



PROGRAM

Quality Assurance in Higher Education. Interaction between stakeholders within the ALC-UE Higher Education Common Area.

Madrid, 27 and 28 April

Day 26th

18:00 **Registration of participants. VP Hotel Jardín Metropolitano. Avenida Reina Victoria, 12. Madrid.**
20:00

Day 27th

08:15 **Registration of participants. VP Hotel Jardín Metropolitano. Avenida Reina Victoria, 12. Madrid.**

09:30 **Opening Ceremony**

Spanish Ministry of Education and Zulima Fernández, Director of the National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation of Spain, ANECA.

10:00 **Opening Conference**

Through the construction of a coherent, compatible and attractive Higher Education Common Area: report on progress in quality assurance in higher education of the European Commission.

Direction General for Education and Culture, European Commission.

11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:30 **Round Table**

Report on progress in quality assurance in higher education of the European Commission: the stakeholders' point of view.

Achim Hopbach, President, European Association for QA, ENQA, Tia Loukkola, Head of Unit for QA, European Universities Association, EUA and Andrea Blaettler, Executive Committee member of the European Students Union, ESU.

Chair: Juan José Moreno, General Director for Higher Education Institutions Policy, Spanish Ministry of Education.

- 12:30 **Round Table**
- From evaluation to information: transparency tools for society.
- Colin Tück, President, European Register of QA, EQAR, Karl Dittrich, Vice-Chairperson, European Consortium for Accreditation, ECA, Nick Harris, International Expert, European Qualification Frameworks.
- Chair: Carmen Ruiz-Rivas, Advisory Board of ANECA.
- 13:30 **Lunch**
- 14:30 **Conference**
- Internationalization of quality assurance: the role played by the networks
- David Woodhouse, President of the International Network for QA, INQAAHE.
- 15:30 **Round Table**
- The building of regional quality assurance areas: good practices
- The CINTAS Project of RIACES. Gabriel Macaya, President, Accreditation Council for Central America, CCA, and Eduardo García, Coordinator of ANECA.
 - Experts training on External Evaluation. Fiona Crozier, Vice-President, ENQA.
- Chair: Fernando Chaparro, Coordinator, National Accreditation Council, CNA, Colombia
- 17:00 **End of the day.**
- 18:00 **Social Program.**

Day 28th

- 09:00 **Round Table**
- From standard harmonization to mutual recognition between agencies: regional approaches.
- Tibor Szanto, Vice-President of ENQA, Rolf Heusser, Chairperson of ECA and Guillermo Vargas-Salazar, President of the Ibero-American Network for Accreditation, RIACES.
- Chair: Laureano González, Coordinator of ANECA.
- 10:00 **Round Table**
- Bridging gaps: strategies for establishing higher education areas.
- Ernesto Villanueva, Secretary of RIACES, Ramón Torrent, University of Barcelona, Coordinator for The European Union – Latin American Relations Observatory, OBREAL and Federico Gutiérrez-Solana, President of the Rectors' Conference in Spain, CRUE.
- Chair: Màrius Rubiralta, General Secretary for Higher Education Institutions, Spanish Ministry of Education.
- 11:30 **Conference**
- Architectures to facilitate higher education areas: multilateral organizations.
- Alejandro Tiana, Representative of the Ibero-American States Organization, OEI, Carlos Carrero, Special Ambassador for European Integration Projects, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and José Renato Carvalho, Director, UNESCO-IESALC.
- Chair: José Manuel Martínez, General Director for International Relations, Spanish Ministry of Education.

12:30 **Conclusions**

Zulima Fernández, Director of ANECA.

Closing

Màrius Rubiralta, General Secretary for Universities, Carlos Carnero, Special Ambassador for European Integration Projects and Zulima Fernández, Director of ANECA.

13:30 **End of the Conference.**

13:40 **Buffet**