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OPENING PANEL

María Senena Corbalán García. Vice-chancellor for Research and Internationalisation, University of Murcia

Mercedes Siles Molina, Director National Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation, ANECA

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TUESDAY 19 MAY 2020 - 16.30h – 18.30h (GMT + 1-Brussels Time)

16.30h	**Opening Panel** María Senena Corbalán García. Vice-rector for Research and Internationalisation, University of Murcia Mercedes Siles Molina, Director National Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation, ANECA, Spain
16.45h	**Presentation of the Project** Cecilia Ruiz Esteban, Co-ordinator EQuAM-LA, University of Murcia
17.00h	**Introduction of the partners and expectations of the project**
17:15h	**Revision of the project's objectives and WP 1 y 2** Martín Strah, Comisión Nacional de Evaluación y Acreditación Universitaria, CONEAU, Argentina
17:45h	**Financial management and administrative procedures of the project** Javier Cortés, International Relations, University of Murcia
18.15h	**Agenda and next steps** Cecilia Ruiz, University of Murcia
18.30h	**Closure** María Senena Corbalán García, University of Murcia

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Universidad Complutense de Madrid	Spain
ANECA	Spain
European Assoc for Quality Assurance in Higher Education	Belgium
UNIROMA	Italy
University College Cork	Ireland

CONEAU	Argentina
Universidad Nacional del Litoral	Argentina
Universidad Abierta Iberoamericana	Argentina
CNEA	Nicaragua
UNAN Managua	Nicaragua
UNAN León	Nicaragua
Universidad Panamá	Panamá
Universidad Técnica Panamá	Panamá
CCA	Panamá
Ministerio de Educación de Panamá	Panamá
ASCUN	Colombia
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For the original KoM, the contracting of a translation service had been foreseen. In videoconferences this system is not functional. Slides will be in English and each partner could use any of both languages. Although, presentation in English and in Spanish will be available at UMU-BOX (cloud)

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The concern of the regional and subregional cooperation around quality control, accreditation and recognition:

- CONEAU is playing a major part in regional accreditation within 'ARCUSUR' and acting as a bridge with Paraguay, Chile and Uruguay in spreading the Mercosur Educative Network;
- CCA has been promoting accreditation across Central America, including in countries that do not yet have national QA systems;
- CNA and existing Central American agencies have cooperated in the past in the context of the network RIACES to build capacity in QA and encourage dialogue;
- ANECA is implementing its AUDIT-Centroamerica project along with the Central America and Caribe, which deals directly with the development of IQAs in universities in three countries: Panamá, Costa Rica and Honduras.

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Therefore, EQUAM-LA proposes to support national universities and agencies to work together, improve and reinforce internal quality control management and processes and link them to specific areas, such as recognition. This includes a focus on:

- Aligning national and regional agency support for the development of quality units within universities, resourcing them, and the promotion and use of common tools for quality enhancement.
- Supporting internal university procedures for managing recognition of foreign degrees and credits and linking this to quality management
- Enhanced articulation of university QA Units with international relations offices, to guarantee quality mobility and exchange predicated on mutual recognition

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To advance the Latin American Higher Education Space in areas such as recognition of degrees and credits across borders by reinforcing and connecting quality assurance systems for higher education, in which universities and QA agencies are key partners and drivers.

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- To support internal university procedures for managing recognition of foreign degrees and credits and linking this to quality management, with the guidance of a joint-developed 'tool kit' for Partner countries in Latin America
- To enhance articulation of university QA Units with international relations offices via a training programme, in order to guarantee quality mobility and exchange predicated on mutual recognition
- To align national and regional QA agency support for the development of quality units within universities, their resourcing, and the promotion and use of common tools for quality enhancement and recognition
- To further promote in Latin America an understanding of European tools and standards for quality enhancement and recognition in higher education, so that LA and European QA and recognition systems can be easily related.

