Database of External Quality Assurance Results (DEQAR)

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Basic information

Location(s)
Rovaniemi, Finland

Website
http://www.biomeditech.fi/home.php

QF-EHEA levels
First Cycle, Second Cycle

Historical relationships
- succeeded Kemi-Tornio University of Applied Sciences on 01/07/2014
- succeeded Rovaniemi University of Applied Sciences on 01/07/2014
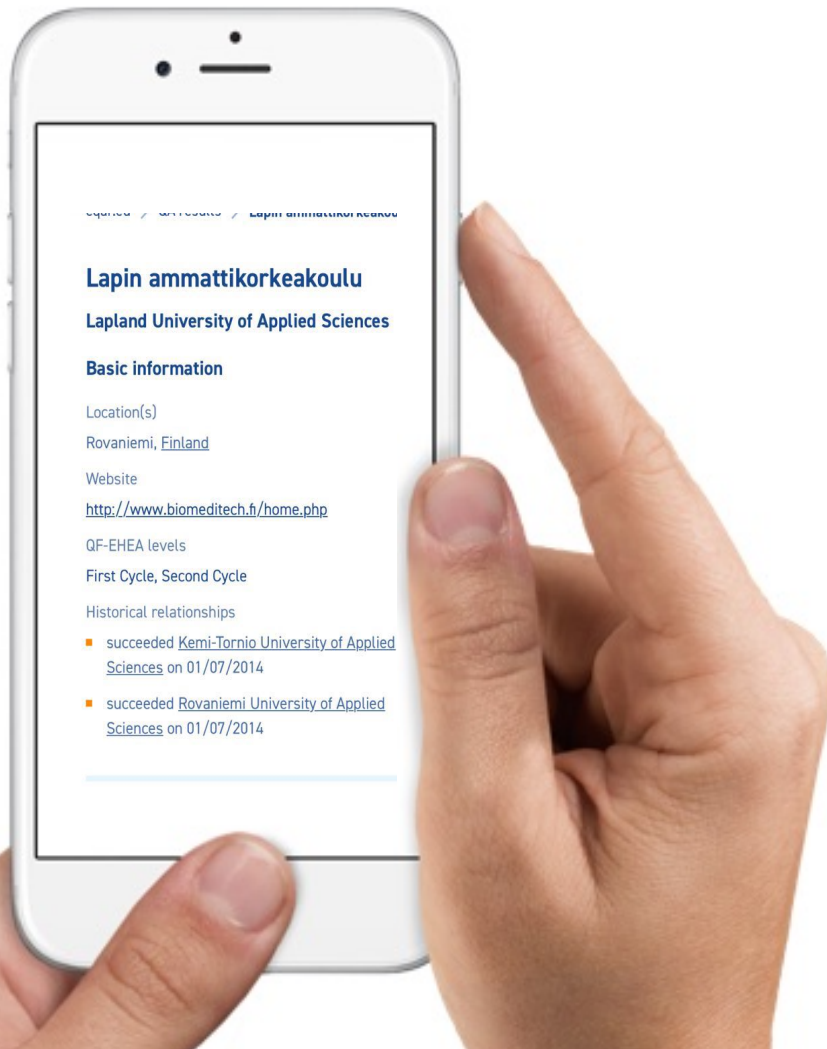
SQAA Conference for Members of HEIs' Self-Evaluation Groups

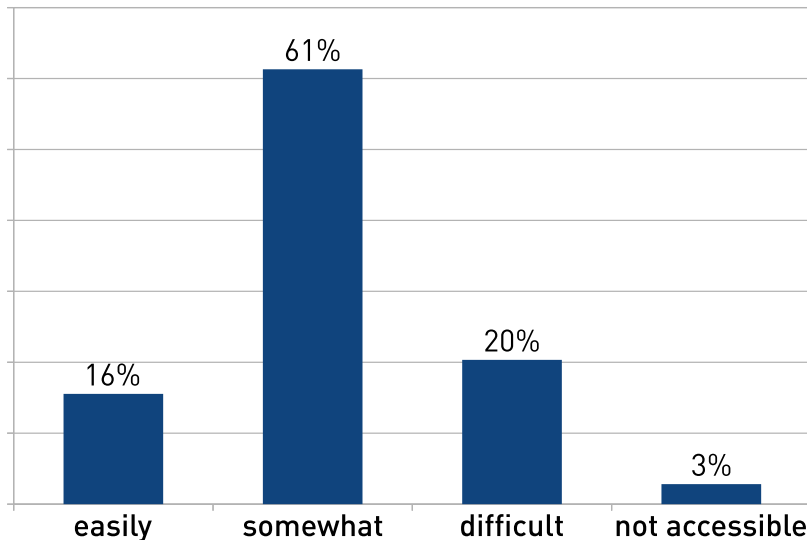Facilitating recognition through access to external quality assurance results

