

DEQAR: supporting international transparency and automatic recognition in the EHEA

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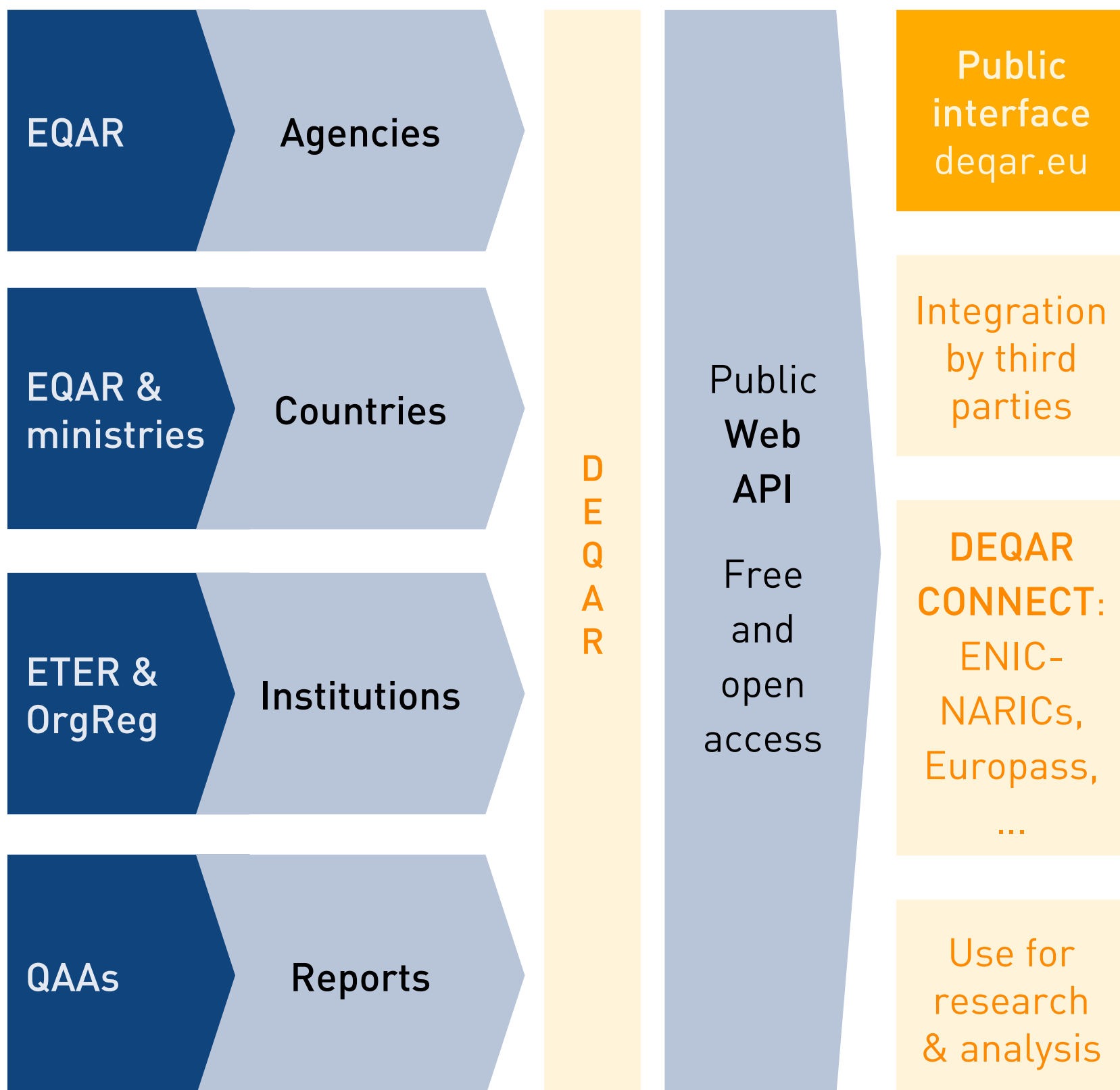
DEQAR:
“quality at your fingertips”



