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Training students in quality assurance in higher education

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INTRODUCTION

Students, as users and key stakeholders:

- Need to be informed on the way in which they can participate in Quality Assurance (QA) processes
- Need to know how they can use the results of QA implementations to make correct decisions

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- Having a significant number of students aware on QA and evaluations is beneficial to the internal and external QA procedures
- Training students on QA could be a relevant indicator of how dynamic is the quality strategy of a HE institution



20 - 30 hours courses



LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Capacity to make judgments about the EHEA developments
- Capacity to be involved in internal quality processes
- Capacity to participate in external panels



ACCESS TO THE COURSES

- Universities should inform about the recommended student profile to be admitted to the training course. AQU suggests to require and admission to the course for those students having at least one year of HE enrolment and some experience in students' representation
- A training course in one institution should be open to students coming from other Catalan HE institutions
- Universities should adequately advertise the course to the students



PROGRAMME AND RESOURCES

The courses should provide information on:

- Learning activities
- Teaching methods
- The basic content structure
- Assessment procedures (at least AQU is requiring a paper work assessment evidence)



PROGRAMME AND RESOURCES

Teaching staff:

- Should have a very good knowledge about the programme contents
- AQU will provide additional trainers to the course
- AQU is going to organise sessions with ESU representatives
- Students from previous year can also take part as trainers



RESULTS

AQU requires the following information:

- List with the students attending the course
- List of the students who got a positive qualification at the end
- List of recommended students to be included as AQU potential experts
- Programme evaluation with the opinions of teachers and students



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Thank you