Colin Tück, EQAR

Background

Source: EQAR survey of potential users, 2016 (n=384)

- No optimal accessibility of quality assurance (QA) results

- Automatic recognition agenda (EHEA goal, EU recommendation)

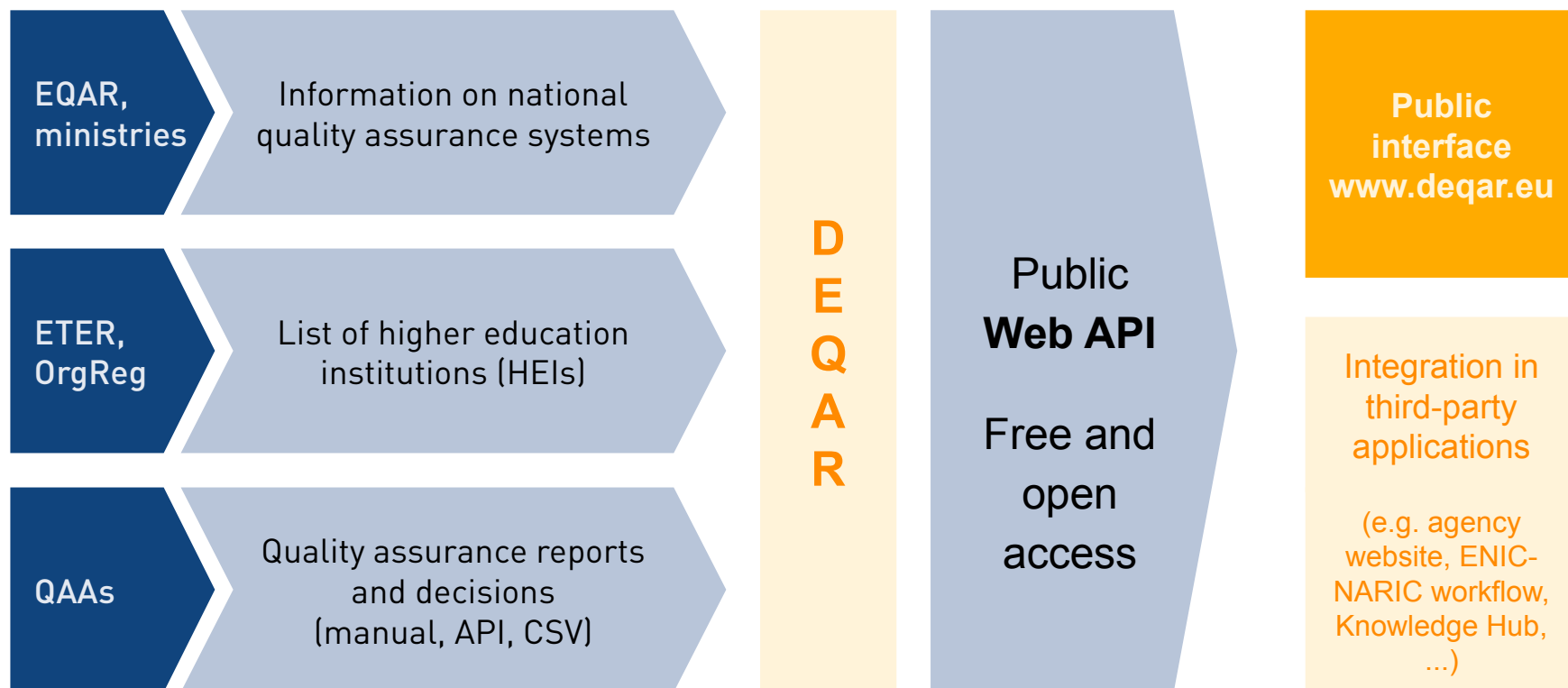- Need for easy access and understanding of QA

Approach

Aim:

- Collect all external QA reports/decisions by EQAR-registered agencies

- Map diversity of European QA systems

- Open to link up with other tools

Design principles:

- Lean approach

- Contextual information

- Low entry barrier for QA agencies

- Re-use what exists

- Free and open access

Information sources and use

EQAR, ministries → Information on national quality assurance systems

ETER, OrgReg → List of higher education institutions (HEIs)

QAAs → Quality assurance reports and decisions (manual, API, CSV)

DEQAR

Public **Web API**

Free and open access

Public interface www.deqar.eu

Integration in third-party applications

(e.g. agency website, ENIC-NARIC workflow, Knowledge Hub, ...)

