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A non-profit association dedicated to the development of quality assurance and quality improvement in higher education in Central and Eastern Europe

are who we?

We are the Central and Eastern European Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (or **CEENQA**), a non-profit association with 34 members from 21 countries.

We are an **ENQA** (European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education) affiliate and we have cooperation agreements with:

- ⊕ the European Consortium for Accreditation in higher education (**ECA**);
- ⊕ the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (**INQAHEE**).

We have a seven-member Executive Board, including the President and Vice-President, elected for a two-year term, which may be renewed twice. Only member organisations' representatives can become Board members. The Secretariat is currently located in the offices of ASIIN in Düsseldorf, Germany. The staff comprises a Secretary General.



OUR MISSION

We aim to ensure the cooperation between the member organisations in the development and harmonisation of their activities in the field of quality assurance and quality improvement in higher education, in Central and Eastern Europe – thereby making a contribution towards the development and implementation of the European Higher Education Area.

OUR GOALS

- To assist each other in elaborating measures for harmonising activities in quality assurance in the Central and Eastern European region, in order to participate in the European dimension of higher education, and to play a proactive role in shaping the European higher education area;
- To serve as a clearing house for issues on quality assurance in higher education in the Central and Eastern European countries and to exchange information about background, aims, procedures and outcomes of activities of member agencies;
- To share experiences and to foster cooperation in all fields of activity among member agencies.



OUR ACTIVITIES

- Providing information and “best practice” examples in quality assurance and quality development in higher education;
- Launching or participating in projects for the sake of better quality in higher education;
- Seeking possibilities for applying for funds in order to support projects;
- Organising events, seminars, workshops and conferences in various fields;
- Exchanging quality experts among CEENQA members;
- Maintaining relations with other European and non-European organisations, which are important in terms of the purpose of the association;
- Maintaining a website in order to inform about these activities.

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

In 1995 the Hungarian Accreditation Committee convened a “Regional Meeting of Accreditation Bodies in CEE Countries for a two-day meeting”. In 2000, representatives responsible for quality assurance in Albania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine and Yugoslavia met in Budapest with the goal to form the CEE Network as a sub-network under the International Network of Quality Assurance Agencies. Meeting in Krakow in 2001, the CEE Network was founded and statutes were adopted by the initial 13 members. The meeting adopted the network’s first regulations that went into force in 2002. In 2011, the CEE Network took the acronym CEENQA, when it was registered as an Association in Düsseldorf, Germany.

OUR VALUES

Membership in the Association is open to organisations which are recognised by the authorities of the respective countries as national or regional agencies in the field of quality assurance in higher education.

In its activity, the Association refers to internationally recognised standards and guidelines for quality assurance in higher education, such as the European Standards and Guidelines (ESG), INQAAHE Guidelines of Good Practice, ECA Code of Good Practice etc.

EQA processes are performed and decisions are taken based on clearly established and published procedures and criteria. Generally, the methodologies should consider site visits and a transparent peer review system. Stakeholder involvement in EQA activities should be promoted.

The Association applies systematical procedures for internal QA or participates in external assessments that assure transparency, quality and integrity.



M E M B E R Benefits

- ➊ Visibility via the CEENQA website;
- ➋ Informative newsletters about developments in our regions are released several times a year;
- ➌ Invitation to our annual workshops and General Assembly;
- ➍ Participation in European projects;
- ➎ Board Membership.



- ➏ Additional members are being actively recruited, both in countries with several agencies and countries that are not yet represented. CEENQA welcomes new members who fulfil the criteria set down in its Statutes and share the CEENQA values and principles.
- ➐ Membership is subject to formal admission, the admission form can be downloaded from <https://www.ceenqa.org/members/become-a-member/>. Applications must be addressed in writing to the President of the Association. Admissions shall be approved by the General Assembly, following consideration of the application by the Executive Board.



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