



Co-Piloting Quality: Building Resilient QA Practices Across Borders

EQAF Workshop

Friday 14 Nov, 9:30-11:15AM

Room 324

moderated by: FOREU4ALL Quality Assurance Topical Group

Who We Are: your flight control team for today

We are: QA practitioners from European University Alliances & the FOREU4ALL QA Topical Group

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Why This Matters

- Alliances operate across multiple QA systems
- We can learn from each other's practices
- Shared QA is both fragile and powerful

QA in challenging times

- Safeguards trust & academic values
- Supports resilience in alliances
- Bridges national differences

Survey Insights (FOREU4ALL QA Topical Group)

Top challenges

- Accreditation & recognition of joint degrees (highest)
 - Joint governance & decision making
 - Institutional differences
- (Language/cultural barriers scored lowest)*

What would help

- Common frameworks & guidelines
- Peer learning & training
- Digital tools to track QA across borders
- Interoperability & resourcing

Trust builders

- Personal relationships
- Transparent decision-making
- Joint QA working groups

QA Under Pressure

Some alliances faced **disruptions**:

- Leadership changes
- Staff turnover
- Funding uncertainty
- Difficult partner contexts

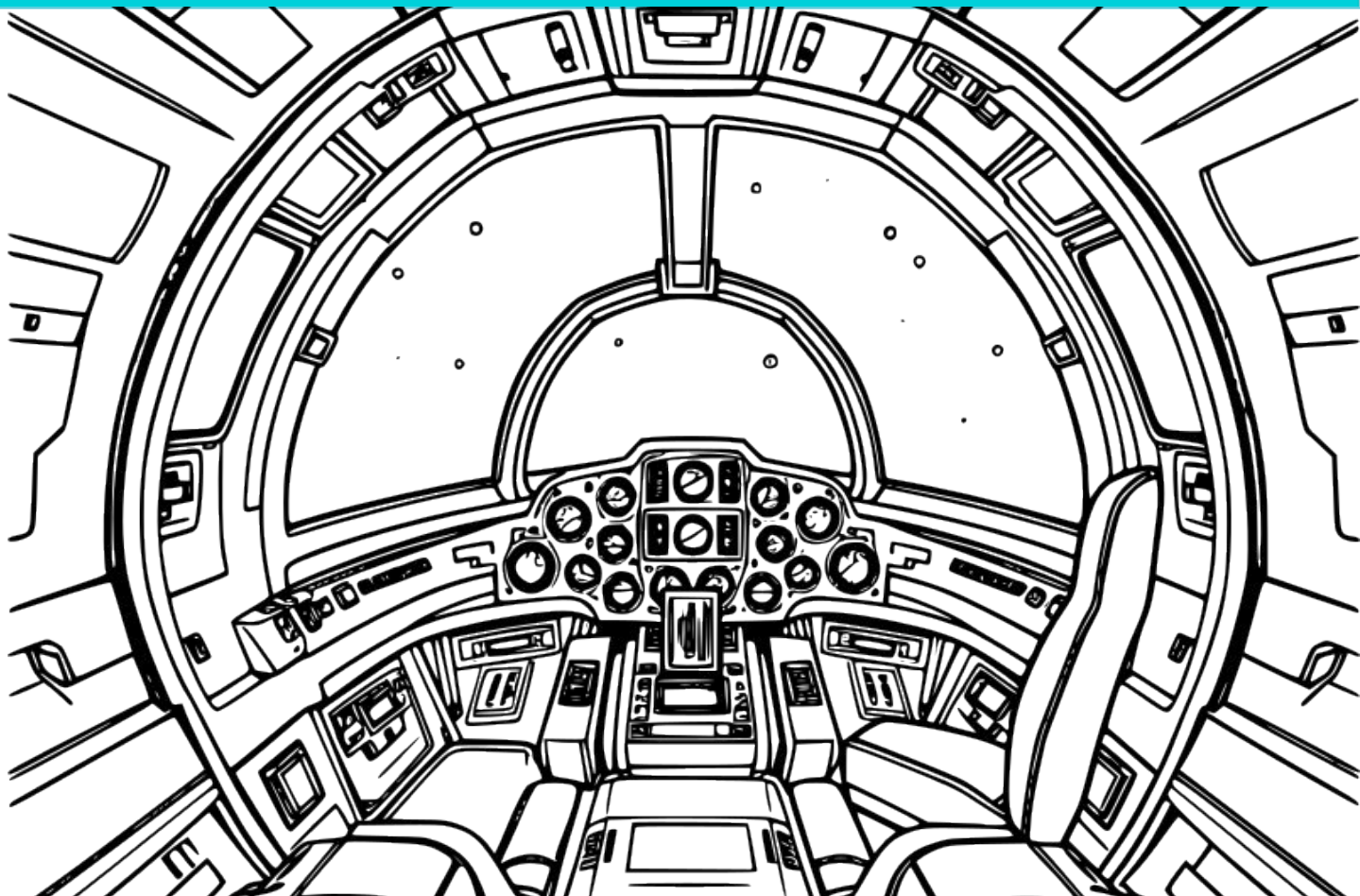
Others are still building shared tools (PDCA, manuals, dashboards, glossaries)

About **50% said QA already strengthens collaboration** — and 50% said “not yet.”

