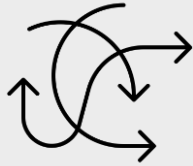


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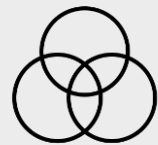
ABOUT EUROPEAN APPROACH

Before the European Approach



Different national QA regimes

fragmented assessments, multiple procedures, frameworks, visits, panels, reports, decisions



ECA project JOQAR (2010-2013)

single accreditation procedures and mutual recognition of accreditation of joint programmes, tested in pilots



Development of the European Approach

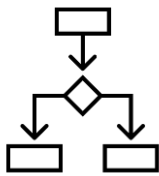
- Bucharest Communiqué (2012): „we will aim to recognise quality assurance decisions of EQAR-registered agencies on joint and double degree programmes“
- Ad hoc-Expert group was asked by BFUG to make proposal
- Involvement of Bologna working groups, stakeholders, BFUG
- European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes; adopted in May 2015 by EHEA Ministers in Yerevan

Essence of European Approach



European standards and procedure

- Standards and procedure according to ESG, taking “jointness” into account



Decision/result

- By EQAR-listed agency
- Accepted in other EHEA countries by other agencies



No additional national criteria!

- “Setting standards...based on the agreed tools of the EHEA, without applying additional national criteria”

