

7 EUROPEAN COMMITMENTS

These guidelines are underpinned by the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG), May 2015. The quality assurance procedures of voluntary higher education and training providers must have regard to:

- Any European standards, guidelines, directives or policies adopted nationally
- The *European Approach for the Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes*, October 2014 (approved by EHEA ministers in May 2015), as appropriate (in addition to the QQI Policy for Collaborative Programmes, Transnational Programmes and Joint Awards [Revised 2012])

The quality assurance procedures of Voluntary Further Education and Training Providers must have regard to The European Quality Assurance Reference Framework (Reference Framework).