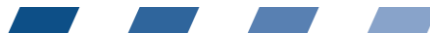


QA and international cooperation

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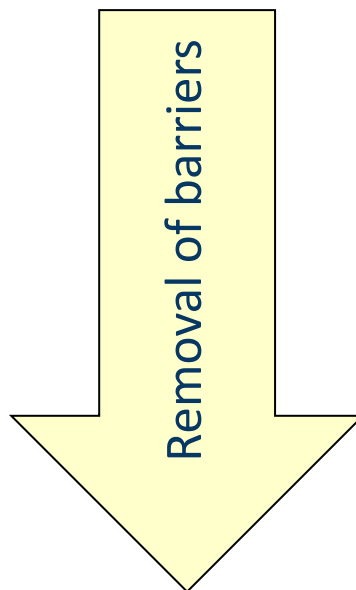
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Support internationalisation?

Key elements for internationalisation



1. Push towards institutional-level accreditation
2. Enabling the use of European Approach to QA of Joint Programmes

European Approach to QA of Joint Programmes



European Approach, based on ESG & QF-EHEA, and Bucharest Communiqué
("recognise QA decisions of EQAR-registered agencies on joint and double degree programmes")

Cooperating HEIs
need **programme
accreditation/eval.**

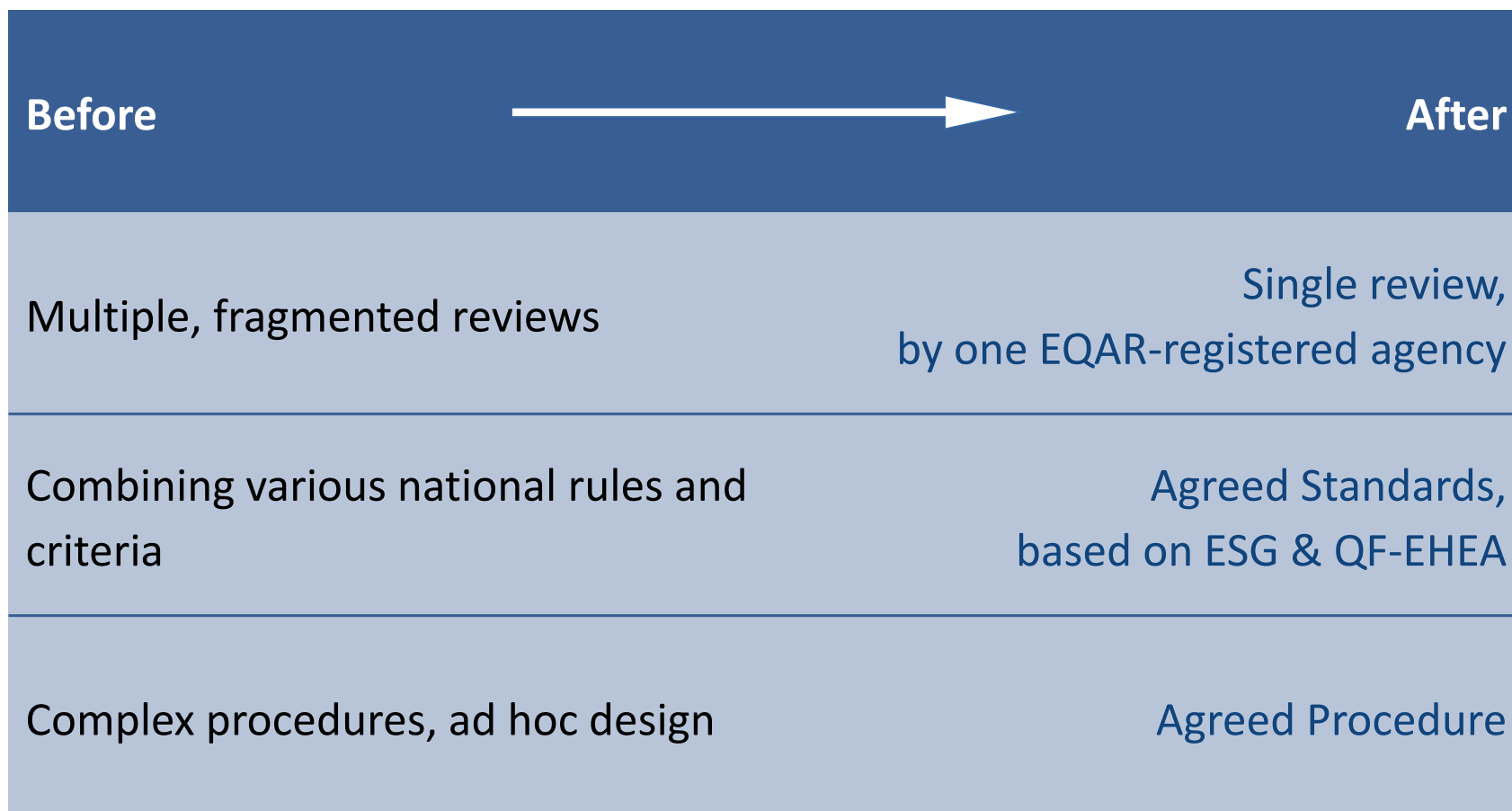
Single accreditation/eval.
of JP, **based on agreed
Standards & Procedure,**
by any EQAR-reg. agency