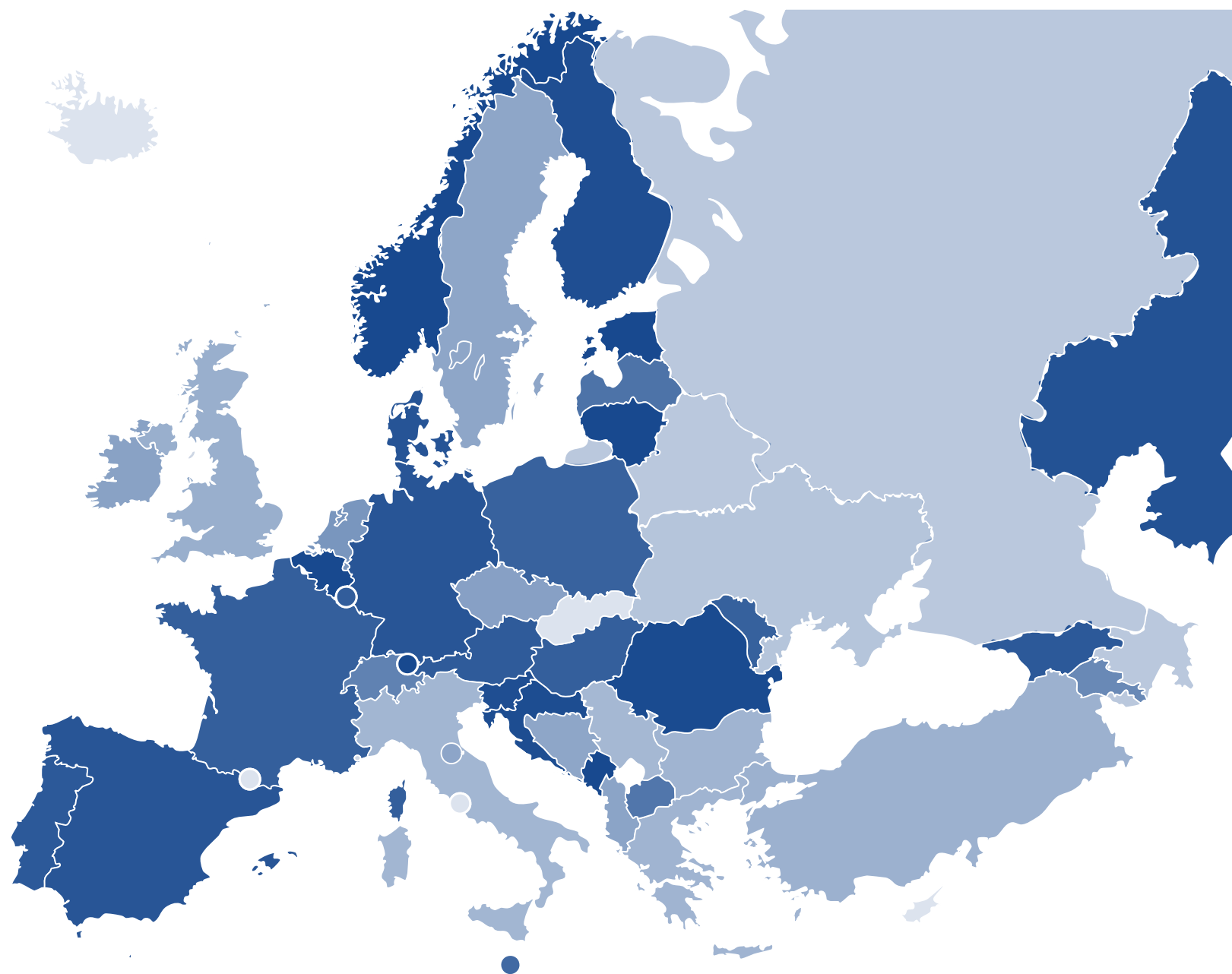
<https://www.deqar.eu/>

Goal: give easy access to external quality assurance (QA) reports and decisions

- Based on robust QA aligned with the ESG, carried out by EQAR-registered agencies
- Enhance transparency and visibility at the European level
- Facilitate trust and automatic recognition
- Responds to information needs of various stakeholders, in particular ENIC-NARICs and admission officers



	September 2021
Reports	67 079
Institutions (at least 1 report)	2 956
Higher Education Systems (\geq 50% of HEIs)	22
Agencies	42 of 50



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- Fully participate in the European QA infrastructure
 - Increase international visibility of the agency's work
 - Easy access to reports from other agencies
 - Benchmarking
 - Organise agency's data/IT systems
 - Link back to DEQAR data for synergies (e.g. agency website)
 - Get connected to other initiatives/systems

- **ETER** and **OrgReg**: EU-funded initiatives to collect information and data on HEIs (inter alia)
 - ~ 4 000 HEIs from 37 (of 49) EHEA countries
 - Most comprehensive & publicly available dataset for Europe when DEQAR was created
- DEQAR uses ETER & OrgReg data
 - Up-to-date institutional information
 - Agencies and EQAR focus on core business: QA info
 - Correlate DEQAR & ETER data

Example: Policy Brief, May 2021,
<https://www.eqar.eu/esg-coverage-of-higher-education-systems-in-europe/>
- Challenges
 - Automatic sync, semi-automatic so far
 - Different scopes and perimeters
 - More analyses, topics of interest

ETER: European Tertiary Education Register

OrgReg: Register of Public Sector Organisations

- **Goals:**
 - integrate automatic search in DEQAR in a centre's own application/digital workflow
 - simplify check of quality assurance/accreditation
 - towards automatic recognition
- **Partners:** four national recognition information centres
 - **Italy:** CIMEA (lead partner)
 - **France** Éducation International
 - **Romania:** CNRED
 - **Netherlands:** Nuffic



CERTIFICATION COMPARABILITY



Reference N. [REDACTED]

Date 24-02-2021

Name of the holder

Date of birth

Name of the qualification

Awarding year

Issue country

Awarding institution Update with diploma

Status of institution

Teaching institution

Type of qualification

Duration

Eqar ID Clear eqar ID

Access requirements

Evaluation

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Eqar institutions

- "EPOKA" University
- European University of Tirana
- Nehemiah Gateway University
- University of Tirana

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- Two current [EU initiatives](#)
 - European Digital Credentials (Europass, EDCI)
 - European Blockchain Service Infrastructure (EBSI)
 - Different architectures, but DEQAR will be compatible with both
 - Export of QA data from DEQAR to [Europass Accreditation Database](#)
 - Interface ready-to-use for institutional QA
 - Pending Europass progress for programmes
 - [EBSI ecosystem: Verifiable Credentials \(VC\)](#) proving QA/accreditation issued from DEQAR
 - Work in progress, demonstrator soon
 - Part of EBSI Early Adopters Wave 2