

NOQA programme 2025

Nordic Evaluation Agencies Responding to Domestic and International Changes

TIME 2–3 September 2025
VENUE: Hakaniemenranta 6, Helsinki, Finnish National Agency for Education (EDUFI)
FINEEC's premises are located on the 3rd floor, please see [Map here](#)

Tuesday 2 September 2025

- 11.00-11.15** **OPENING OF THE MEETING, Room 3050** (coffee lounge)
FINEEC's Director Harri Peltoniemi opens the meeting
Participant introduction round
Information about practical arrangements
- 11.15-12.30** **SESSION 1. AGENCY UPDATES, Room 3050** (coffee lounge)
Max. 10-minute presentation per agency (please refer to the guidelines), each followed by a max. 5-minute Q & A session
AI update: Steffen Westergård Andersen
IAQA update: Ólöf Gerður Sigfúsdóttir
NOKUT update: Kristin Vinje
UKÄ update: Rikard Lingström
FINEEC update: Helka Luodelahti
- 12.30-13.30** **BUFFET LUNCH, Staff Restaurant Lasiranta, Room Monni**
- 13.30-14.30** **SESSION 2. AGENCIES RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC CHANGES AND CHALLENGES, Room 3040**
Three short introductions (max 15 min. + 15 min. joint discussion per topic)
Fostering legitimacy through stakeholder involvement at the institutional and programme level, Inger-Lise Kalviknes Bore & Birgitte Ulvegadet, NOKUT
How to optimise the workload of the HEIs in the evaluation processes, Tobias Osvald, UKÄ
- 14.30-15.00** **Coffee break, Room 3050** (coffee lounge)
- 15.00-15.30** **SESSION 2 CONTINUES, Room 3040**
Agency staff development in changing circumstances – including staff organisation, division of labour, and professional development, Inge Enroth, Denmark
- 15.30-16.30** **SESSION 3. KEYNOTE SPEECH, Room 3040**
How do international organizations such as OECD and the EU frame the work of the evaluation agencies, Jaakko Kauko, Professor of Education Policy, Tampere University
- 17.45** **Meeting at the lobby of Scandic Hakaniemi (address: Siltasaarencatu 14) and departure on foot to the evening programme venue**
- 18.00** **Evening programme**
- 19.15** **Dinner at Restaurant Meripaviljonki (address: Säästöpankinranta 3, Hakaniemi)**

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Wednesday 3 September 2025

- 9.00** **SESSION 4. AGENCIES' RESPONSES TO NEW EUROPEAN INITIATIVES, Room 3040**
- 9.00-9.30** *Update on the Revision of the ESG, Maria Kelo, EUA's representative in the ESG Drafting Group (via Teams)*
- 9.30-10.00** *ENQA's working group report on the External quality assurance of research at HEIs, Ólöf Gerður Sigfúsdóttir, IAQA*
- *Please read the ENQA report in advance as guided in the guidelines*
- 10.00-10.30** **Coffee break, Room 3050** (coffee lounge)
- 10.30-11.10** **SESSION 4 CONTINUES, Room 3040**
- EU Commission's Proposals on the European Degree Label and European Quality Assurance and Recognition System in Higher Education, Maya (Maria) Wikse, UKÄ & Sirpa Moitus, FINEEC*
- *Please read the two EU documents in advance (the links to the documents are provided in the guidelines)*
- 11.10-12.00** **SESSION 5. TAKE AWAYS AND CLOSING THE MEETING**
- Feedback discussion on the NOQA 2025 meeting – what do we take home?*
Preliminary ideas for themes for the NOQA 2026 Meeting
Closing the meeting, Harri Peltoniemi
- 12.00-13.00** **BUFFET LUNCH at EDUFI Staff restaurant Lasiranta, Room Monni**
- 12.00-13.00** **SESSION 6. BUFFET LUNCH MEETING FOR THE AGENCY HEADS, Staff restaurant Lasiranta, Room Turska**
- Meeting of the Heads of the Evaluation Agencies/Units – Open Discussion*