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Enhancing and Promoting Latin American Mobility

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IMPALA

MIMIR
MODERNISATION OF INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT OF INNOVATION AND RESEARCH IN SOUTH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

HICA
Harmonisation and Innovation in Central American Higher Education Curricula: Enhancing and Implementing a Regional Qualifications Framework

EQuAM-M
Enhancing Quality Assurance Management in Morocco

EQUAMBI
Enhancing Quality Assurance Management and Benchmarking Strategies in Indian Universities

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Universidad de Santander UDES

UNIVERSIDAD COMPLUTENSE MADRID

UNIVERSIDAD DE PANAMÁ

SAPIENZA UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA

UNL UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DEL LITORAL

UCC University College Cork, Ireland
Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh

UAI Universidad Abierta Interamericana

UNAN-León

UNAN-Managua

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UNIVERSIDAD DE CALDAS

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OBREAL OBSERVATORIO DE LAS RELACIONES UNIÓN EUROPEA-AMÉRICA LATINA

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WP2 – Development - Developing a 'QA tool-kit' to facilitate recognition, to meet international needs, national requirements and international expectations

1. Study visit on national requirements and institutional practice (hosted to European agency to identify the QA tool kit components (hosted by ANECA) and outcome report
2. Study visit on international pactices in QA and recognition (to Brussels, hosted by ENQA)
3. Drafting committee for QA tool-kit - Draft 1 produced
4. National round tables - Socialisation of tool-kit and feedback generation (involving ministries and other bodies relevant to QA and recognition)
5. Final draft of tool kit produced
6. Partnership workshop to discuss and approve tool-Kit

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WP3 – Development – Training for QA Units and IROs

1. Training event 1: International procedures for recognition (target: QA Units)
2. Training event 2: QA procedures and implications for recognition (target: IRO staff)
3. Training event 3: Using the Tool Kit (target: QA Units and IROs together)
4. Equipment purchase (to underpin recognition practices or data management)

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WP4 – Aligning and integrating EQA, IQA and recognition practices: Testing the Tool kit

1. Test teams within universities – contact points from QA Unit and IRO
2. University test and implementation plans
3. Expert support visits to partner universities, from Europe (during test phase, to provide consultancy).
4. Outcome reports and suggestions for further implementation of the tool-kit

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WP5 – Dissemination and Explotation

1. Webinar series (3) on key project outcomes, targeting university community in three countries and staff within each partner university
2. Website
3. Promotion tool-kit
4. Project Video
5. E+ synergies event (follow-up to WP1)
6. Final conference attached to EU-CELAC policy dialogue event: Enhancing QA and recognition between EU and LAC

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WP6 – Quality

1. Quality committee
2. Quality tools and online reporting scorecard
3. External mid-term and final evaluation

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WP7 – Management

1. KOM
2. Project Management Team
3. Steering Committee (bi-annual conference calls)
4. Reporting templates and guidelines
5. Partner help-line

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- ✓ **WP 1**: Led by the CCA. Synergies and Resources portal.
- ✓ **WP 2**: Led by ANECA and ASCUN. Development of the toolkit.
- ✓ **WP 3**: Led by the University of Murcia. Quality assurance training.
- ✓ **WP 4**: Led by CONEAU and UNL. Alignment and integration for the recognition of internal quality systems practices.
- ✓ **WP 5**: Led by OBREAL. Dissemination.
- ✓ **WP 6**: Led by CNEA. Monitoring and evaluation of the quality of the project.
- ✓ **WP 7**: Led by the University of Murcia and OBREAL. Project management.

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Posible extension: 12 Months

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RESULTS/DELIBERABLES	PROYECTO	PROPUESTA
SINERGIES WORKSHOP	M6	M8
RESOURCE PORTAL	M10	M12
STUDY VISIT	M11-M13	M13-15
TOOLKIT	M16-M21	M18-23
PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP	M22	M22
TRAINING ACTIVITIES	M23	M25
TEST TEAM FOR TOOL KIT IMPLEMENTATION	M27-END	M30-SS

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