Search and discovery

Browse and search

(by institution or by report, various filters)
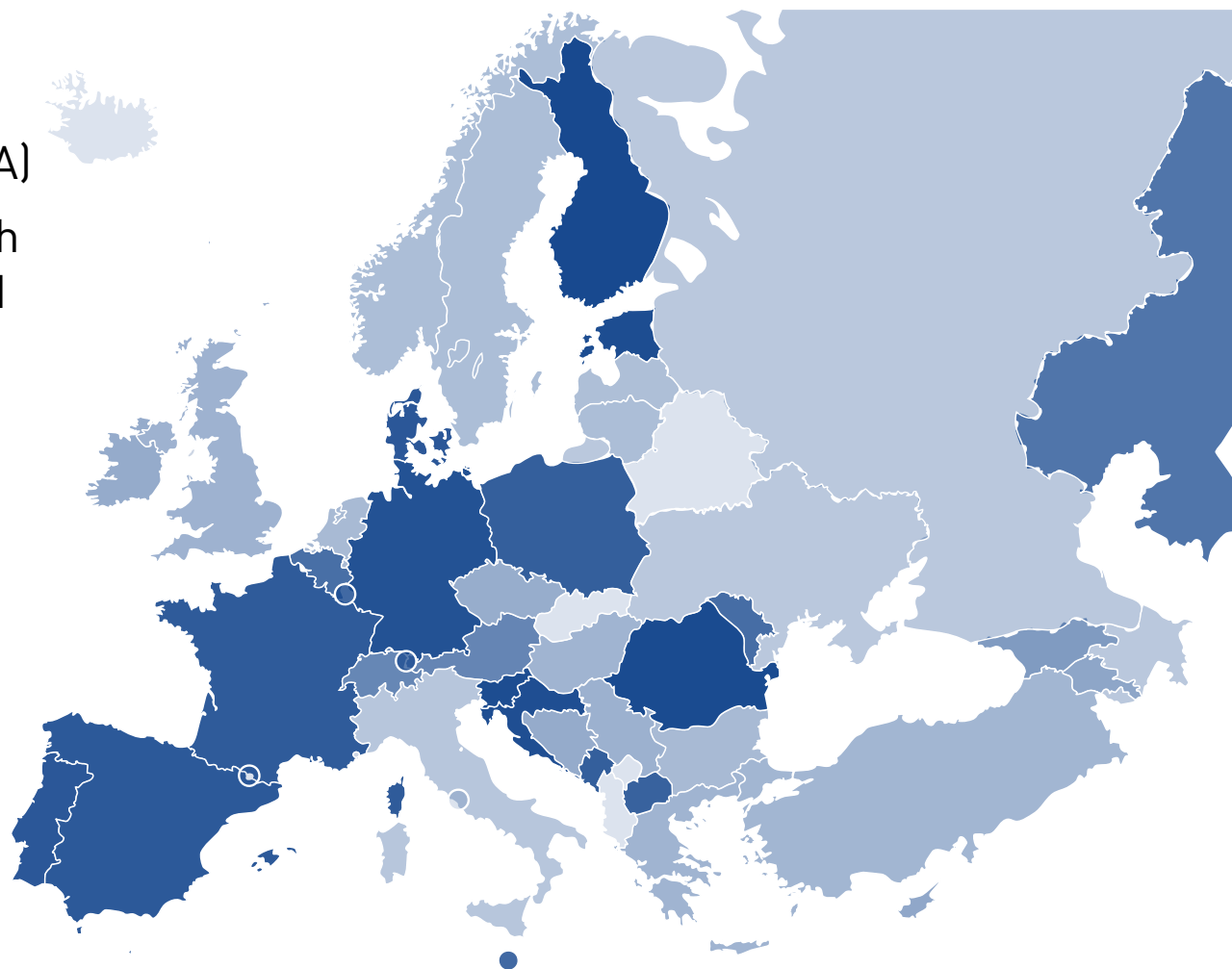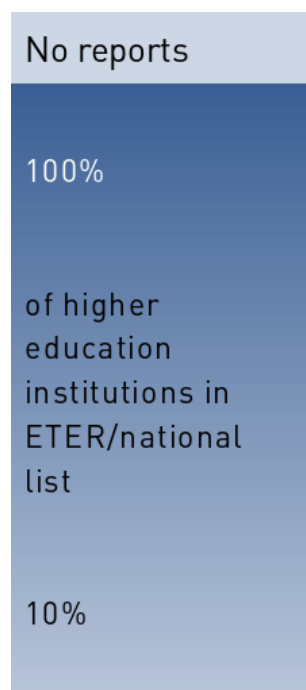
Historic records

