



# IMINQA

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## Thematic Peer Group C on QA

In September 2018, the Bologna Follow-Up Group (BFUG) formally established the Thematic Peer Group C on Quality Assurance (TPG C on QA) to support the implementation of the key commitment within the European Higher Education Area on quality assurance. The key commitment to quality assurance (key commitment 3) focuses on promoting a quality culture in higher education, fostered by fit-for-purpose quality assurance processes in line with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG).

The main objectives of the three-year<sup>1</sup> *Implementation and Innovation in Quality Assurance through peer learning* (IMINQA) project are to improve the implementation of key commitment 3 and to innovate Quality Assurance (QA) systems within the European Higher Education Area. The Thematic Peer Group C on QA (TPG C) meetings played an important role to achieve these objectives. During six TPG C meetings, the different members (countries as well as stakeholders) were brought together to learn from each other, via break-out groups, plenary sessions and presentations on various themes including innovative topics such as Digitalisation of QA and Micro-Credentials (also topics within the IMINQA project).

The IMINQA project coincides with two BFUG working periods (2021-2024 and 2024-2027), with different co-chairs in each working period. The co-chairs are responsible for organising the meetings, drafting up the agenda, facilitating discussions among participants and reporting the progress to the BFUG. The three co-chairs of the 2021-2024 working period – Belgium (Flemish Ministry), Romania and Kazakhstan – were responsible for the organisation of the Kick-off meeting and the first five TPG C meetings. Co-chairs France and Romania of the current BFUG working period (2024-2027) organised the last TPG C meeting within the IMINQA project.

The report of each meeting - including the participants list - and all documentation (presentations and agendas) is available on the EHEA website: [TPG C on QA Activities 2021-2024](#)

The project coordinators of IMINQA would like to extend their gratitude to the BFUG Secretariat for their work in composing the reports. These efforts were essential in ensuring the smooth progression of our initiatives and providing clear, comprehensive insights.

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<sup>1</sup> The IMINQA project started in May 2022 and is finalised in April 2025.

## Overview of the meetings

Throughout the IMINQA project, six TPG C meetings were organised. A recurrent point on the agenda was the state of play of the IMINQA work packages, the evolutions in the country work plans of the TPG C and in depth discussions on specific topics, related to QA.

Each meeting is briefly summarised below followed by the hyperlink to access the report of each meeting. All the reports can be consulted at the publicly accessible EHEA website.

ONLINE MEETINGS	MEETING	DATE
	Kick-off	30/06/2021
	TPG C 2	30/11/2022
	TPG C 4	05/12/2023

ON LOCATION	MEETING	DATE	LOCATION
	TPG C 1	17-18/05/2022	Leuven – Belgium
	TPG C 3	01-02/06/2023	Astana – Kazakhstan
	TPG C 5	13-14/06/2024	Constanta – Romania
	TPG C 6	28-29/11/2024	Ghent – Belgium

### **Kick-off meeting, Online, 30 June 2021**

On 30 June 2021, an online kick-off meeting took place. This meeting was organised by the co-chairs prior to the official start of the IMINQA project to discuss the 2021 – 2024 work plan of the TPG C on QA. The meeting focused on introducing the members on the 2018-2021 state of play of the TPG C and on discussing the 2021-2024 work plan for TPG C and the supporting Erasmus+ projects.

The meeting minutes can be found via this link: [TPG C Kick-off Minutes of meeting.pdf](#)

### **TPG C on QA meeting 1, Belgium - Leuven, 17-18 May 2022**

The first meeting was hosted in Leuven (Belgium) by the Flemish Ministry of Education and Training as co-chair of the TPG C and project coordinator of IMINQA. The meeting focused on the following topics: Legislative framework in line with the European Standards and Guidelines (ESG) or Digitalisation of Quality Assurance processes, Enhancement-oriented use of the ESG or Cross-border Quality Assurance, the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes or Internal quality assurance and quality culture. These topics were discussed in depth via parallel sessions which provided input for the discussions the following day.

The minutes of the meeting are available here: [TPG C 1 Minutes of meeting.pdf](#)

### **TPG C on QA meeting 2, Online, 30 November 2022**

The second meeting took place online. The meeting started with an overview of the activities within the IMINQA project and its seven work packages. One of the seven work packages is the Staff Mobility programme, which was implemented at a later stage in the IMINQA project. To provide more insight into this staff mobility programme as peer learning activity, two participants shared their experience of visiting a host organisation. These mobilities took place in a previous Erasmus+ project (Bologna Peer Group on QA: Staff Mobility Project 2019-2021). This was followed by a discussion on the new



social dimension indicators and the role of QA Agencies, as well as a presentation of other projects in the field of QA (such as [QA-FIT](#) and [SEQA-ESG2](#))

The minutes of the meeting can be found here: [TPG C 2 Minutes of meeting.pdf](#)

### **TPG C on QA meeting 3, Kazakhstan - Astana, 1-2 June 2023**

Early June 2023, the third meeting was organised by co-chair Kazakhstan in Astana. On the first meeting day, representatives shared their countries' progress in implementing the TPG C action plan. They received a comprehensive overview of the work package activities within the IMINQA project and participated in two parallel sessions: (1) Internal and External Quality Assurance to support the social dimension of HE and (2) the role in society of higher education and implications for (internal and external) Quality Assurance. The conclusions of the parallel sessions were discussed on the second day, followed by a presentation on Artificial Intelligence and a presentation on the QA of Micro-credentials desk research.

The minutes of the meeting are available here: [TPG C 3 Minutes of the Meeting.pdf](#)

### **TPG C on QA meeting 4, Online, 5 December 2023**

During the fourth meeting, TPG C members received an update on the latest activities within IMINQA. An update was given on the PLA on the QA of Joint programmes organised prior to the TPG C in September. Two other participants of the staff mobility programme shared their experience and an update was given on the state of play of the work packages on the QA of Micro-credentials and QA of European Universities. The online meeting ended with a presentation on the Draft Bologna Process Implementation report – the chapter on QA- and a discussion on the TPG C report and contribution to Tirana Communiqué.

The meeting report is available on the EHEA website: [TPG C 4 Minutes of the Meeting.pdf](#)

### **TPG C on QA meeting 5, Romania – Constanta, 13-14 June 2024**

TPG C 5 took place in Constanta in June 2024 and was hosted by co-chair Romania. ARACIS (the Romanian QA Agency) is also a project partner in the IMINQA project. On the first day, the TPG C members were informed on the survey results on the degree of digital transformation in QA processes among QAAs in EHEA countries, as part of Work Package 7 of IMINQA. This was followed by an overview of the Tirana Communiqué and the ENQA's and EQAR's message to the EHEA ministers of education. The second day included discussions on the proposals for the TPG C work in the next BFUG working period (2024 – 2027) and reports on the outcomes and achievements of TPG A and TPG B.

The minutes of the meeting are accessible via this link: [TPG C 5 Minutes of the Meeting.pdf](#)

### **TPG C on QA meeting 6, Belgium – Ghent, 28-29 November 2024**

The last TPG C meeting organised as part of the IMINQA project was hosted by the project coordinator of the IMINQA project - the Flemish Ministry of Education- and took place in Ghent. The meeting was organised together with the new co-chairs Romania and France, as the meeting was also the first in the BFUG working period 2024-2027. The meeting focused, on the one hand on the activities that took place in the 2021-2024 working period and on the other hand the work plan 2024-2027 was prepared. Priorities were identified as well as directions for facilitating quality assurance within the EHEA.

The minutes of the meeting are available here: [TPG C 6 Minutes of the Meeting.pdf](#)

