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Attention: Newsdesks / Education correspondents

For immediate release

Two new EUA publications on quality assurance

Today sees the launch of two new publications from EUA, both on the topic of quality assurance:

1. An EUA occasional paper *ESG Part 1: Are universities ready?* sets out the current trends in institutional quality assurance in Europe and explores the consequences for universities of the recent introduction of a revised version of the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG). While much of the evidence shows progress in recent years, in light of the revised ESG, the paper highlights a number of areas that may need further attention from institutional leadership and quality assurance managers. These include the need to link quality assurance with strategic management, the need to demonstrate implementation of student-centred learning, and the need to develop robust measures for reviewing programmes.
2. In order to support institutions that are developing their internal quality assurance systems, in the framework of its EUREQA project (Empowering universities to fulfil their responsibility for quality assurance), EUA has also published *EUREQA Moments! Top tips for internal quality assurance*. This takes the form of a practical and concise guide to the core features of internal quality assurance systems, while presenting good practice drawn from the three-year long EUREQA project. The publication focuses in particular on issues that foster the development of institutional quality cultures, for example, balancing formal and informal approaches, ensuring implementation and communication of follow-up actions, and adapting measures so they are appropriate for the institutional and national context. In addition to the original in English, the publication has also been translated into Albanian, Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian. The publication is the result of a three-year capacity building project, supporting universities in the Western Balkans in developing their internal quality assurance systems. The project was funded by the European Commission's Tempus Programme (2012). Further information about the project can be found [here](#).

Both publications are formally launched today at the final event of the EUREQA project and are available online.

The publications can be found here

- [ESG Part 1: Are universities ready?](#)
- [EUREQA Moments! Top tips for internal quality assurance](#)

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