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A moment to celebrate: ENQA General Assembly 2025



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

Brussels (Belgium), 22-24 October 2025

As of December 2025, ENQA reached a total of 62 members in 32 countries.

In addition to its members, ENQA's affiliates account for another 42 organisations from 28 countries with interest in quality assurance operating within Europe, Central and East Asia, the Middle East, Africa and the Americas.

The European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education

Advancing quality in European higher education

Latest news

Call for the ROQA-TNE Working group – deadline 25 September
17 August 2026

ENQA awarded funding for EDL-Ready project
16 July 2026

EQAF 2026: registrations open
8 July 2026

The Joint European Degree Label: Quality assurance agencies are preparing to play their part
30 June 2026

ENQA-UNECE report on quality assurance and learning for sustainability
29 June 2026

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Our mission

ENQA promotes the development of quality assurance in higher education by representing its members in policy-making, supporting them in implementing the European Higher Education Area commitments on quality assurance, and by providing a forum for evidence-informed exchange, development and enhancement in external quality assurance.

ABOUT ENQA

Agency reviews

External review of ASCAL (2027)
2 September 2026

External review of AVAP (2027)
16 July 2026

External review of ECAQA (2026)
9 July 2026

External review of GAC (2026)
25 June 2026

External review of AQU Catalunya (2026)
3 June 2026

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Publications

ENQA briefing note on the Operational Guide for the Joint European Degree Label
30 June 2026

Quality and learning for sustainability in higher education: analytical summary of survey findings
29 June 2026

Annual report 2025
27 April 2026

ENQA Leadership Development Programme 2025 Project Group Reports
2 February 2026

Stakeholder involvement in quality assurance: ENQA thematic analysis
17 December 2025

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Events

ENQA Seminar on the European dimension of Quality Assurance, 10 September 2026, Brussels, Belgium
10 September 2026 All Day

ENQA General Assembly 2026, 21-23 October, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain
21 October 2026-23 October 2026 All Day

2026 European Quality Assurance Forum (EQAF), 18-20 November, Yerevan, Armenia
18 November 2026-20 November 2026 All Day

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Explore ENQA's wide range of project activities

PROJECTS



Policy topics

Find information and resources on key issues in external quality assurance

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Representation

Discover how ENQA represents the voice of agencies in key policy discussions

REPRESENTATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



Message from the President

Cristina Ghițulică
ENQA President

Looking back at 2025, marking ENQA's 25th anniversary was definitely its distinctive feature. ENQA and its members, individually and as an association, continue to be a trusted reference point for quality assurance policy development and for promoting and facilitating the implementation of the EHEA commitments for the benefit of our societies. Working together all these years, contributing to the quality of education in the EHEA, is something worth celebrating, but also a moment to reflect on the years to come.

I strongly believe that we can be proud of the way quality assurance systems have evolved and the changes we have fostered in higher education institutions across Europe over this time. This progress should also motivate us to further improve our activities. Symbolically, 2025 brought a new strategy for ENQA and revised Statute and Rules of procedure, establishing our vision, mission, and strategic goals by 2030, with their implementation fostered by improved rules for the functioning of the association.

Reading this report, which is structured according to the goals of the 2021-25 strategy, gives an idea of how all the above have been achieved. In terms of its contribution to policymaking, our work on revising the ESG has been a key activity in 2025. For this work, ENQA is collaborating closely with the E4 partners, EQAR, Business

International. More broadly, ENQA has strengthened its cooperation with other international organisations and networks – such as the ENIC-NARIC network, the European RPL network, SIACES, AfrIQAN, CEENQA, RAFANAQ and INQAAHE, as well as the Council of Europe and UNESCO. The collaboration with EQAR proved particularly fruitful in 2025, resulting in agreement on arrangements for the ESG 2027 transition period and changes to eligibility and timelines for the partial/focused reviews.

ENQA continues to be the preferred and most experienced partner for external reviews of quality assurance agencies, as acknowledged in the final report of the external review of ENQA Agency Reviews. Beyond this critical function, events, working groups, training and seminars, publications and the constant dissemination of information are ways to provide services for our members and to drive innovation in quality assurance.

