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European quality assurance framework 101

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Diverse systems – need for a common framework

- **European Higher Education Area**: 49 systems from Ireland to Kazakhstan and from Finland to Malta

- Diverse academic and quality assurance **cultures and traditions**

- Objective: easy student movement across the area, with recognition

- Quality assurance as proxy for trust

Key elements of the EHEA QA framework

- **The ESG (Standards and Guidelines for QA in the EHEA)**
  - Since 2005, revised in 2015
  - Written by the stakeholders, approved by ministers
  - Generic standards provide a shared framework for QA in Europe
  - A success story of the Bologna Process, powerful tool to implement policies

- **European Quality Assurance Register (EQAR)**
  - Since 2007
  - Independent register of ESG compliant QA agencies

- **European Approach for QA of Joint Programmes**
  - Since 2015
  - A set of ESG based standard and methodology for QA of joint programmes
  - One procedure instead of many (conflicting) ones

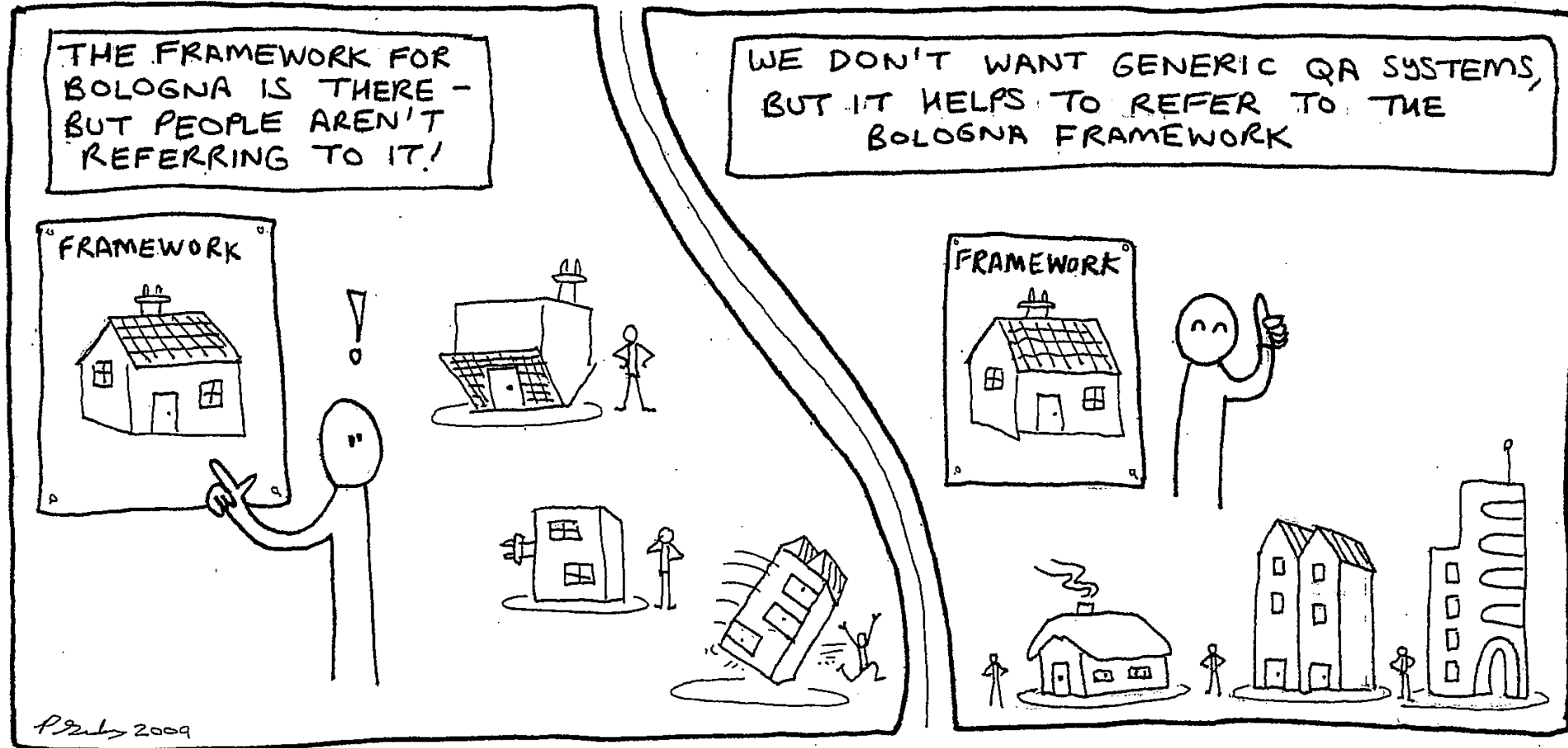**European Association for Quality Assurance in HE (ENQA)**

A common set of standards for IQA and EQA

ESG 2015

Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area 2015 (ESG)

- Three parts covering standards for quality assurance, not quality
  - Internal QA within HEIs
  - External QA carried by QA agencies
  - QA of QA agencies
- Focus on learning and teaching in HE, including
  - Learning environment
  - Links to research and innovation

Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance
in the European Higher Education Area

Thank you for your attention