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European Quality Assurance: let's get started!

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The backdrop

- **What is quality assurance (QA)?**
 - **External vs. internal QA**
 - **Institutional vs. programme-level external QA**
 - **Accountability vs. enhancement**
 - **Focus on education vs. wider spectrum of activities**
 - **Peer-review**
- **First quality assurance agencies and their collaboration established in the 1980's & 1990's**
- **Policy line within the Bologna Process since 2003**
- **One of the three commitments within the European Higher Education Area since 2018**

European Quality Assurance framework

Three parts covering

- Internal QA within HEIs
- External QA carried by QA agencies
- Internal QA within QA agencies

Focus on quality assurance of higher education

Principles for QA in the EHEA

- HEIs have primary responsibility for the quality of their provision and its assurance
- QA responds to the diversity of higher education systems, institutions, programmes and students
- QA supports the development of a quality culture
- QA takes into account the needs and expectations of students, all other stakeholders and society

**ESG
2015**



Who is who?

ESG 2015 co-authors

E4-Group co-authors of the ESG 2005

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