

# 2022 European Quality Assurance Forum

## Shaping or sharing? QA in a value-driven EHEA

Hosted by West University of Timisoara, Romania  
17-19 November 2022

### Draft programme

The European Quality Assurance Forum (EQAF) provides a platform for discussion, professional development and exchange of experiences among the main stakeholders in quality assurance (QA) in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and beyond. The Forum will be of interest to rectors and vice-rectors responsible for QA, QA officers in higher education institutions, students, QA agency staff and researchers working in higher education or the QA field.

This year's Forum, "Shaping or sharing? QA in a value-driven EHEA", will combine sessions about European policies and trends, research and practical case examples related to the Forum theme and more generally about current developments in QA.

### Forum objectives

Shared values of democratic higher education systems – such as academic freedom, institutional autonomy, student participation in governance of higher education institutions, inclusion and equity – are at the core of the EHEA. These values should consolidate and unite higher education systems and foster international cooperation and mobility, while allowing the institutions to independently develop their own goals. Recent societal challenges have emphasised the need for policy makers, higher education institutions and QA agencies to continuously discuss these values and ensure that they are upheld, protected and promoted across the EHEA.

The 2022 EQAF will offer an occasion to discuss the role of QA in shaping, safeguarding and promoting shared values. The Forum will address questions such as how to build public confidence in higher education institutions as autonomous scientific institutions that promote academic freedom, integrity and reliable evidence. It will explore how equity, inclusion and student participation in governance and QA of higher education are promoted and supported. Finally, the Forum will invite the audience to reflect on how to ensure value-driven international collaboration in higher education.

### Thursday 17 November

#### Special session

13.00-15.00 Meeting for students and student experts in quality assurance

*This is a stand-alone session organised by ESU. Registrations for this session is available [here](#).*

#### Pre-forum meetings

15.30-16.30 Introduction to the European quality assurance framework

*A pre-forum session providing an introduction to the quality assurance framework of the European Higher Education Area.*

- Maria Kelo, Director of Institutional Development, EUA
- Anna Gover, Director, ENQA

Forum

15.00-17.00 Registration

**17.00-18.30 Opening Plenary: What do values mean for QA?**

This session will discuss the role of QA in shaping, safeguarding and promoting shared democratic values such as academic freedom and integrity, institutional autonomy, student participation, inclusion and equity.

- Introduction to the Forum, Pegi Pavletić, Chair, EQAF Programme Committee
- Welcome from the host
- Speaker(s)
  - Peter Maassen, Professor in Higher Education Studies, University of Oslo
  - Horia-Șerban Onița, Vice-president, ESU
- Chaired by Maria Kelo, EQAF Programme Committee

18.30 Networking drinks

**Friday 18 November**

09.00-17.30 Registration

**09.30-10.30 Parallel Plenary Session I: Perspectives on QA**

Participants will have a choice of attending one of three parallel sessions which will present various projects or initiatives in quality assurance.

- Meaningful involvement of students in QA
  - Cristina Ghitulica, ESQA/ARACIS
  - Ana Gvritishvili, Member of the Executive Committee of the European Students' Union (ESU)
  - Chaired by Geneviève Le Fort, EQAF Programme Committee
- The role of QA in supporting academic integrity
  - Sue Hackett, Manager, Academic Integrity Enhancement, QQI
  - Chaired by Gea van Zutven, EQAF Programme Committee
- Policy discussion on values and the ESG
  - David Crosier, Education System Analyst, Eurydice, EACEA
  - Øystein Lund, Senior Adviser, Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education
  - Chaired by Ronny Heintze, EQAF Programme Committee

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

**11.00-12.45 Contributions session I**

Participants will have a choice of attending a workshop lasting 90 minutes, or two paper sessions or two practice presentations sessions lasting 45 minutes each, with a 15-minute break in between to allow the participants to move around.

12.45-14.15 Lunch

<b>14.15-15.00</b>	<b>Contributions session II</b>
	Participants will have a choice of attending a paper session or a practice presentation session lasting 45 minutes.
15.00-15.15	Move to the next session
<b>15.15-16.15</b>	<b>Parallel Plenary Session II: Perspectives on QA</b>
	Participants will have a choice of attending one of three parallel sessions which will present various projects or initiatives in quality assurance.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trust as a fundamental principle for QA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rediet Abebe, Planning and Quality Assurance unit, Aalto University</li> <li>○ Chaired by Liv Teresa Muth, EQAF Programme Committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Responsible internationalisation – the role of QA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Koen Verlaeckt, Secretary General of the Flemish Interuniversity Council</li> <li>○ Chaired by Ulf Hedbjörk, EQAF Programme Committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>• QA and academic freedom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monika Steinel, Deputy Secretary General, EUA</li> <li>○ Daniela Craciun, Center for Higher Education Policy Studies</li> <li>○ Chaired by Jens Jungblut, EQAF Programme Committee</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
16.15-16.45	Coffee break
16.45-17.45	<b>Community of practice</b> Free-format topical parallel sessions set up through the event app
19.30	Optional Forum Dinner (separate fee)

**Saturday 19 November**

09.00-13.00	Registration
<b>09.30-11.15</b>	<b>Contributions session III</b>
	Participants will have a choice of attending a workshop lasting 90 minutes, or two paper sessions or two practice presentations sessions lasting 45 minutes each, with a 15-minute break in between to allow the participants to move around.
11.15-11.45	Coffee Break
<b>11.45-13.00</b>	<b>Closing Plenary: Student participation as a safeguard for value-driven higher education</b>
	Student participation in governance and QA of higher education, and in the development of study programmes, benefits all stakeholders. This session will reflect on how student participation is facilitated, how it can be increased and how it shapes and safeguards democratic values.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manja Klemenčič, Associate Senior Lecturer in Sociology, Harvard University</li> </ul>

- Invitation to next year's EQAF by Ana Lillebø, Vice Rector for Quality, University of Aveiro
- Wrap-up and thanks by Pegi Pavletić, Chair, EQAF Programme Committee
- Chaired by Jens Jungblut, EQAF Programme Committee

13.00-14.30

Lunch and departure of participants