Standards for QA of Joint Programmes

Eligibility

- Status
- Joint design and delivery
- Consortium agreement

Learning Outcomes

- Level
- Disciplinary field
- Achievement
- Regulated professions

Study Programme

- Curriculum
- Credits
- Workload

Admission and Recognition

Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Student Support

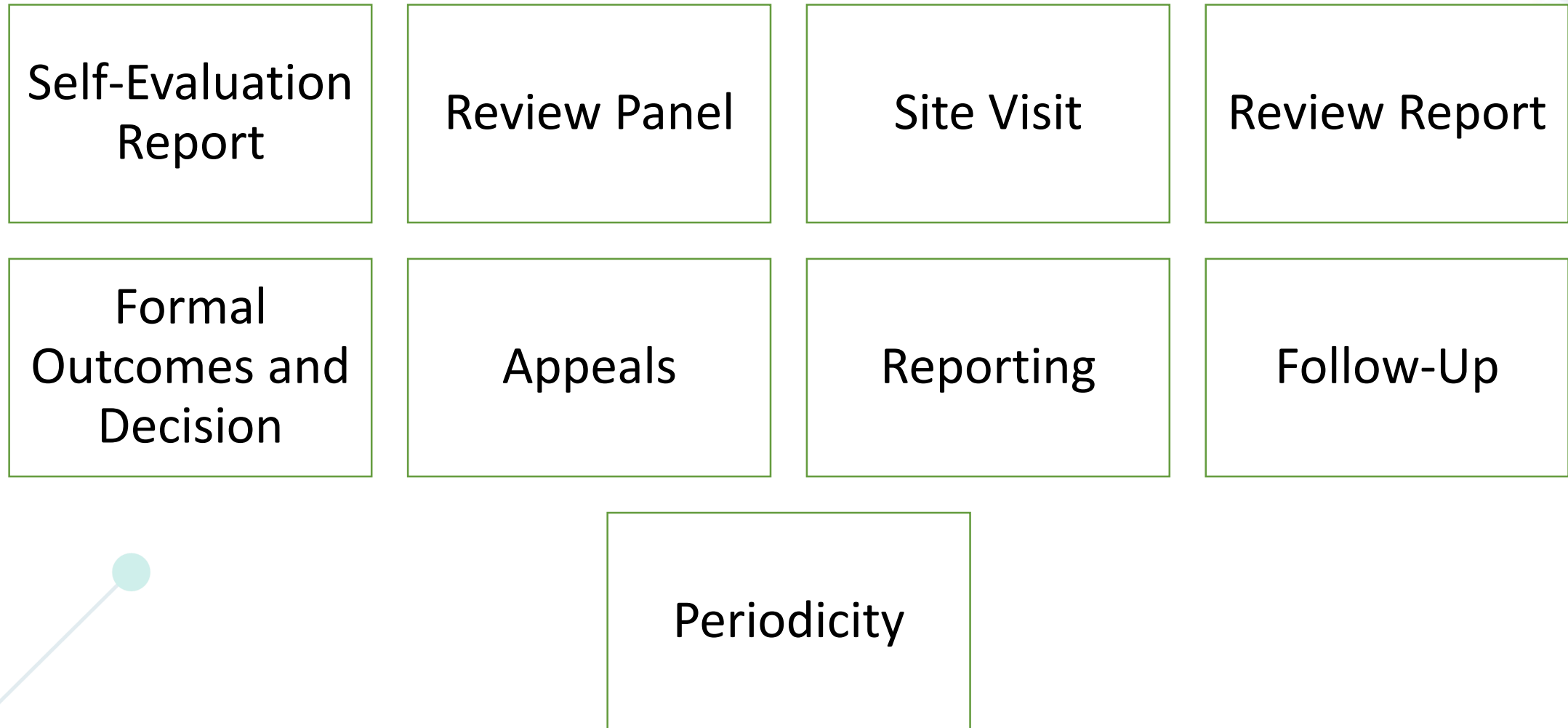
Resources

- Staff
- Facilities

Transparency and Documentation

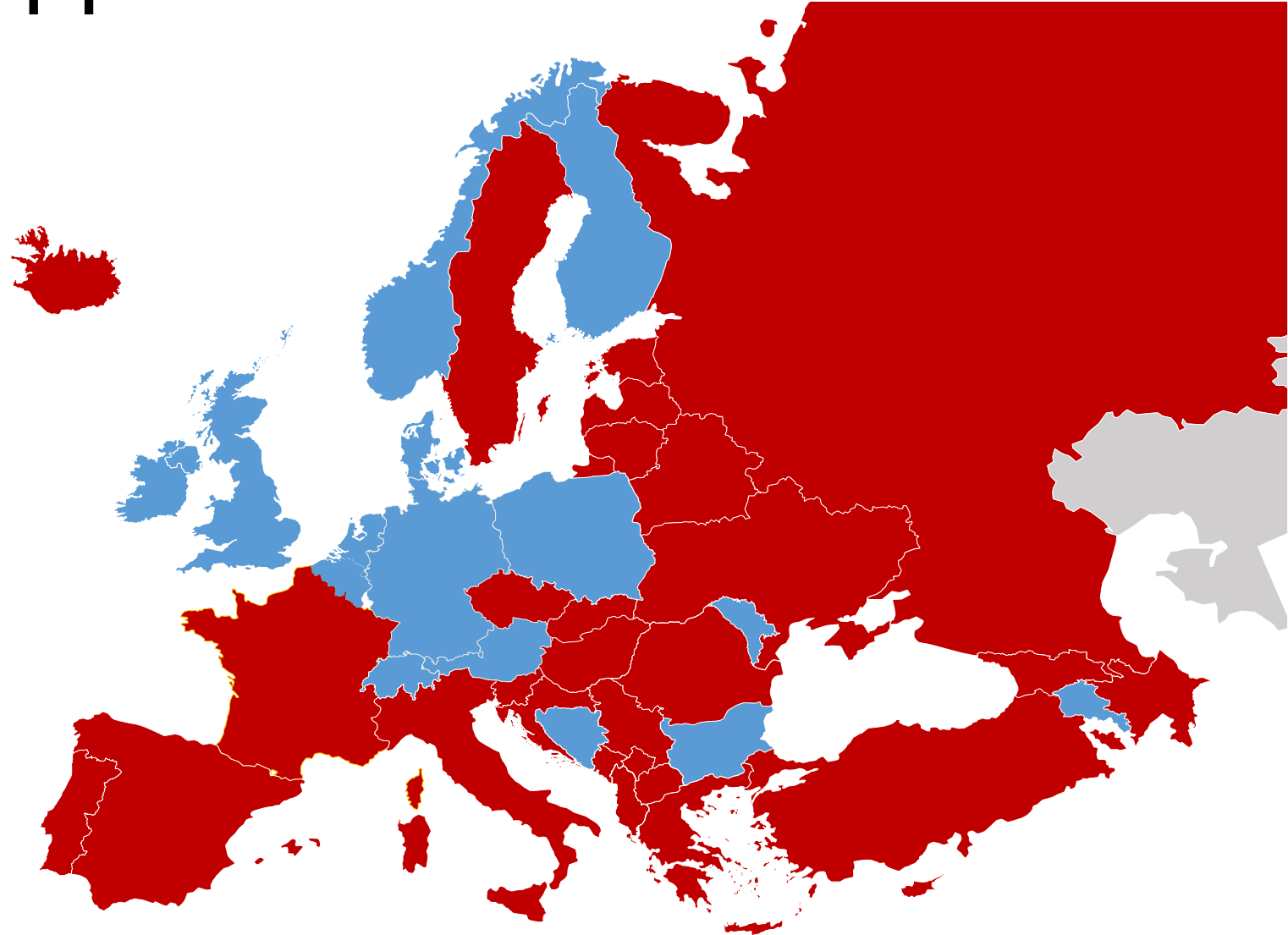
Quality Assurance

Procedure for external QA of joint programmes



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ImpEA aim and objectives

Main aim:


To support efficient implementation of the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes

Objectives:

1. To identify key obstacles in implementation of the EA in the EHEA countries;
2. To support QA agencies in running EA-based programme accreditation procedures (ex ante and ex post)
3. To support HEIs in pursuing the external accreditation based on the EA
4. To develop an EA implementation toolkit

Phase 1 – setting the scene

1. Survey on EA implementation
 - 260 respondents from 33 countries
 - HEIs and QA&As
2. ImEA project seminar
 - Current achievements
 - Understanding challenges ahead
3. [EA implementation background report](#) – available on impea.online

