

The Register of European Quality
Assurance Agencies: interim
report from E4

From the Bergen communiqué

- We welcome the principle of a European register of quality assurance agencies based on national review. We ask that the practicalities of implementation be further developed by ENQA in cooperation with EUA, EURASHE and ESIB with a report back to us through the Follow-up Group.

E4 Interim report

- Is E4 going in the right direction?
- What advice and guidance does BFUG wish to offer E4?

Key questions that E4 has discussed

- Inclusive or exclusive (= accreditation) register
- Total compliance or substantial compliance with ESG
- Ownership, funding, location, bureaucracy, legal risks
- Relationship to ENQA membership
- Nature of national reviews
- Costs/benefits
- Process for revising ESG

E4' s current view

- Exclusive but voluntary register
- Substantial compliance with ESG required
- National reviews will need to be of an acceptable standard
- Possible role for ENQA membership reviews
- Register owned by E4 organisations jointly as private non-profit organisation
- Based in Brussels
- Independent secretariat
- Funding sources unclear

Questions for BFUG

- Is the proposed exclusive accreditation model acceptable?
- Is the proposed organisational structure acceptable?
- Is the implied bureaucracy acceptable?
- Any advice about funding sources?
- Procedures for the revision of ESG?