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How has the Bologna Process impacted quality processes in European universities?

New EUA project studies 'quality culture' in European Universities

The European University Association is pleased to announce that it is launching a new project that will examine the internal 'quality culture' within universities across Europe, and how this has developed within the framework of the Bologna process higher education reforms.

The quality of European higher education is at the heart of the Bologna process reforms and the development of the European Higher Education Area. As part of the reforms, European governments have committed to supporting the development of quality assurance (QA) at university, national and European level. In 2005, Ministers of education from 46 countries adopted the European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG) that had been proposed by the key stakeholder organisations.

Until now there has been no specific study to look out at the impact of these quality guidelines, how they have been adopted at the university level, and how they fit into the overall quality culture of the institution. Together with its partners, The German Rectors Conference (HRK) and QAA Scotland, this EUA project will analyse the development of quality culture in higher education institutions (HEIs) across Europe and provide an overall picture of the internal quality assurance processes in place in HEIs across the 46 Bologna Process countries. It will also seek to identify and disseminate good practices that apply to internal quality assurance.

The first step of the project – supported by the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme - will be based around a survey of European universities and higher education institutions.

To find out more about the project, please visit the website.

More information: <http://www.eua.be/eua-work-and-policy-area/quality-assurance/projects/eqc/>.

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