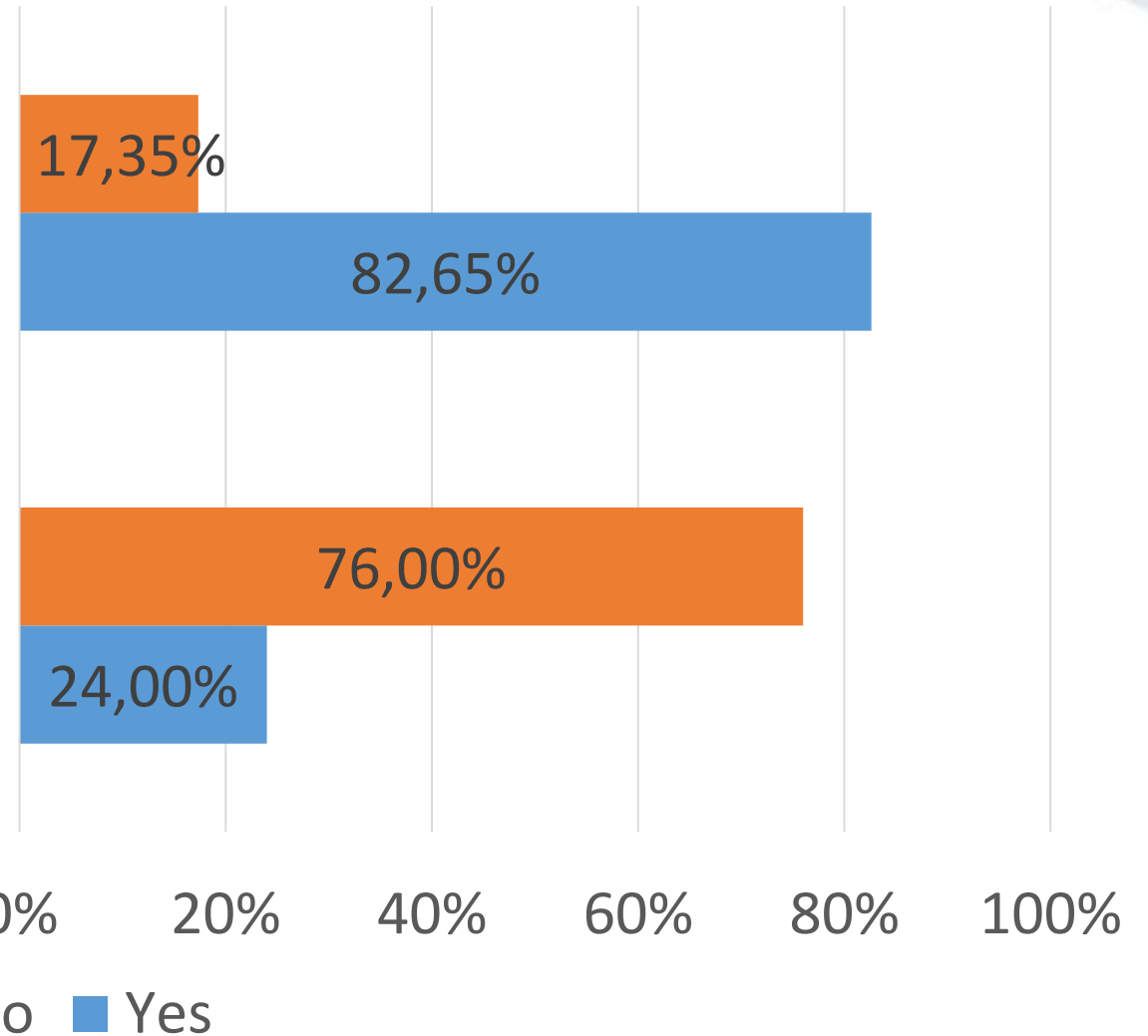


What we have learnt? key obstacles

- The definition of a joint programme;
- Lack of clarity regarding the eligibility to use the European Approach;
- The overall administrative burden related to the creation of joint programmes;
- Legislative frameworks that make the use of the European Approach unattractive, difficult or impossible;
- Lack of adequate information and ease of access to comprehensive and reliable information;
- Conflicting criteria and mismatched timelines between national quality assurance and accreditation systems.

