

NOQA Annual Meeting 2013

MINUTES

Time: 3 - 4 June 2013

Venue: Hanaholmen. Meeting room Cornelis
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Touko Apajalahti, FINHEEC
Luis Carvalho, FINHEEC (Trainee of the MaRIHE programme)
Martin Galevski, FINHEEC (Trainee of the MaRIHE programme)

Monday 3.6.2013

1. Welcome and introductions

Helka Kekäläinen, FINHEEC

2. NOQA-project 2012-2013: Learning outcomes in external quality assurance approaches. Investigating and discussing Nordic practices and developments.

Viveka Persson, Universitetskanslersämbetet & Gunn Gallavara, NOKUT

- Presentation of the project and its main findings
- Lessons learnt and good practices from project work
- Discussion
- Publishing the report: Helka will find out the possibilities of publishing the report via ENQA.
- CEDEFOP has projects on learning outcomes and it is possible that the NOQA report is exploited by CEDEFOP

3. Thematic presentations by each agency

- Actual topics in the evaluations and news from the participating agencies

Tuesday 4.6.2013

4. Experiences of MaRIHE programme (Erasmus Mundus Masters Course)

Luis Carvalho & Martin Galevski

- Presentation of the aims and contents of the MaRIHE programme
- Group exercise on how agencies disseminate the information on the results of the evaluations: What kind of strategies there would be to reach different stakeholder groups (students, academic staff and general public)

5. Developing terms of reference for the joint Nordic project 2013-2014

General discussion on the joint Nordic projects and co-operation:

- The duration of the projects could be longer than one year (to avoid too tight schedules in projects)
- NOKUT is celebrating 10 years anniversary - the next meeting could be linked to the NOKUT's anniversary seminar
- Proposals for the next joint project: risk-based approaches and models, learning outcomes (to continue the project started in 2012), co-operation with Baltic colleagues, exchange of experts/ staff exchange

Based on the discussion the following two projects were decided to be launched:

1. Forum for staff exchange

- Leading: Christian and Karin
- The aim is to establish a forum to exchange experiences
- The framework and focus areas of the staff exchange will be planned by a project team (examples of the focus areas: evaluation methodologies of the agencies, site visits)

2. NOQA seminar in Sweden in co-operation with the Baltic network of quality assurance agencies

- Leading: Hannele (seminar arrangements in co-operation with Universitetskanslersämbetet)
- Date of the seminar 12.-13.6.2014 (another option 2.-3.6.2014)
- FINHEEC will contact to Baltic agencies in June and ask their willingness to have a joint seminar of Nordic and Baltic quality assurance networks
- Planning team will prepare a proposal for the seminar programme (e.g., themes of the seminar, guidelines for the presentations, group works etc.) and it will be send for comments to agencies
- Agencies will nominate the members to the both staff exchange and seminar planning teams in September

6. Next annual meeting & closing of the meeting

- Next meeting will be arranged in Sweden in 12.-13.6.2014 (or 2.-3.6.2014)