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# **EXPERIENCES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EA**

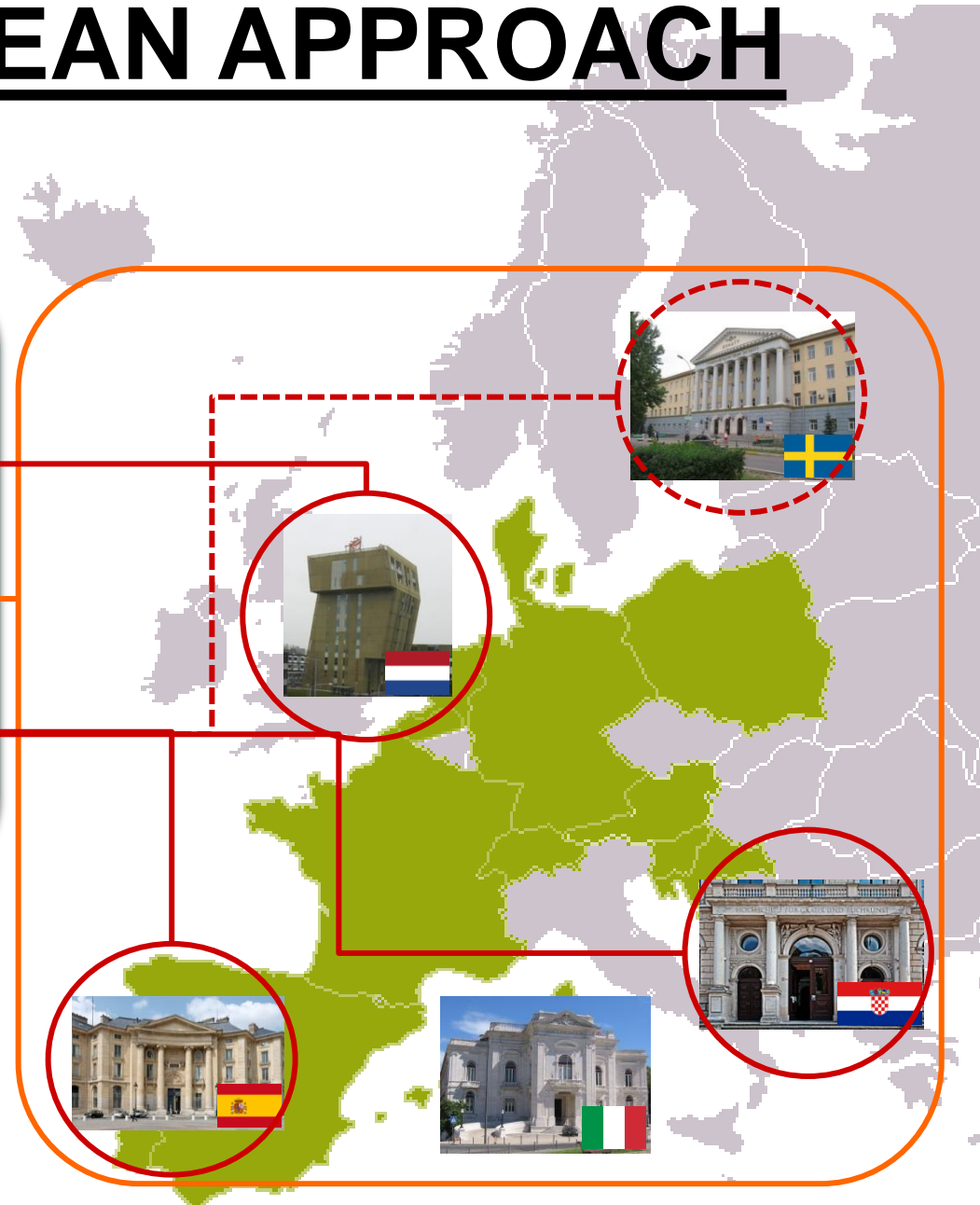
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# THE EUROPEAN APPROACH

## 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](http://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!



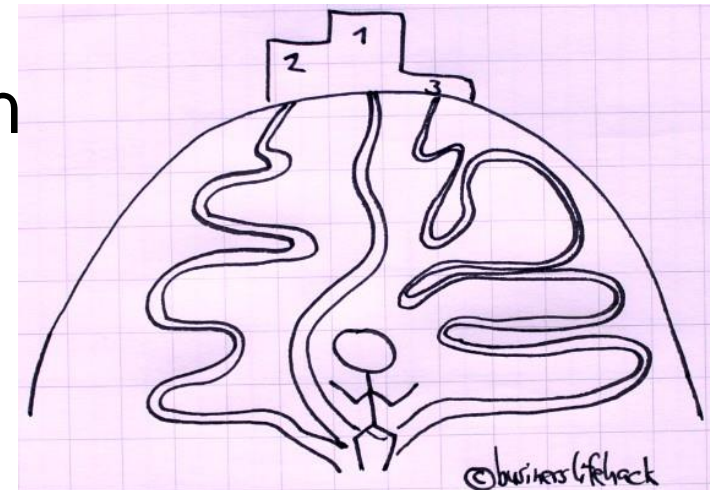
# POST EXPERT PHASE

- 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  
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**ANY QUESTIONS?**

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