Cooperating HEIs are "**self-accrediting**"
for programmes, i.e. accredited/
evaluated/audited at institutional level

Joint internal QA review
of the JP (in line with ESG), **may use
agreed Standards,** external
review takes account of HEIs' internal

**Recognised to fulfil QA
requirements in all
countries involved**

European Approach to QA of Joint Programmes



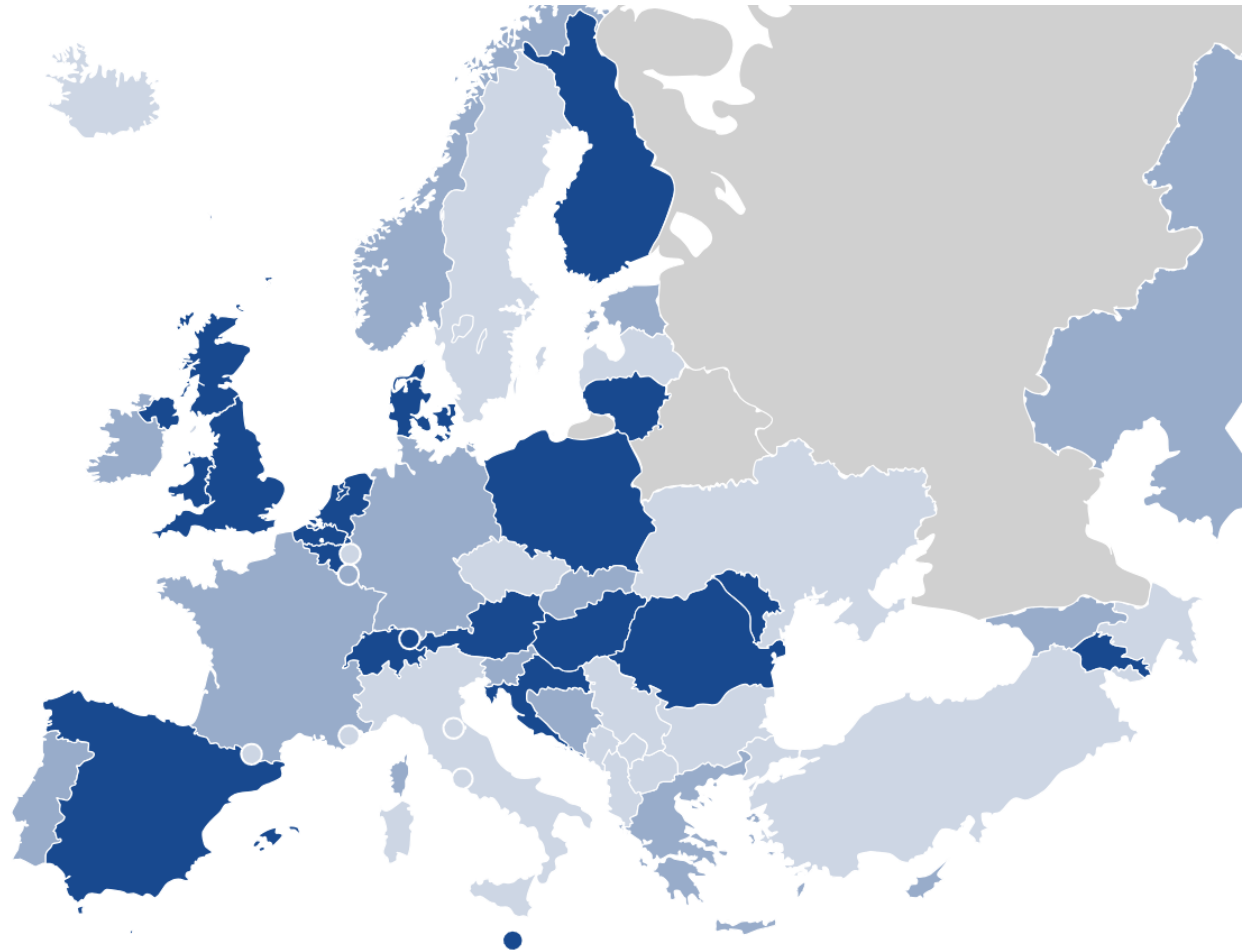
Where it is Available

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All higher education institutions are able to use the European Approach

