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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENT

❖ NAFSA - New Approach to Advocacy Programming in 2022

In an ongoing effort to execute NAFSA's strategic plan to "educate, advocate, and innovate," NAFSA is piloting a fresh approach to its grassroots advocacy programming in 2022. For the first time ever, NAFSA is focusing its congressional outreach solely on those lawmakers on the House and Senate committees that matter most to advancing its public policy goals. This approach will ensure that these strategically important elected officials hear from constituents on issues vitally important to international education in a concentrated and coordinated fashion.

Day of Action Program

The two-day all-virtual event includes:

Day 1

March 3, 2022, 2:00 p.m. ET - 5:00 p.m. ET
Briefing on issues and requests of Congress
Virtual meeting practice sessions
Advocate of the Year announcement
Networking mixer

Day 2

March 9, 2022, 9:30 a.m. ET - 4:30 p.m. ET
Group convening for last-minute updates/questions
Virtual congressional meetings (exact timing TBD)
Group debrief and planning for year-round advocacy

How to Apply

All individuals that live or work in the targeted states and congressional districts are eligible to apply. Interested individuals should review the list of key states and congressional districts before applying to confirm eligibility.

Individuals that qualify based on the location of their home or employer are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible, no later than October 26, 2021. Applicants will be notified on November 1, 2021 if their application has been selected. All selected applicants will need to complete their registration and submit payment by November 23, 2021.

For more information, please visit the website:

<https://www.nafsa.org/dayofaction>

❖ European University Association (EUA): The 2021 European Quality Assurance Forum (EQAF)

The Forum, entitled "Building trust and enhancement: from information to evidence", will combine online sessions about European policies and trends, research, and practical case examples related to the Forum theme and more generally about current developments in quality assurance. The Forum will take place online on **18-19 November**, making it easier than ever to attend for those who usually are unable to travel for the event.

To promote trust and serve as a basis for informed decision making and quality enhancement, quality assurance needs to be evidence-based. The amount of data on higher education and the performance of higher education institutions has increased in recent years and its nature is changing partly due to digitalisation. This makes it increasingly important to determine which information is meaningful and relevant for stakeholders in higher education, hence worth serving as evidence for robust quality assurance processes.

The Forum will address questions such as how to ensure an appropriate balance between qualitative and quantitative data and diverse sources of information. It will also focus on how to analyse and interpret the data, as well as how to ensure that it is used to enhance quality and promote trust. Notably, the 2021 EQAF will offer an occasion to analyse how to make the best out of the opportunities offered by digitalisation while avoiding pitfalls. The Forum will explore the evidence used in external and internal quality assurance and how to improve its use and impact.

The Forum will be of interest to rectors and vice-rectors responsible for quality assurance, quality assurance officers in higher education institutions, students, quality assurance agency staff and researchers working in higher education or in the quality assurance field.

Feel free to contact us at eqaf@eua.eu

For more information, please visit the website: https://events.eua.eu/eqaf2021?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=reminderregistrationseqaf2021882the2021europeanquality20210930t100603136z&utm_content=register+now

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❖ Times Higher Education (THE) - RETHINKING INNOVATION FOR A STRONGER, GREENER RECOVERY

Transforming innovation will be key to exploring new frontiers of economic recovery and resilience on 23 November 2021.

At this half-day academic salon, we will examine how academic-industry collaboration across the country will support a stronger, greener recovery from the pandemic and ensure that Germany remains at the forefront of research and innovation.

We will explore how technology will be key to exploring new frontiers of economic recovery and resilience and support the country in building a stronger framework for sustainability. Experts will reflect on the future of global cooperation and how ground-breaking research can continue to transcend borders and innovate.

And finally, as we look beyond the pandemic to the digital age, we will discuss how academia and industry can work together to build digital resilience across Europe as it puts digital sovereignty at the heart of its agenda.

Detailed agenda:

<https://www.timeshighered-events.com/germany-academic-salon-2021/agenda>

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<https://www.timeshighered-events.com/germany-academic-salon-2021>