



QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ENHANCEMENT MARKETPLACE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS



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Aston University was founded in 1895 and has been a University since 1966. Aston has four Schools: Aston Business School, School of Engineering & Applied Science, School of Languages & Social Sciences and School of Life & Health Sciences. The University is well known for research and has a strong reputation for its links with business and industry and the employability of its graduates. Aston is a member of the QAEMP Project through the Engineering Education Research Group located in the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

The School has been increasing its use of active learning approaches, in particular the use of the CDIO framework. By underpinning its learning and teaching developments with sound scholarship and research, Aston has become the leading UK university engaged in engineering education research. It is looking forward to taking part in this ambitious project and developing further the understanding of how to improve active learning across all disciplines, starting with engineering.

Partners in QAEMP

The project consortium consists of eight European higher education institutions: Reykjavik University, Iceland; Turku University of Applied Sciences, Finland; Aarhus University, Denmark; Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Finland; Umeå University, Sweden; Telecom Bretagne, France; Aston University, United Kingdom and Queens University Belfast, United Kingdom. More information about the project will be available on the project website that will be launched at the beginning of 2015 at the latest and on the Erasmus+ dissemination platform.

About QAEMP

QAEMP is a two year Erasmus+ KA2 – Cooperation and Innovation for Good Practices project, starting in September 2014. The aim is to contribute to the modernisation of Europe's higher education systems as outlined in the 2011 EU Modernisation Agenda. We will develop a new collaborative, comprehensive and accessible evaluation process model, methods and tools (The Market Place), for HEIs to complement the QA accreditation systems they use. We want to promote collaboration between HEIs and to disseminate QA methods and experiences. The first meeting in the project was in Birmingham in September 2014 at the time of the SEFI Annual Conference where we discussed the aim of the project, the work packages, the activities and the timeline of the project.



Upcoming events

1. Next meeting will be at Reykjavik University in Iceland in February when we will be in month 6 of the project. On the agenda is the review of each WP objectives, the work on the Market Place and the dissemination of the project.
2. We will have a workshop at the 2015 CDIO European Regional Meeting which will be held at Reykjavik University in Iceland.