What we have learnt? – our hope

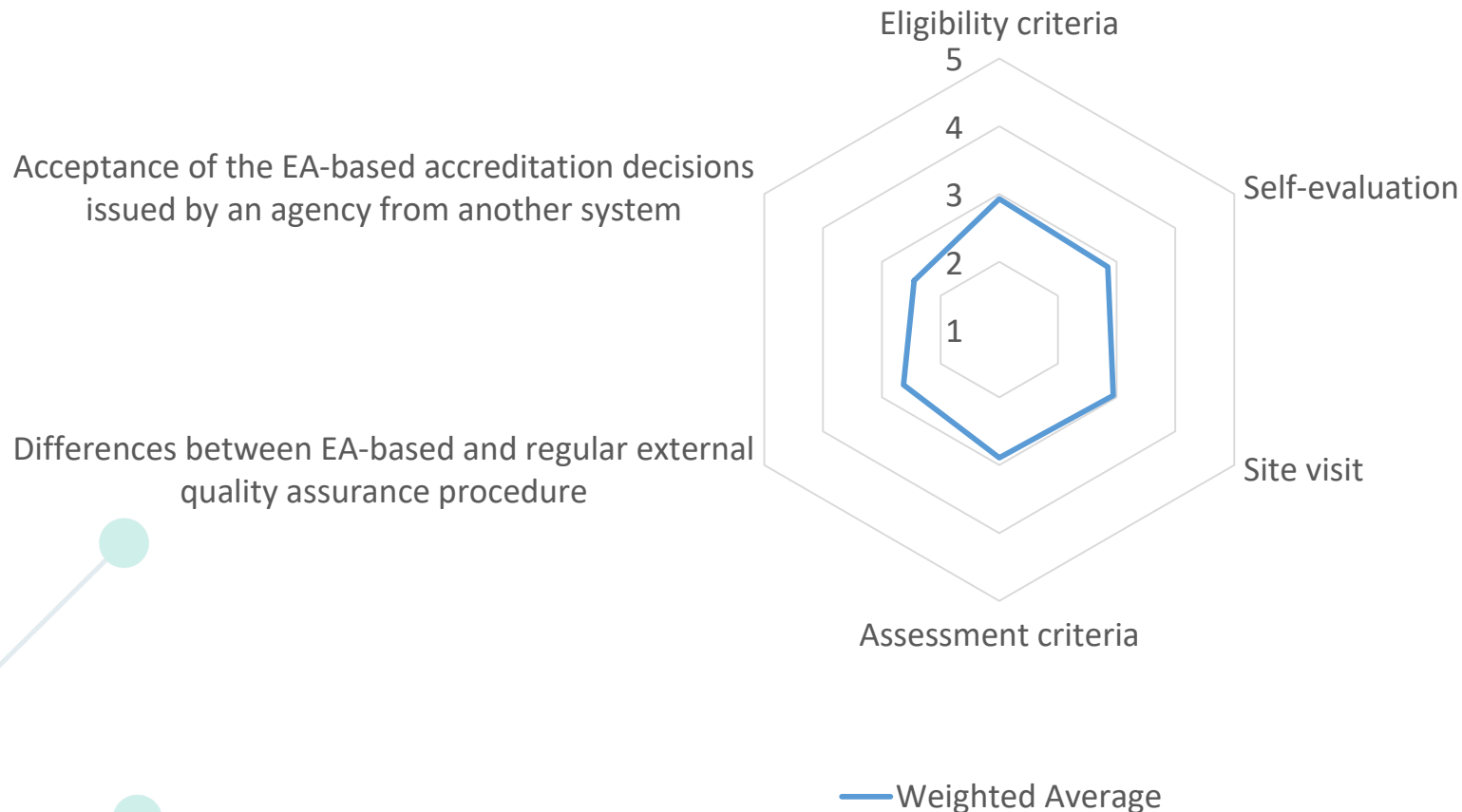
Would you consider applying for external quality assurance based on the European Approach framework?



Do you know how you could apply for EA-based QA procedure for your joint programme?

What we have learnt? – problems to solve

Have you got sufficient information concerning the following aspects of the European Approach:
(1 - I do not have sufficient information; 5 - I feel fully informed)



