### The Importance of QA and Internationalisation for Europe, the Netherlands and Flanders

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## Europe before 1989



## Europe now



### European QA developments: Bologna (1)

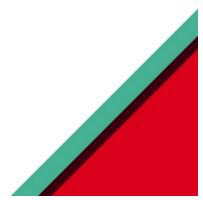
- Bologna Declaration (1999)
  - Introduction of 3 cycles
  - Promotion of European cooperation in QA
- Prague Communiqué (2001)
  - Necessity of close European cooperation: mutual trust in and acceptance of national QA systems
- Berlin Communiqué (2003)
  - All countries: external QA system by 2005
    - System of accreditation, certification or comparable
  - Evaluations of programmes and/or institutions:
    - Internal QA, external assessment, participation of students & publication of results
    - Primary responsibility of HEIs for quality

### European QA developments: Bologna (2)

- Bergen Communiqué (2005)
  - Standards and guidelines for QA in EHEA
  - Overarching Qualifications Framework for EHEA; committing to develop national qualification frameworks
  - Proposal for European register of QA agencies
  - "...enhancing the mutual recognition of accreditation or quality assurance decisions"
- London Communiqué (2007)
  - Implementing European Register of QA Agencies
  - Mutual recognition of QA & accreditation decisions (→) ~encourage continued international cooperation amongst quality assurance agencies

### European QA developments: Bologna (3)

- Leuven Communiqué (2009)
  - QA mentioned with regard to transparency tools, mobility, transnational education, student-centred learning, lifelong learning
  - "We ask the E4 group (ENQA-EUA-EURASHE-ESU) to continue its cooperation in further developing the European dimension of quality assurance and in particular to ensure that the European Quality Assurance Register is evaluated externally..."



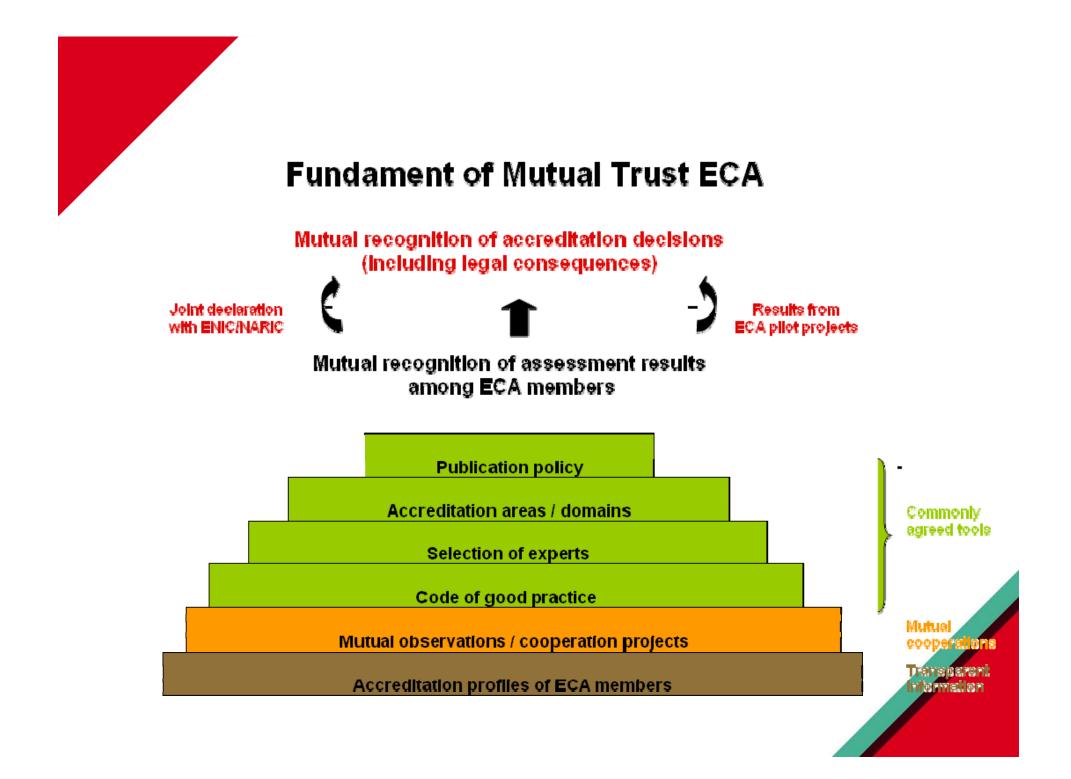
Albania	3.639.453		Latvia	2.231.503
Andorra	83.888	÷	Liechtenstein	34.761
Armenia	2.967.004		Lithuania	3.555.179
Austria	8.210.281		Luxembourg	491.775
o Azerbaijan	8.238.672	+	Malta	405.165
Belgium	10.414.336	8	Moldova	4.320.748
Bosnia-Herzegovina	4.613.414		Montenegro	672.180
Bulgaria	7.204.687		Netherlands	16.515.057
👔 Croatia	4.489.409		Norway	4.660.539
🥑 Cyprus	796.740		Poland	38.482.919
Czech Republic	10.211.904	(B)	Portugal	10.707.924
Denmark	5.500.510		Romania	22.215.421
Estonia	1.299.371		Russian Federation	140.041.247
Finland	5.250.275	-	Serbia	10.800.000
France	62.150.775	-	Slovak Republic	5.463.046
Georgia	4.615.807	*	Slovenia	2.005.692
Germany	82.329.758	*	Spain	46.661.950
Greece	10.737.428		Sweden	9.059.651
🔹 Holy See	826		Switzerland	7.604.467
Hungary	9.905.596	¥	Macedonia (FYROM)	2.066.718
Iceland	306.694	C-	Turkey	76.805.524
Ireland	4.203.200		Ukraine	45.700.395
Italy	58.126.212		United Kingdom	61.113.205
Kazakhstan	15.399.437			

