

WP 1

Workpackage type: Development

Workpackagetite: Capacity Building

Description of workpackage:

The lead partner for the WP1 is QAA UK and IIEP; they will take care of its implementation and reporting.

For ensuring effectiveness and efficiency of further developments of TNE QA systems (internal and external) first capacity building of the HEIs QA staff, administration, academic staff and students will be undertaken. A working group (WG) including EU and local experts will be established to develop a training kit for HEIs and EQA bodies. This will be a collection of interconnected materials and events. The kit will focus on the ways in which quality assurance requirements of home and host country are mapped, compared and understood.

The two training sessions will be guided by a blended learning approach and will include an online learning module (a preparatory session prior to training events), two workshops (for 10 QA staff in QAA UK and for 24 HEIs in UJM) and case studies. A partnership team of QA specialists from PCs, IIEP and the QAA UK will develop the design of the training sessions.

For HEIs the focus will be on comparative QA processes; roles and responsibilities; structures and management; review and accreditation methods; reviewers roles and training; site visit methodologies and reporting. At the end of the process a plan and template for the development of QA units at HEIs will have been elaborated along with a timescale for each HEI. The plans will include mobilisation and transition plans as well as three year strategic and development plans. For QA agencies the training will focus on the issues surrounding comparative QA processes including concepts such as comparative standards, the emerging challenges for QA of TNE in the partner countries and the role of networks of external QA bodies.

After the trainings the HEIs will revise/establish QA units; will develop concept papers, regulatory framework, policies and procedures for QA. Procurement of equipment for internal and external QA units will follow.