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The revision of the ESG

Ensuring quality assurance that is
fit for the future

EQAF 2024



Quality Assurance Fit for the Future

EHEA policy context

Tirana Communiqué

- Reaffirmed the role of the three key commitments for the successful development of the EHEA.
- Gave the mandate for the revision of the ESG
*“The application of the ESG promotes trust and transparency within and between higher education systems and facilitates accountability and enhancement. **To keep them in line with ongoing developments, challenges and expectations, we invite the authors of the ESG to propose a revised version by 2026 to the BFUG, to be adopted by us at our 2027 Ministerial conference,** as well as an adjustment, where required, of the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes.”*

Key issues for ESG revision

- ▶ Evolution rather than revolution
- ▶ Maintain applicability in diverse contexts and explore areas of unclarity
- ▶ Ensure relevance in international contexts for IQA and EQA
- ▶ Situate learning and teaching in the broader context
- ▶ Future-proof: balance current issues with long term relevance

Key issues for ESG revision

- ▼ Introduction: Update and clarify context and key concepts; restructure and make main messages clearer
- ▼ Part 1: digitalisation, diversity of learners and academic staff, flexible learning pathways, links with other institutional missions, transversal topics (...)
- ▼ Part 2: flexibility in QA methodologies while maintaining sufficient accountability (...)
- ▼ Part 3: thematic analysis (...)

What happens now?

- ▼ ESG Steering Committee
 - ▼ Representatives of ENQA, EUA, EURASHE, ESU, EQAR, Education International & Business Europe
 - ▼ Coordinate the overall process, including main directions and consultations
- ▼ ESG Drafting Group
 - ▼ Representatives of ENQA, EUA, EURASHE & ESU
 - ▼ Prepare drafts and identify issues for further discussion
- ▼ Public and stakeholder-specific consultations
- ▼ Final version in autumn2026, ministerial approval in spring 2027



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