.45	Parallel Plenary Session I: Perspectives on QA
	Participants will have a choice of attending one of three parallel sessions. Two of the sessions will present various projects or initiatives in QA, while the third provides an opportunity for world-café-style discussions across various tables.
15.45-16.15	Coffee Break
16.15-17.30	Parallel Plenary Session II: Perspectives on QA
	Participants will have a choice of attending one of three parallel sessions. Two of the sessions will present various projects or initiatives in QA, while the third provides an opportunity for world-café-style discussions across various tables.
19.30	Optional Forum Dinner (separate fee)

Saturday 23 November

09.00-13.00	Registration
09.30-11.15	Papers and Workshops – Session II
	Participants will have a choice of attending a workshop lasting 90 minutes or two paper sessions lasting 45 minutes each, with a 15-minute break in between to allow the participants to move around.



11.15-11.45

Coffee Break

11.45-13.00

Plenary Session III

13.00-14.30

Lunch and departure of participants