In 2025, ENQA was awarded funding for five new projects that provide means to systematically address topics such as fostering enhancement-oriented implementation of the ESG, cross-border quality assurance, quality assurance of transnational education, the use of digital tools in recognition, and combating academic fraud. At the same time, some important initiatives came to an end, including

ENQA STRATEGY 2026-2030

Vision

- ENQA envisions a trusted and transparent European Higher Education Area where quality assurance fosters high-quality, relevant education, contributing to knowledge, innovation, and societal progress.

Mission

- ENQA promotes the development of quality assurance in higher education by representing its members in policy-making, supporting them in implementing the European Higher Education Area commitments on quality assurance, and by providing a forum for evidence-informed exchange, development and enhancement in external quality assurance.

Values

- ENQA places particular importance on the values of integrity, transparency and independence and upholds these values in its work.

STRATEGIC GOALS



ENQA drives the development of quality assurance, sustaining a community of agencies that share expertise, foster innovation, and support collaboration.



ENQA promotes and facilitates the implementation of the EHEA commitments and tools for quality assurance.



ENQA is the representative body and trusted reference point for quality assurance policy development in the EHEA.

This week;

- ENQA Board meeting followed by the ENQA networking reception, Brussels, Belgium
- ENQA Seminar on the European dimension of Quality Assurance will take place on 10 September 2026 in Brussels, Belgium
- ENQA targeted reviews follow-up seminar 11 September (online)

REVISION OF THE ESG

ENQA has participated in the ESG Steering Committee, deadline for responses September 14

Steering Committee Meeting September 25

Final draft expected to be submitted to the BFUG for approval in November

Minister conference May 2027 in Iași (Romania) and Chișinău (Moldova)

ENQA ESG 2027 transition policy

Agencies signing a review contract before the adoption of the ESG 2027 will be reviewed under the ESG 2015. Once the ESG 2027 is adopted in May 2027, ENQA will no longer accept applications for full reviews based on the ESG 2015.

In the first cycle of reviews against the ESG 2027, all agencies will undergo a full review. Targeted reviews will only be available for a second review against the ESG 2027 (assuming other eligibility criteria are also met).

Agencies that are due to sign their review contract after the ESG 2027 is adopted will be given a possibility to postpone their review and extend their ENQA membership by up to one year, if necessary. This can be requested solely to enable an agency to adapt to ESG 2027.

ENQA GA October 2026, Collaborate. Learn. Innovate.

ENQA Board election

Current Board members who will continue on the Board:

Patrick Van den Bosch, VLUHR QA, Belgium	Elected for his 2 nd full term in October 2024
Kristin Vinje, NOKUT, Norway	Elected for her 1 st full term in October 2024
Heli Mattisen, HAKA, Estonia	Elected for her 1 st full term in October 2024
Bryan Maguire, QQI, Ireland	Elected for his 1 st full term in October 2025
Marilena Maniaci, ANVUR, Italy	Elected for her 1 st full term in October 2025
Federico Morán, madri+d, Spain	Elected for his 1 st full term in October 2025

Current Board members whose term comes to an end:

Cristina Ghitulica, ARACIS, Romania

She will finish her second full three-year term on the Board.

Doris Herrmann, AQAS, Germany

She will finish her second full three-year term on the Board.

Péter Levente Lakatos, MAB Hungary

He will finish his first full three-year term on the Board.



ENQA General Assembly 2026 PRACTICAL NOTE



Enqa Briefing note on the Operational Guide for the Joint European Degree label

ENQA has been awarded funding from ERASMUS+ for its project proposal to support quality assurance agencies in offering assessments for the joint European Degree Label.

Four workshops will take place in October 2026, January and September 2027, and January 2028.

EQAR-registered agencies based in the EU are invited to participate.

A seminar on the European Approach will also be held, in conjunction with the workshop in September 2027.



NOKUT, together with quality assurance agencies and ministries from six European countries, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, France, Flanders (Belgium), and Sweden, has secured Erasmus+ funding for the LabelUp! project. The project aims to facilitate the development and recognition of joint European degree programmes.



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