Full download

Embed into third-party applications

Key figures & coverage

- **46 970 reports**

- 2 202 HEIs in
  67 countries (42 EHEA)

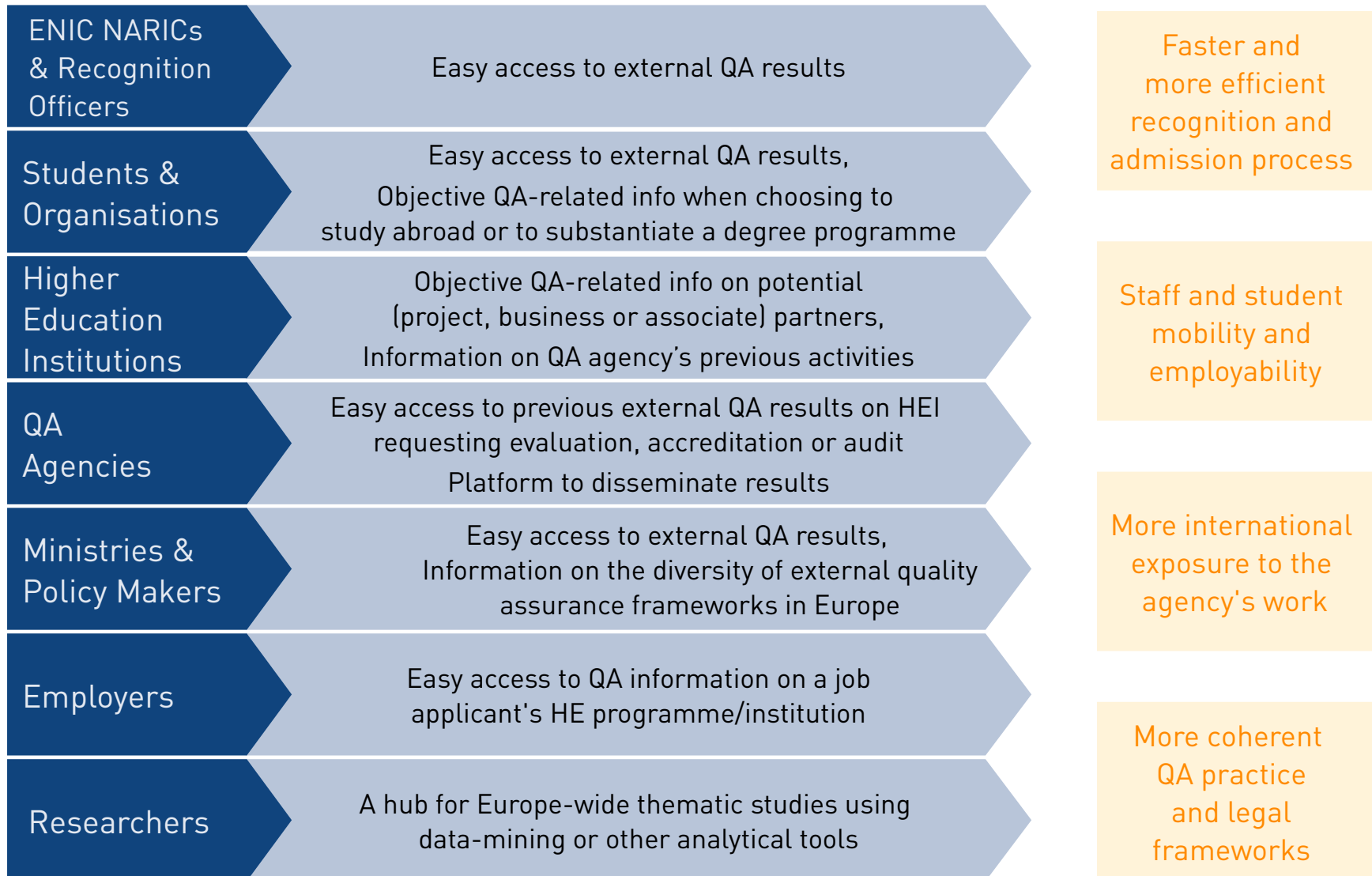- 16 EHEA systems with
  >50% of HEIs covered

No reports

100%

of higher
education
institutions in
ETER/national
list

10%

Let's see DEQAR in practice!

www.deqar.eu

What's in it for you?