Phase 2 – practicing EA

1. Capacity building

- information meetings for partner HEIs
- trainings for panel members

2. EA-based procedures (3 ex post)

- [Template for self-evaluation report](#)
- Template for assessment report

3. Analytical report on project procedures

- practical experience
- ways forward

Phase 3 – Sustainability and dissemination

1. EA implementation toolkit

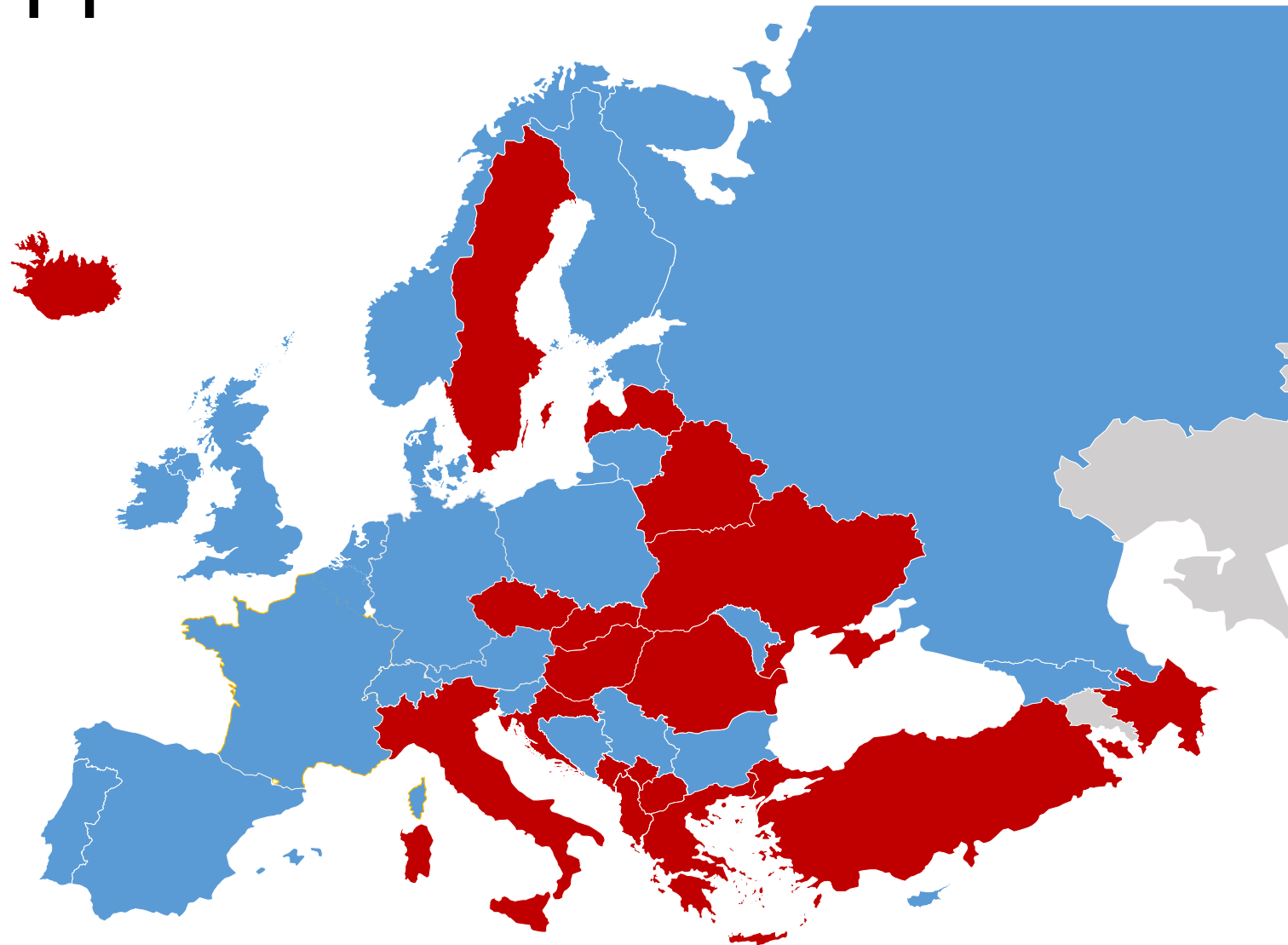
- Online interactive tool: <https://impea.eu>
- Answering challenges and obstacles in practical use of EA
- Practical guidance for policy makers, HEIs and QA&A agencies
- Frequently asked questions, templates, good practices
- Tips, advice, recommendations

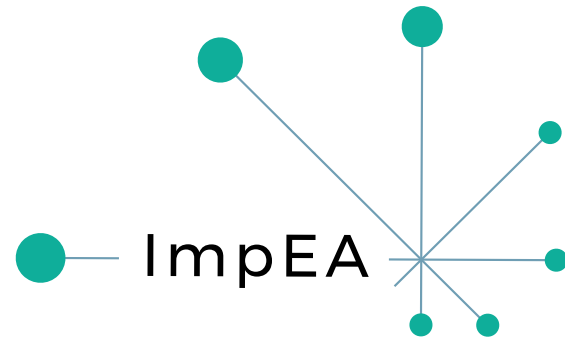
2. Multiplier and dissemination events - national and international – December 2020

- Country seminars – Spain, Germany, Poland
- Final conference – online – 17 December

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