



Lifelong Learning Programme

## **International Trends in Quality Assurance (QA):**

### **500 stakeholders gather in Budapest, Hungary, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> European QA Forum**

**(20-22nd November 2008)**

**18<sup>th</sup> November 2008.** More than five hundred higher education representatives, students, researchers in higher education and quality assurance specialists from across Europe and beyond will gather at Corvinus University of Budapest later this week (20-22 November 2008) to take part in the 3rd European Quality Assurance Forum .

The theme of this unique annual gathering of higher education stakeholders working with quality assurance issues will be international and European trends in Quality Assurance. The event – which is supported by the Lifelong Learning Programme of the European Commission - is again co-organised by the E4 group: the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA), the European Students Union (ESU), the European University Association (EUA) and the European Association of Institutions in Higher Education (EURASHE).

Europe, like most other regions of the world, has the legitimate ambition to strengthen its higher education institutions, which are seen as central to the development of the knowledge society. This aspiration has a wide range of implications, particularly for quality assurance. Indeed, there have been a range of initiatives that seek to strengthen accountability in higher education. These include the emergence of quality labels and ranking schemes, as well as a focus on learning outcomes linked to the development of qualifications frameworks.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> European Quality Assurance Forum will examine the implications of these developments for quality assurance in European higher education and internationally and ask, specifically, if these developments increase quality levels in higher education.

To find out more about the conference, please visit: [www.eua.be](http://www.eua.be)

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