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ENIC NARICs & Recognition Officers	Easy access to external QA results
Students & Organisations	Easy access to external QA results, Objective QA-related info when choosing to study abroad or to substantiate a degree programme
Higher Education Institutions	Objective QA-related info on potential (project, business or associate) partners, Information on QA agency's previous activities
QA Agencies	Easy access to previous external QA results on HEI requesting evaluation, accreditation or audit Platform to disseminate results
Ministries & Policy Makers	Easy access to external QA results, Information on the diversity of external quality assurance frameworks in Europe
Employers	Easy access to QA information on a job applicant's HE programme/institution
Researchers	A hub for Europe-wide thematic studies using data-mining or other analytical tools

Faster and more efficient recognition and admission process

Staff and student mobility and employability

More international exposure to the agency's work

More coherent QA practice and legal frameworks

Video

https://www.eqar.eu/qa-results/deqar-video/

Infographics

- Improve insights into European QA

- Work in progress, ideas welcome

Language of Cross-Border QA Reports

Language of Joint Programme Reports

Report decision - A3ES, Local review
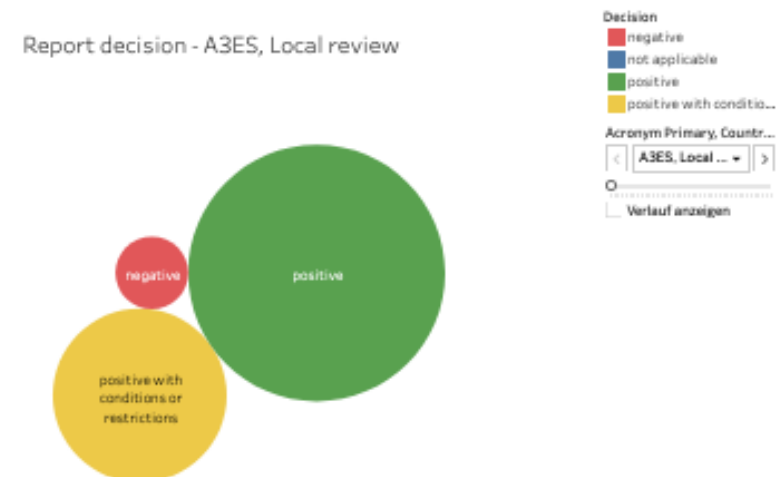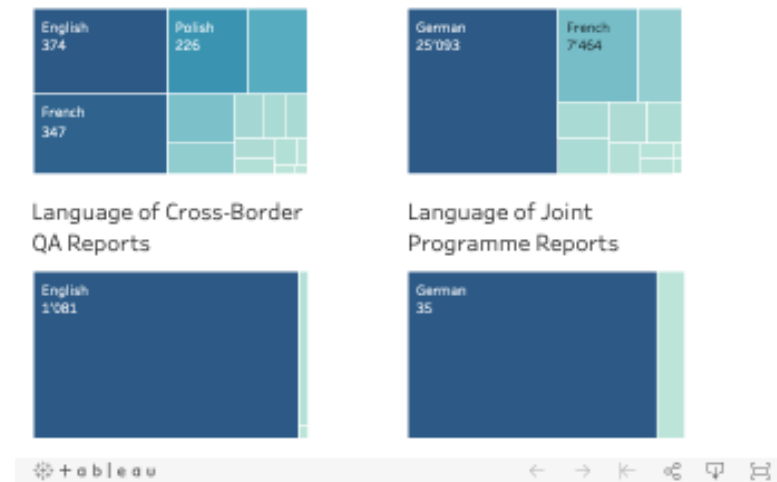
What's next?

- **DEQAR CONNECT proposal**
    - Widen coverage (more agencies & countries)
    - Improve connectivity with other systems
- **Potential to explore**
    - Information on QA integrated in recognition process
    - QA data and digital credentials (e.g. Europass)
    - Larger scale research using QA report analytics
    - ...

Thank you for your attention!