

ECA Certificate on Internationalisation

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Purposes of Accreditation

Standard Accreditation

ECA Certificate



Accountability

Enhancement

Relevance of project for HE Institutions

- Benchmarking against good practices
- Brings internationalisation of curriculum to new quality level
- Attracts new students and staff
- Positive Impact on internationalisation activities of involved HEI/study programmes

Relevance of project for Students + Employers

- Guarantees that students achieve high international and intercultural competences in the certified study programmes or institutions
- Facilitates transborder recognition of qualifications and mobility
- Valuable orientation for labour market ---> enhanced employability options for graduates of certified programmes/institutions

Relevance of project for Society and QAAs

- Increase of transparency in internationalisation
- Promotes goals of Bologna process, supports creation of coherent EHEA
- Supports transborder cooperation of QAA
- Fits to goals of ECA
- Opens channel between QAAs and HEIs outside of accountability pathway

Facts - ECA certificate on Internationalisation (I)

Eligibility

HEIs/programmes of participating ECA member countries

Character of participation

Voluntary

Process

Stand alone or embedded in national accreditation procedure

Procedure

Three step procedure

Facts - ECA certificate on Internationalisation (II)

Criteria

Based on NVAO catalogue;
Establishment of a European
framework for internationalisat.

Decisions

ECA management group

Certificate

For good and for excellent
performances

Validity of stamp

Six years

Special features of ECA Project

- Pilot tests (8 study programmes and 4 institutions)
- Development of European framework for internationalisation
- Consultation group of ca. 15-20 HEIs
- Establishment of good practices database
- Special training of experts
- Dissemination strategy
- Strong ties with other relevant HE stakeholder groups in Europe

Sustainability of project

- Rapid spread of ECA label expected once first certificates are on the market
- No interferences with national QA systems
- Sustainable tools will be set up: robust framework for interationalisation, knowledge base/database on good practices; dissemination tools, etc
- Ongoing cooperation of QAAs within ECA and between ECA and involved partner organisations

Thank you for your attention

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