

Introduction to EQUIP and the focus group

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- The Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG), 2nd edition adopted in May 2015
- The EQUIP project aims at Enhancing Quality through Innovative Policy & Practice in European higher education by supporting and promoting a consistent, efficient and innovative embedding of the ESG 2015 at grass-root level.

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Activities



The EQUIP project has:

- Produced an analytical report highlighting the innovative aspects of the ESG 2015;
- Published and promoted the ESG 2015 to the entire higher education community;
- Facilitated the use of the ESG 2015 through multi-level peer-learning groups with five training events including webinars;

The project has been:

- Identifying and will begin to promote innovative ways to apply the ESG 2015 by consulting all higher education actors through surveys and the organisation of focus groups for all stakeholders in the spring of 2017;

The project will:

- Highlight changes to be made in quality assurance at various levels with a study on implementation challenges, solutions and policy impact;
- Put forward European-level policy recommendations to stakeholder groups to feed into the discussions leading up to the 2018 EHEA Ministerial Conference.

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Focus groups

- Take place in 2017. Each will address a different stakeholder group. About 20 participants will take part in each focus group.
- The focus groups will verify and further consolidate the evidence collected through previous project activities
- Opportunity to
 - discuss challenges in QA and discuss good practices in solving these challenges
 - Reflect on the focus and approach to QA in different contexts
 - Discuss the concept of quality
 - Provide suggestions for further developing QA so as to better match the expectations

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