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## I. Latest Decisions

In the plenary meeting on 22 February 2010 the ÖAR decided on the following applications for accreditation:

### Konservatorium Wien Privatuniversität

The application for extension of accreditation of the private university for the period June 2010 until June 2015 has been approved.

### European Peace University Privatuniversität

After the application has been modified and the safeguarding of financing has been proved, the ÖAR unanimously voted for the accreditation of the European Peace University Privatuniversität, based in Stadtschlaining, Burgenland.

The new private university is going to offer the following study programmes:

- Master of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies, (5 trimesters, 120 ECTS), acad. degree: „Master of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies“ (MA)
- Master of Arts in European Peace and Security Studies, (5 trimesters, 120 ECTS), acad. degree: „Master of Arts in European Peace and Security Studies“ (MA)
- Master of Arts in Peacebuilding (3 trimesters, 75 ECTS), acad. degree: „Master of Arts in Peacebuilding“ (MA)

### Privatuniversität für Nachhaltigkeitswissenschaften und Management von nachhaltiger Entwicklung

The application of the Wissenschaftszentrum Gmunden GmbH, which has originally been submitted as ‚Sir Karl Popper Privatuniversität für Nachhaltigkeitswissenschaften und Management von nachhaltiger Entwicklung‘, has been rejected by the ÖAR.

These decisions are not yet legally binding, since they still need approval of the Federal Minister of Science and Research.

## II. Student experts in review teams

Students are important partners concerning quality assurance. That does not only hold true for the processes of internal quality management but as well for procedures of external evaluation and accreditation. The involvement of student experts in quality assurance procedures is an international standard and therefore the ÖAR is appointing student experts since 2009 for the review of accreditation applications.

Up to now four student experts from Switzerland and Germany functioned in institutional re-accreditation procedures. The ÖAR is in touch with the Austrian Students' Union (ÖH) to support the formation of a student experts' pool to ensure the future participation of Austrian students in ÖAR's procedures.

## III. Joint Programmes:

### Too many Cooks in the Kitchen?

is the title of an ECA conference which takes place on 10/11 June 2010 in Graz, organised by ÖAR. The conference presents how joint programmes can be facilitated by the procedures used by quality assurance and accreditation agencies. The conference additionally presents how joint programmes can improve the recognition of their degrees and how recognition authorities (ENIC-NARICs) currently evaluate their degrees.

More detailed information on the programme and on online registration can be found on:

<http://www.eaconsortium.net/main/events/programme/joint-programmes-too-many-cooks-in-the-kitchen/4#dag7>