Some higher education institutions, or only under specific conditions

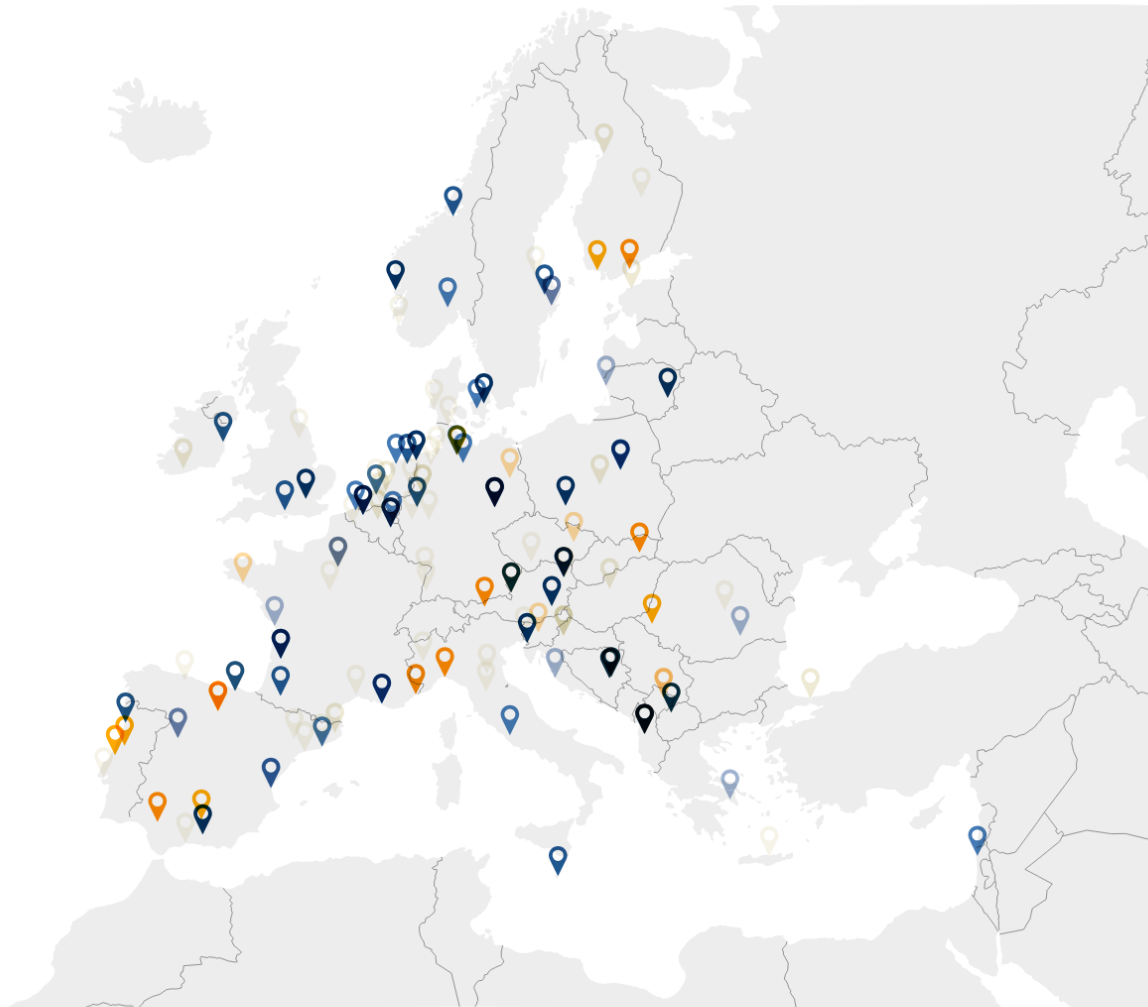
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Uptake



Institutions involved in programmes accredited/evaluated in line with the European Approach

