Making Quality Visible
Quality Assurance in the context of European best practice

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Outline

• QAA’s contribution to the project
• External Quality Assurance Manual of Procedures
• Revised European Standards and Guidelines
• Current developments in European Quality Assurance
• Review of Trans-national Education
QAA’s contribution

EQA Development Services

‘The purpose of the contract is the development of EQA tools to implement the EQA standards of the National Quality Assurance Framework for Further and Higher Education.’

General design of EQA process
Manual of Procedures
Guidance for institutions and peer reviewers
EQA Manual of Procedures

• Applies to all accredited further and higher education providers
• Based on the National Quality Assurance Framework, ESG and EQAVET
• Contributes to a National Culture of Quality and HE development
• Confirms that Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) is fit for purpose.
• Promotes EQA as a tool for both development and accountability.
• Ensures that the internal quality management systems of the provider are fit for purpose and compliant with standards and regulations
• Contributes to the fulfilment of the broad goals of Malta’s Education Strategy 2014-24
• Promotes quality improvement
• Protects the integrity and independence of the process
Revised European Standards and Guidelines

• Approved by the Ministerial Conference, May 2015
• Provides a common framework for quality assurance across the EHEA
• Promotes quality enhancement and improvement
• Enables recognition and mobility across national borders
• Provides information on quality assurance
• Fosters a more student-centred approach to quality assurance
Current developments in European Quality Assurance

- Quality Assurance of Cross-border Higher Education, QACHE Project
- Integrated approach to the quality assurance of joint programmes and awards
- Internationalisation of quality assurance services
- Transparency and availability of QA Reports
- The concept of ‘excellence’ in higher education
Review of Trans-national higher education

- QAA is an independent body entrusted with monitoring, and advising on standards and quality in UK higher education wherever delivered
- UK TNE Review of the Eastern Mediterranean, autumn 2015
- Joint QAA/NCFHE review of provision in Malta
- Collaborative review programme with independent judgments
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