

Fourth EAHEP Workshop

Quality Assurance in Asian and European Higher Education – Opportunities for Inter- and Intra-Regional Cooperation

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The 4th EAHEP Workshop

- Around **40 university representatives, experts and practitioners from Asian countries and European Member States** participated (e.g. SEAMEO-RIHED, AUN, EUA, DAAD, INQAAHE, APQN, Quality Assurance agencies, QA Officers etc.)

Overall Topics

- QA as the core of higher education systems development and essential part of institutional development
- Working Groups on Internal and External QA, Capacity Building and Joint Degree Programmes
- Opportunities for inter-regional and intra-regional cooperation



The 4th EAHEP Workshop: Aims

- **Exchange information** on goals, strategies and working methods QA in Asia and Europe (sharing good practices);
- Strengthen the **autonomous role of higher education institutions** in (regional) quality assurance procedures;
- Build **trust among** and between regional quality assurance **networks**, e.g. creating a pool of international peers between Asia and Europe; and
- Identify common aims and tasks and **promote cooperation**



Outcomes and Recommendations

- Internal QA (**IQA**) and External QA (**EQA**) are **interrelated**
- EQA has to be built on IQA and needs to respect **institutional autonomy** (primary responsibility for QA lies at the universities)
- Design of EQA System has to be **adjusted to the national frameworks and the institutional needs** (no one-size-fits-all solution in terms of programme or institutional approach, accreditation or evaluation etc.)
- Increasing **stakeholder involvement** (student involvement at all levels of QA processes most important)
- **Strengthening** exchange and **mutual learning** (e.g. inviting peers as observers in QA assessments, comparative research studies, joint session on EU-Asia Cooperation at QA Forum ...)
- **Capacity building** through seminars (train-the-trainer) and dialogue workshops on QA topics (e.g. learning outcomes)
- **Bringing networks together** (European and Asian QA networks, university networks etc.)

