

ENQASP

(European Network for Quality Assurance in Study Programmes in Social Professions)

Mission

At present, the accreditation of study programs is done on a national level. At the same time, Europe is moving towards an integrated educational space and labor market, with the premise that studies can be continued or work can be assumed anywhere else in Europe after having earned a degree in higher education.

Even though the European space may be open for studies and work, a degree received in one country may not be recognised in another automatically. Therefore, individuals who wish to work or study abroad often have to go through arduous procedures in convincing universities and employers of the fact that their (foreign) degree is of equal value, since a European accreditation of study programs does not yet exist.

ENQASP intends to fill this gap in European policy, as has been done for study programs awarding a degree in business administration. Upon request, and if specific quality standards are met, **ENQASP provides a European seal of approval.**

What ENQASP does (and what it does not do)

ENQASP in no way competes with any national accreditation of study programs. Therefore, when a study program also receives the ENQASP European seal of approval the quality of a degree that has been awarded under a particular national accreditation system is in no way questioned.

In providing the European seal of approval, **ENQASP adds an additional dimension to a degree awarded under a nationally accredited study program.**

With this additional – the European – seal of approval, individuals holding a degree can be more certain that their degree will automatically be accepted as equivalent by employers and universities in other European countries. And Universities awarding a degree can be more certain that their graduates will automatically find acceptance in universities and on the labor market in other European countries. **The ENQASP European seal of approval represents an added value to a degree for students, professionals, employers and universities. It instills confidence that the holder of a given degree will have additional competence to successfully be employed or to study in other countries in Europe.**

ENQASP procedures

If a university wishes to also obtain the **ENQASP European seal of approval** for the degrees it awards, ENQASP will send a team of experts evaluating the study program according to certain criteria that relate to competences deemed important for employment and continued studies on a European level. Upon successful completion of this evaluation, the ENQASP European seal of approval will be awarded. The cost will depend on the complexity of the evaluation. Should ENQASP be able to build on information that has been assembled for the national accreditation of a study program, the cost will be considerably less than for most national accreditations. However, even if ENQASP should not be able to build on data provided for the national accreditation, the cost will be less than for a national accreditation.

Soon, you will be able to contact ENQASP through its own web page. If you wish to know more about ENQASP now, please contact Prof. Dr. Christine Labonte, President EASSW under Labonte@asfh-berlin.de .

Who is ENQASP?

ENQASP is an association registered under European law. Members of ENQASP are various European associations in the field of social professions representing universities, employers and professionals. Present membership consists of EASSW, FESET, FICE, AIEJI and CESSNET/MACESS.