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AN OVERVIEW OF ENQA: AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

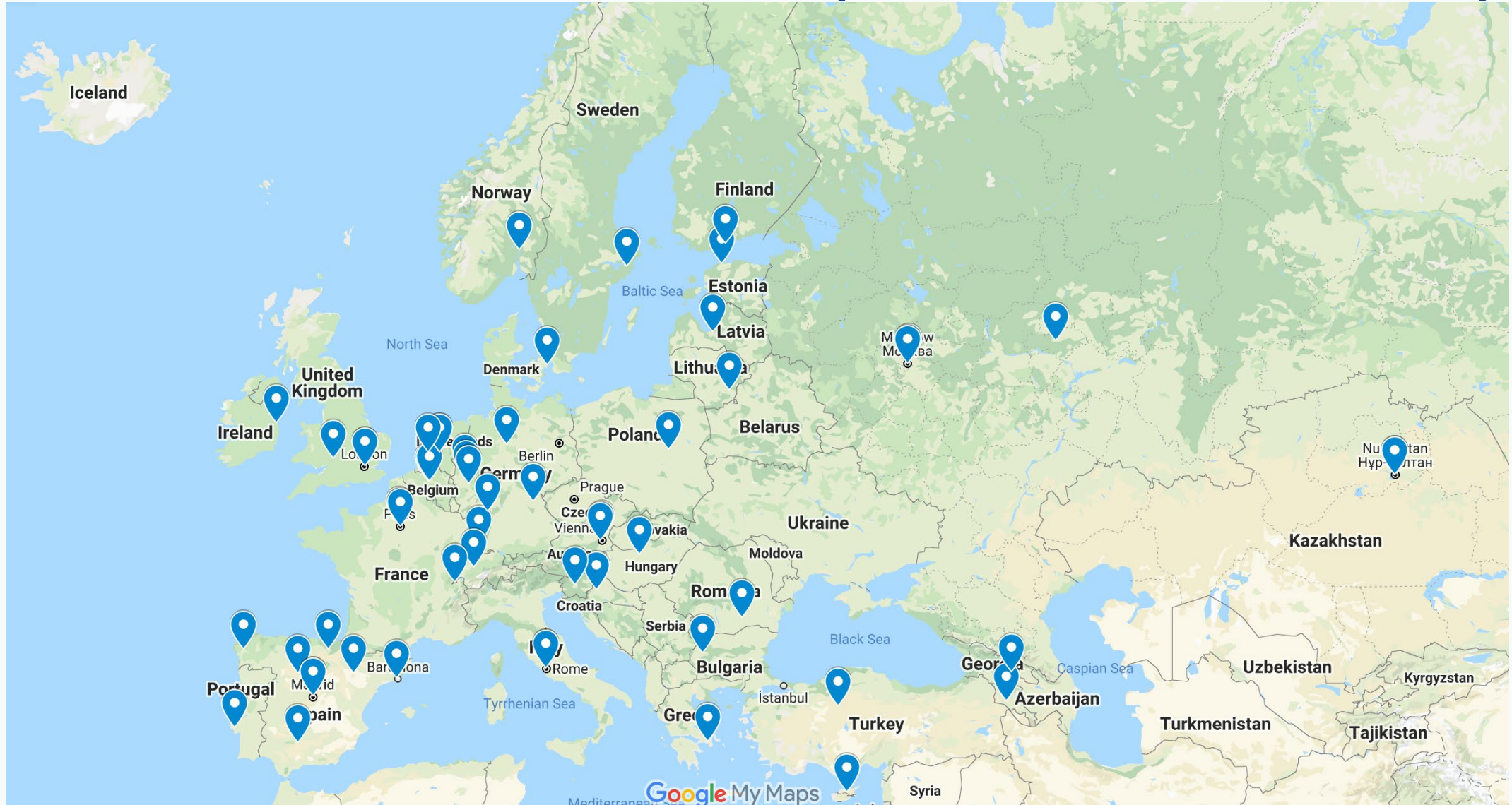
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- Umbrella NGO for European QA agencies
- Network in 2000; association in 2004
- Structure: Board, General Assembly, Secretariat
- Membership organisation

ENQA – MEMBER AGENCIES (56 IN 32 COUNTRIES)



ENQA – AFFILIATES (55 IN 33 COUNTRIES)



ENQA MISSION STATEMENT

- As the designated stakeholder organisation of quality assurance agencies in the EHEA, ENQA:
 - **represents** their interests internationally
 - **supports** them nationally and
 - **provides** them with comprehensive services and networking opportunities.
- Under ENQA's umbrella, the community of agencies drive innovation in quality assurance and refines quality assurance processes.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- **Representing interests of quality assurance agencies.** ENQA is the representative of diverse quality assurance agencies throughout the EHEA
- **Providing services to members and other stakeholders.** ENQA is a key source of reliable information, expertise and know-how on QA
- **Driving the development of external quality assurance.** ENQA monitors changes in the higher education landscape and is a guarantor of knowledge-based development of external quality assurance.

- **Dissemination of information** on experiences, good practice and new developments in the field of QA to members and other stakeholders
- Organisation of **events**, including co-organization of the European Quality Assurance Forum (EQAF)
- **European and international projects**
- Participation in **policy making**
 - Consultative member in the **Bologna Follow-up Group** since 2005
 - Co-operation within **E4** (EUA, ESU, EURASHE)
 - Dialogue with the **European Commission**
- Founding member of the **European Quality Assurance Register (EQAR)**
- Coordination of **external reviews** of QA agencies
- Coordination of **thematic working groups** to support QA development

ENQA AGENCY REVIEWS

- 10-15 agency review processes /year
- to verify agencies' compliance with the ESG (the *Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area*) and to support their further development
 - First version 2005, revised in 2015
 - Drafted by ENQA, ESU, EUA, EURASHE in collaboration with EI, BUSINESSEUROPE, EQAR
 - 3 parts: IQA, EQA, QAAs
- for ENQA membership and other purposes, including registration in EQAR (for 5 years)
- process of 12-15 months
- 4 panel members including an academic and a student member
- site visit of 2.5-3 days, progress visit of 1 day after 2-3 years
- regular training seminars for experts and experienced reviewers

QUALITY ASSURANCE IN THE BOLOGNA PROCESS

- QA: one action line in the **Bologna Process (ministries of HE in Europe) since the beginning (1999)**
- 2005: Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the EHEA (ESG)
- 2008: European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR), established by E4 → list of “trustworthy agencies”
- 2015: revised ESG adopted; European Approach for QA of Joint Programmes adopted
- 2018: start of thematic peer groups on three Bologna Process key commitments, including quality assurance



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