Our Flight Simulation

You're part of a *flight crew*
Each cockpit = your national
QA standards & instruments
But you're flying one aircraft together

Goal: Navigate scenarios, handle
turbulence, and document your
decisions in a flight log



Choose your Scenario

**Flight Path Alignment:
Navigating Internal
QA Systems Across Borders**



**Joint Flight Plan:
Designing and Accrediting
a Cross-Border Degree**



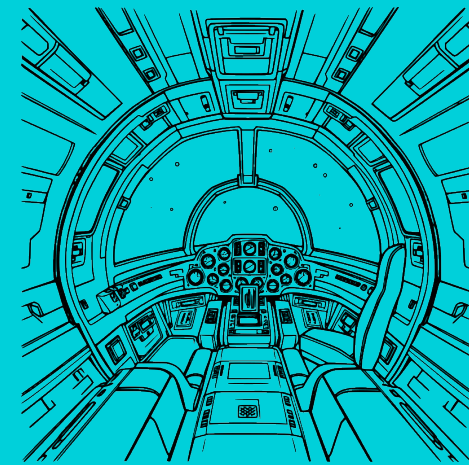
**Steering Through New Skies:
Co-Piloting Micro-Credentials**



**Smooth Landings:
Ensuring Quality in Virtual
and Blended Mobility**



Your flight plan instructions



Choose your scenario (5 min)

- Pick the cockpit (topic) you want to join.
- Move to the corresponding table.

2. Crew briefing (5 min)

- Meet your crew, share national/institutional background.
- Read the scenario card together.

3. Flight simulation (25–30 min)

- Identify main QA challenges.
- Decide together how to proceed (tools, frameworks, trust).
- Record reflections in your *Flight Log*.

4. Prepare for sharing flight tip with the plenum

Turbulence Moment

Disruption moment

Crew adapts decisions, resolves the turbulence by adjusting cockpit tools



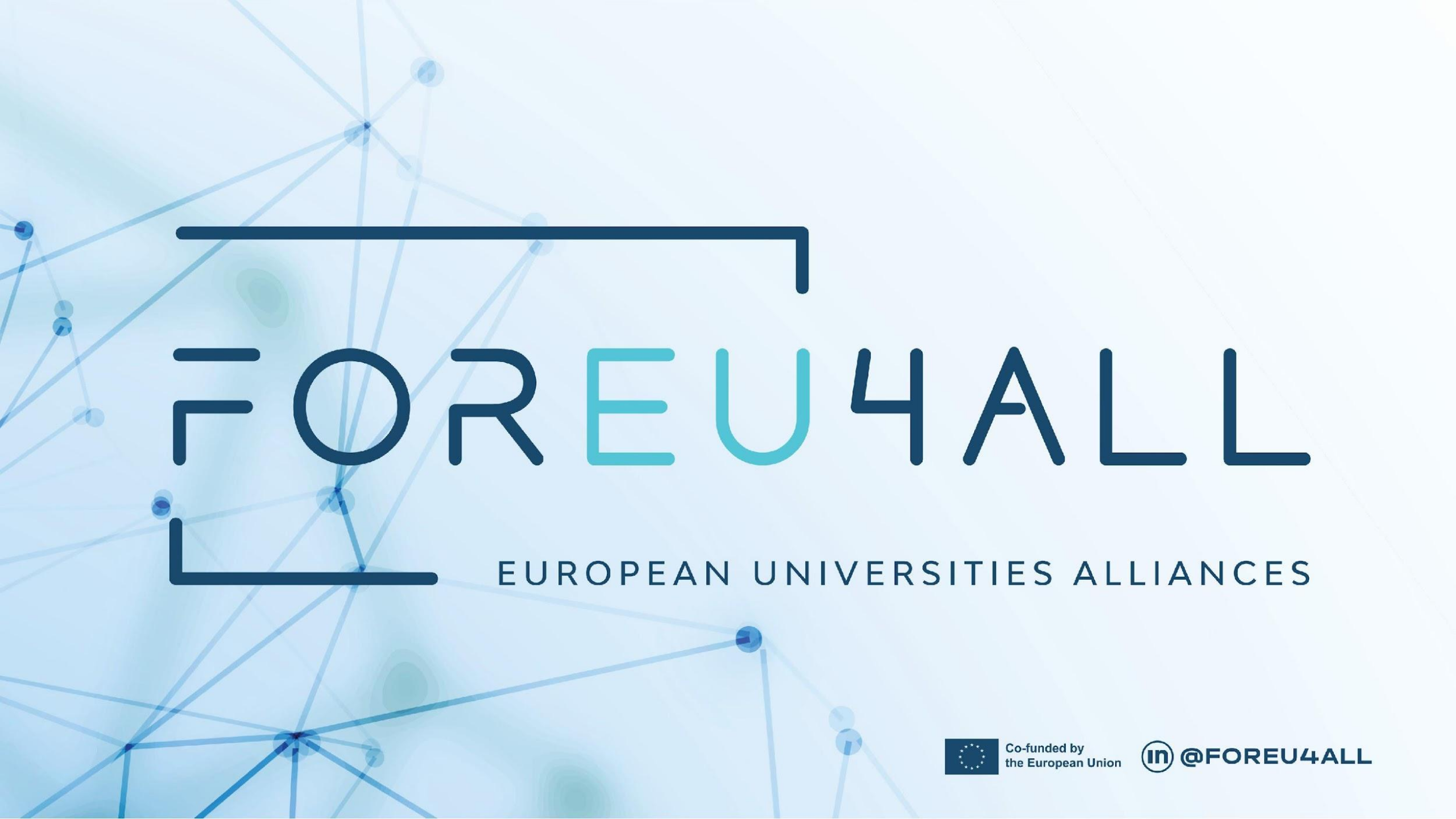
Wrapping Up

Your flight tips & highlights from your discussion

- Your pilot tips on the flight map wall

Next steps

- report to be published in early 2026
- FOREU4ALL QA Topical Group meetings monthly on various aspects of QA
- If you're interested in taking part you can reach the Chair:
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