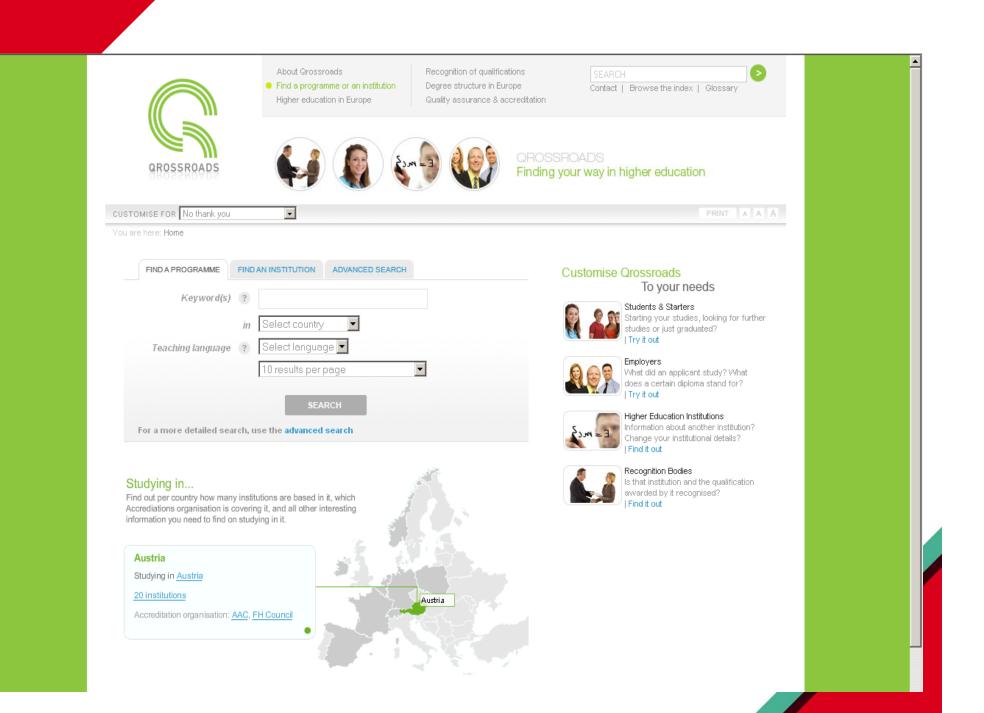
# **ECA** partners

- ÖAR, Austria
- FHR, Austria
- EVA, Denmark
- CTI, France
- GAC, Germany
- AQAS, Germany
- FIBAA, Germany
- AHPGS, Germany
- ZEVA, Germany
- NVAO, NL & FL
- NOKUT, Norway

- PKA, Poland
- SQAA, Slovenia
- ANECA, Spain
- AQU Catalunya, Spain
- OAQ, Switzerland





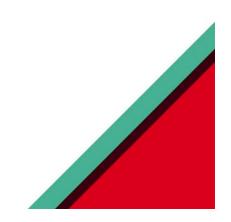


### New ECA projects

- Simplifying joint programmes procedures: JOQAR
- Training and setting up a pool of international experts:

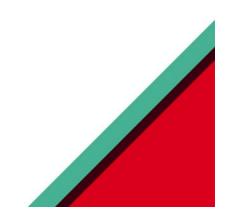
**E-TRAIN** 

 Promoting, extending and improving Qrossroads: IMPAQT



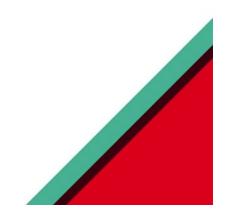
### NVAO's internationalisation activities

- "Internationalisation" is part of generic definition of basic quality
- Internationalisation of panels
- International certificate which might develop into a European (ECA) certificate



### Goals

- International and multicultural competences in education
- High quality level
- Enlarge incoming and outgoing mobility



#### International certificate

- Six standards: policy, learning outcomes, curriculum, facilities, staff and students
- International experts: site visit on the basis of self-evaluation
- Certificate if overall judgement is "good" or "excellent"



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