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# Capacity Building for QA

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# Goals of RIACES

- To promote the development of QA agencies and of assessment and accreditation processes in member countries.
- To support accreditation schemes that contribute to recognition of degrees, mobility of students, academic staff and professionals and educational integration in the region.
- To engage the support of national and international cooperation agencies in the promotion of QA schemes
- To analyse the developments of HE in order to make QA an effective instrument for the continuing improvement of HEIs



# Strategic plan

## Four dimensions:

- Technical (capacity building)
- Political (harmonization of standards, application of harmonized standards, links with other organizations)
- Communications (website, dissemination of documents and materials, translations)
- Theoretical (studies on relevant issues)



## Objectives technical dimension: Capacity building for existing agencies

### Quality assurance of QA agencies:

- Project CINTAS: developing internal QA processes for QA agencies; workshops, monitoring
- Self assessment of QA agencies: guidelines or standards; self assessment manual; description of supporting evidence
- External review of agencies: support for the external review of agencies, based on the RIACES standards



## Objectives technical dimension: Capacity building for existing agencies

### Training of technical staff in agencies:

- Internships in other agencies (both member and non member agencies: evolution in time; organized group internships)
- Workshops

### Training of external reviewers:

- Workshops
- Participation as observers in external review visits
- Exchange of reviewers



## Objectives technical dimension: Capacity building for existing agencies

### Dissemination of information on QA:

- Seminars and conferences (linked to General Assembly)
- Visits to HEIs

### Training of technical staff:

- Workshops
- Professional updating course on assessment and QA for Higher Education
- Internships



## Objectives technical dimension: Capacity building for existing agencies

- Consultancy projects: (prepared by member organizations; introduction of QA, discussion of QA issues with government organizations and other stakeholders, preparation for the establishment of QA agencies, beginning internal or external evaluation)
- Study visits for HEIs, to show them operating QA schemes in different countries
- Dissemination of materials, translation of relevant documents, exchange of experiences