EXPERIENCES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EA

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Single procedure

- Procedure by:
  - One agency
- Focus of procedure
  - Whole joint programme
- Result:
  - One decision, accepted by all relevant authorities / agencies
FROM PAST TO FUTURE

▪ ImpEA project
  ▪ toolkit on EA: www.impea.eu

▪ European University Alliances / Erasmus Mundus
  -> BOOST!

▪ Where are we now?
  ▪ Pre experts
  ▪ Experts
  ▪ Post experts
STARTING A PROCEDURE (PRE EXPERT PHASE)

- Institutions (mostly) stick to known partners
- When choosing another agency: different styles - expectations – communication
- Finances
- Those who want a EA find partners
- Some consortia are progressive and openly invite different agencies to present
EXPERT PHASE

- Panel composition **not** a challenge
- Generally agencies support each other (expert nomination)
- Experts need focussed preparation (training)
- Intercultural aspects
- EQAR registered agencies generally know how to handle this!
POST EXPERT PHASE

- Notification to all agencies (authorities) / Quality Units
- Overall this works
- Sometimes questions arise on specific issues as receiving agency uses stricter interpretation on some standards
- Accepting decisions "with conditions" not foreseen in other systems
- Needs good preparation already in pre-expert phase
CONCLUSIONS / ASSESSMENT

- Experts find EA criteria applicable & clear
- EA is fit for purpose
- Pre expert phase requires explanation & "thinking from the end"
- EA requires coordination by agency (this is extra work) – sustainability
- European Consortium for Accreditation provides trainings for experts & agency staff
  www.ecahe.eu
ANY QUESTIONS?

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