

Accreditation of Joint Master Programmes within the Euroleague for Life Sciences

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Overview

- **Definition**
- **Accreditation systems in the Euroleague**
- **Challenges**
- **European developments**
- **Recommendations for the Euroleague**

What is accreditation?

- **External review**
- **Certification of defined benchmarks**
- **Valid for a certain period of time**
- **Ex-ante/ex-post processes**

Accreditation in the Euroleague

- **7 Partners - 7 different systems**
 - 5 accreditation systems
 - 1 evaluation system
 - 1 no-accreditation system
- **Similarities**
 - Focus on degree programmes
 - Rather comparable criteria and basic processes
 - Consequences
- **Differences**
 - Implementation
 - Accreditation agencies
 - Costs

Challenges

- **National sovereignty of education in Europe**
- **International programmes - but no international accreditation standards recognized nationally**
- **Mutual recognition of results**
- **Costs**
- **Dynamic field – different developments**

European Developments

- **Joint accreditation procedures**
- **Achieving mutual recognition of accreditation results www.eacaconsortium.net**
- **Voluntary accreditation => excellence**
 - EQUIS
- **Development of European wide subject specific accreditation schemes, e.g.**
 - Quality Project/ICA
 - Euro-Inf

Recommendation: joint accreditation

- **Joint accreditation**
 - Joint procedure carried out by responsible agencies
 - Some pilot projects in Europe
- **Appropriate tool for international programmes**
- **Implementing Bologna further**
- **Marketing**

Marketing



International Supply Chain Management

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The new MBA programme "International Supply Chain Management" gets the bi-national accreditation: ZEvA and NVAO accredit together the new part-time MBA programme in logistics

The German accreditation agency (Zentrale Evaluations- und Akkreditierungsagentur Hannover) and the Dutch accreditation institution NVAO (Nederlands-Vlaamse Accreditatie Organisatie) have recently accredited a new MBA study course. Thus, for the first time a study course, developed in cross-border cooperation between three universities, gets a double seal of quality.

The Universities of Applied Sciences Osnabrück and Münster as well as the Saxion Hogeschool Enschede/NL will offer the joint developed MBA course "International Supply Chain Management" in the summer semester 2007. Every of these three partner universities will establish this MBA course on



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Accreditation project of the QA

- **Analysis and summary of the different accreditation schemes**
- **Important contacts and links**
 - Relevant contacts at the universities
 - Accreditation agencies
 - Criteria and frameworks
- **Information tools in development**
 - Flow-chart, info sheets, internet links

Outlook

- **Future developments not predictable**
 - Institutional accreditation?
 - International accreditation schemes and/or international agencies?
 - Mutual recognition of results?

Summary

- **Different approaches in the Euroleague**
- **National sovereignty of education ↔ international programmes**
- **At present no international accreditation frameworks recognized nationally – but joint procedures possible**
- **Different developments in Europe**

Thank you very much for your attention!

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