

NOQA annual meeting

Voksenåsen, Oslo, 6.–7. June 2012

Participants:

Denmark I, ACE.denmark: Jonas Bech Hansen

Denmark II, EVA: Tue Vinther-Jørgensen

Finland, FINHEEC: Helka Kekäläinen, Karl Holm, Mirella Nordblad

Sweden, HSV: Viveka Persson, Maria Sundkvist

Norway, NOKUT : Tove Blytt Holmen, Trine Meza, Gro Hanne Aas

Iceland I, Ministry of Education, Science and Culture: Stefan Baldursson

Iceland II, RANNIS (The Icelandic Center for Research) Magnus Lyngdal Magnusson

Norway, NCP Qualification Framework: Gunn Gallavara

Presentations, discussions and decision on joint project

Theme oriented presentations from each agency

NOKUT/Tove Blytt Holmen: Risk based analysis in accreditation; efficient and effective method where enhancement is a substantial support to control.

ACE.dk / Jonas Bech Hansen: Relevance for working life; how may this be operationalized in quality assurance in higher education

EVA/ Tue Vinther-Jørgensen: Activities to promote enhancement in teaching and learning. Results and outcomes at institutions and program level

FINHEEC /Helka Kekäläinen: Future challenges with FINHEEC mergers in 2014

HSV/ Maria Sunquist: "Enqagate" - the Swedish debate about HSVs membership in ENQA

RANNIS/ Magnus Lyngdal Magnusson: How to operate with foreign quality assurance agencies

The Nordic Project 2011 – 2012: “

FINHEEC had the chair, Karl will give a 15 minutes briefing on the main points of the project, followed by a 15 minute dialogue

Nordic project 2012 – 2013: “Learning outcome

The theme and working title of the Nordic project had been decided upon by the directors of quality assurance before the Nordic meeting (Annex 1). The ambitions of this meeting were to initiate the project, to introduce the project group and confirm the Terms of Reference.

To introduce the topic and (may be the unknown) differences in the Nordic countries, the Norwegian NCP, Gunn Gallavara, gave an overview: “The Nordic Qualification Frameworks; similarities and differences”

The meeting confirmed the working title and the terms of reference as enclosed to these minutes.

The project group: Julia Salado-Rasmussen, EVA (chair); Jonas Bech Hansen, ACE; Mirella Nordblad, FINHEEC; Viveka Persson and ---, both HSV; Gunn Gallavara, NOKUT

FINHEEC will host the next Nordic meeting, the dates are 3rd and 4th of June 2013

The annual joint Nordic Project

- A project between 5 countries and 6 agencies. The costs are covered by each participating agency.
- The topic must be such to ensure that every agency has an equal, however not an identical, contribution to the substance of the project.
- Project chair: is responsible for coordination, progress and taking the necessary decisions
- The objectives are:
 - To learn from each other
 - To mark the NOQA HE area as a professional region in Europe (ENQA report)
 - To strengthen the Nordic Networking

2012 – 2013

WORKING TITLE

How a focus on learning outcome may strengthen the external quality assurance of higher education

Investigating and discussing Nordic practices and developments

AIM OF THE PROJECT

To collect and analyze comparable data about the agencies' approaches to learning outcome with the aim to support developments in the agencies' methods, criteria and/or documentation.

FRAMEWORK

1. Project group consisting of 1 – 2 members from each participating agency
2. A design that supports active contribution at an equal level from each participating agency
3. Content of the project is directed solely towards the agencies' own practices on the topic of assessing quality assurance
4. Intermediate status report on the general design of the project containing actions and a timeline that ends with a "Full stop" at the next annual meeting
5. Intermediate report II, a draft report that allows the management in each agency to decide upon the content
6. Report of a quality that may be accepted as an ENQA publication as a continuation of the former report on the same topic
7. Report completed ("full stop") at least two weeks before the next annual meeting; 3. and 4. June 2013

8. CHAIR 2012 – 2013: *Julia Salado-Rasmussen, EVA*, is responsible for coordination, progress and taking the necessary decisions within the project group