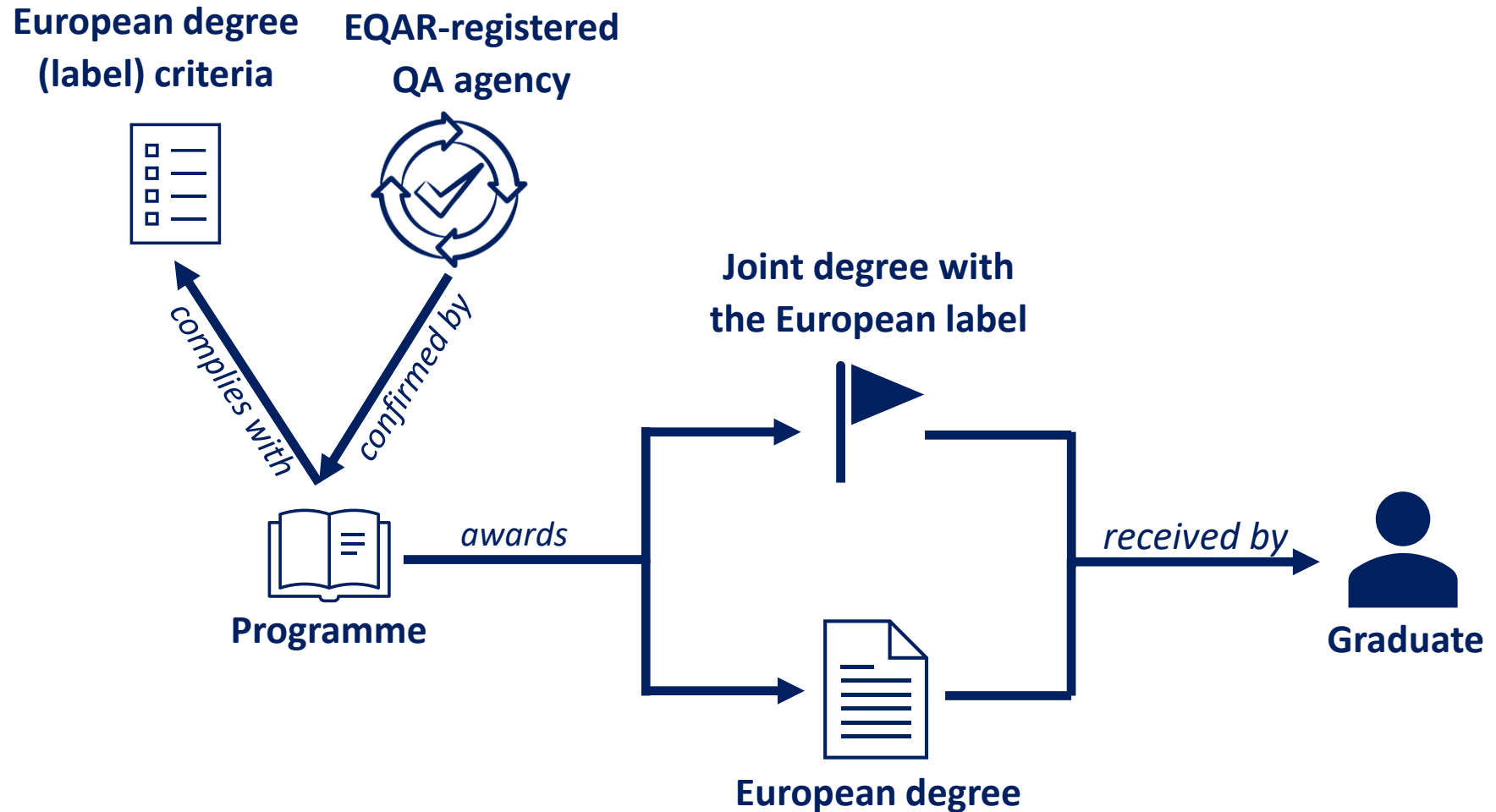


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1. Push towards institutional-level accreditation
2. Enabling the use of European Approach to QA of Joint Programmes
3. Building the foundations towards a European degree

European degree (label)



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1. Push towards institutional-level accreditation
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3. Developing a cross-institutional quality assurance approach for alliances of higher education institutions
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Cross-institutional QA approach for alliances



Single units of educational offer



Evaluated and/or accredited at the local/regional/national level

Joint educational offer



Evaluated and/or accredited at the European level

Cross-institutional QA approach for alliances



Key elements:

- *„The Alliance should have some form of Alliance-level internal quality assurance that takes responsibility for certain jointly managed activities”*
- *„The evaluation should be based on standards that fully incorporate ESG Part 1.”*
- Compliance with the standards of the European Approach to QA of Joint Programmes
- Compliance with the criteria to deliver the European degree (label)

Benefits for institutions:

- Self-accredit its joint educational provision covered by the evaluation
- Deliver a European degree (where possible) or use the European label for those programmes that comply with the European degree (label) criteria

Key elements for internationalisation



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3. Developing a cross-institutional quality assurance approach for alliances of higher education institutions
4. Building the foundations towards a European degree
5. Implementing automatic recognition

**Links and interconnections with the
European Standards and Guidelines
for Quality Assurance (revision process)?**



Thank you!

