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EACEA project IMPALA

IMPALA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

“Impact Evaluation of Quality Management in Higher Education. A Contribution to Sustainable Quality Development of the Knowledge Society”

Time and place:

16-17 June 2016 – Palau Robert

Passeig de Gràcia, 107, 08008 **Barcelona**, Spain

EACEA Project Title:

Impact Analysis of External Quality Assurance Processes of Higher Education Institutions. Pluralistic Methodology and Application of a Formative Transdisciplinary Impact Evaluation

Acronym: IMPALA

General Aims of Conference:

- Presentation and dissemination of the results of IMPALA project (i.e., methodology and application of impact evaluation of external quality assurance in HEIs) to a wider interested audience
- Gather input from participants' critical reflection of the conference theme, in particular European QA agencies and other HEI stakeholders
- Identify options for exploitation of the impact evaluation methodology
- Embed theme of impact evaluation into current debates and perspectives on HEI governance and HE policy

Target Audience:

- (European) QA agencies (e.g., ENQA members)
- HEIs (e.g., leadership, quality managers, staff, students)
- European Commission representatives
- HE policy (national, European) and HEI research
- Number of participants: 50+

Activities and Contents:

- Three or two key notes of experts in the field
- Presentations of four case studies of impact evaluation of QA by IMPALA project partners (four QA agency-HEI teams from Finland, Germany, Romania, Spain)
- Working groups of participants
- Panel discussion

You can register for the event here: <http://www.enqa.eu/index.php/events/impala-international-conference-barcelona-spain-16-17-june-2016/> or at [leiber\[at\]evalag.de](mailto:leiber[at]evalag.de).

The deadline for registration is 05 June 2016.

Thursday, 16 June 2016 – TIME SCHEDULE AND AGENDA	
Place: Palau Robert, Passeig de Gràcia, 107, 08008 Barcelona	
Time	Topic
10:00-10:30	Registration & <i>Coffee</i>
10:30-10:45	Dr. Martí Casadesús Director AQU Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain Prof. Dr. Josep Ros Vice Rector for Teaching and Quality, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain Welcome and General Introduction
10:45-11:15	Prof. Dr. Dr. Theodor Leiber evalag, Mannheim, Germany Introduction to the European Commission Funded IMPALA Project
11:15-12:15	<i>Keynote speech & discussion</i> Prof. Dr. Jussi Välimaa Finnish Institute for Educational Research, University of Jyväskylä, Finland Higher Education in the Networked Knowledge Society: Challenges for Impact Evaluation of Quality Management
12:15-12:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
12:45-13:30	Jouni Jurvelin, PhD Senior Lecturer, Study Coordinator, <i>Jyväskylä University of Applied Sciences, Jyväskylä, Finland</i> Matti Kajaste Senior Advisor, FINEEC, Helsinki, Finland First Case Study: Impact Evaluation of Program Pre-accreditation at Jyväskylä University of Applied Sciences
13:30-14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30-15:15	MariPaz Álvarez del Castillo Head of Quality Teaching Office, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain Anna Prades Nebot, PhD Project Manager, AQU Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain Second Case Study: Impact Evaluation of Program Pre-accreditation at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
15:15-15:45	Blazhe Todorovski Vice-Chairperson, European Students' Union, Brussels Impact Evaluation of QA from the Perspective of Students in the EHEA
15:45-16:45	Working Groups (two or three in parallel; optional) Participants & IMPALA project partners: Group work on selected foci of conference themes [will be announced at the conference]
16:45-17:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
17:15-18:15	<i>Keynote speech & discussion</i> Prof. Dr. John Brennan Emeritus Professor of Higher Education Research, The Open University, Milton Keynes, United Kingdom Success Factors of Quality Management in Higher Education: are Unintended Impacts More Important than the Intended Ones?
18:30-20:30	<i>Social Event (visit to La Pedrera, UNESCO Cultural World Heritage site since 1984)</i>
20:30	<i>Dinner (La Lluna Restaurant, Carreró St. Bonaventura, 7 - Santa Anna, 20. 08002 Barcelona)</i>

Friday, 17 June 2016 – TIME SCHEDULE AND AGENDA	
Place: Palau Robert, Passeig de Gràcia, 107, 08008 Barcelona	
9:00-10:00	<i>Keynote speech & discussion</i> Prof. Dr. Maarja Beerkens Institute of Public Administration, Leiden University, The Hague, The Netherlands <i>Evidence-based Policy in Higher Education Quality Assurance: Learning from the Experience of Others</i>
10:00-10:45	Prof. Dr.-Ing. Radu Vacareanu Rector, University of Civil Engineering Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania Prof. Dr.-Ing. Radu Damian Director Quality External Evaluation Department, ARACIS, Bucharest, Romania <i>Third Case study: Impact Evaluation of Institutional and Program Accreditation at Technical University of Civil Engineering Bucharest</i>
10:45-11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15-12:00	Bertram Welker Staff Unit Quality Development, University of Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany Theodor Leiber evalag, Mannheim, Germany <i>Fourth Case study: Impact Evaluation of Module Evaluation at University of Stuttgart</i>
12:00-13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00-14:30	<i>Panel discussion</i> <i>Between Theory and Practice: Future Prospects of Quality Management and Its Impact Evaluation in HEIs</i> Prof. Dr. Bjørn Stensaker, Chair , Department of Education, University of Oslo Prof. Dr. Maarja Beerkens , Institute of Public Administration, Leiden University Prof. Dr.-Ing. Radu Damian , Director Quality External Evaluation Department, ARACIS, Bucharest Prof. Dr. Lee Colin Harvey , Emeritus Copenhagen Business School, Denmark Dr. Martí Casadesús , Director AQU Catalunya, Barcelona Lindsey Kerber , Communications and Administrative Assistant, ENQA, Brussels Blazhe Todorovski , Vice-Chairperson, European Students' Union, Brussels Prof. Dr. Jussi Välimaa , Finnish Institute for Educational Research, University of Jyväskylä
14:30-15:00	<i>Wrap up and perspectives</i> Theodor Leiber <i>Résumé of the Conference: a Quick SWOT Analysis of Impact Evaluation of Quality Management in HEIs</i>
15:15	<i>Coffee & Farewell & End of conference</i>

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