Exploring synergies between quality assurance and qualifications recognition
1-2 June 2017, Dublin, Ireland

Venue:
Radisson Blu Royal Hotel
8 Golden Ln
Dublin
Ireland

Day 1, 1 June 2017

12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
	Registration

Swift Suite 1-2, first floor
Chair: Niamh Lenehan (QQI, Ireland)

13:30 – 13:45   **Welcome**
Bryan Maguire, Director of Quality Assurance, QQI

13:45 – 14:30   **Keynote: Setting quality assurance and recognition in context**
Stig Arne Skjerven (NOKUT, Norway)

Response from QA agency: Emita Blagdan (ASHE, Croatia)
Response from HEI representative body: Lewis Purser (Irish Universities Association, Ireland)

14:30 – 15:00   **Recognition and quality assurance from the institutional perspective**
Christian Tauch (German Rectors' Conference, Germany)

15:00 – 15:30   Coffee break

Swift Suite 1-2, first floor
Chair: Aurelija Valeikienė (SKVC, Lithuania)

15:30 – 16:15   **How European QA agencies deal with recognition: findings from the ENQA working group**
Teresa Sánchez Chaparro (CTI, France)

Questions and answers session

16:15 – 17:30   **Successful QA agency – ENIC-NARIC collaboration: a dialogue**
Mark Frederiks (NVAO, Netherlands)
Stig Arne Skjerven (NOKUT, Norway)
Bas Wegewijs (EP-NUFFIC, Netherlands)

Interactive discussion and Q&A

17:30   Closing of Day 1
Reception

Day 2, 2 June 2017
Swift Suite 1-2, first floor
Chair: Teresa Sánchez Chaparro (CTI, France)

9:00 – 9:15   **Introduction to the breakout sessions**

9:15 – 10:15   **Breakout session (Round 1)**
    1. Group 1: Recognition of non-formal and informal learning
       Deirdre Goggin (CIT, Ireland) and Marie-Jo Goedert (CTI, France)
       Fields Suite 1-2
    2. Group 2: Recognition of qualifications and study periods
       *Eva Fernandez Labastida (Unibasq, Spain) and Carme Edo Rios
       (AQU Catalunya, Spain)*
       Swift Suite 1-2

10:15 – 10:45   Coffee break

10:45 – 11:45   **Breakout session (Round 2)**

    1. Group 1: Recognition of qualifications and study periods
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    2. Group 2: Recognition of non-formal and informal learning
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11:45 – 12:00   A short break for participants to return to Swift Suite 1-2

12:00 – 12:30   **Conclusions from the breakout sessions**

12:30 – 13:00   **Linking internal and external quality assurance with academic
recognition – what is the way forward?**
Aurelija Valeikienė (SKVC, Lithuania)

13:00   Closing of Day 2
Lunch