

Abstracts presentation Guy Aelterman : Joint QA procedures and mutual recognition

Joint QA procedures and mutual recognition are influenced and determined by the object of the recognition, the rationale of the recognition and finally by the tools (legally) available for recognition. An analysis of the case and of the objective of the recognition is an important first step to come to a for each partner acceptable recognition.

Depending on the case, several tools and methods are available. The experiences of NVAO with procedures such as the ECA mutual recognition, the recognition of an international accreditation by a national agency, joint or bi-accreditations and the recognition of joint or multi degrees or programmes underline the necessity of mutual trust, flexibility, pragmatism and the will to come to results.