

## International Meeting in the Pyrenees:

### **The 2030 Agenda: Embarking QA Agencies and HEIs in this collective journey**

**Canfranc-Estación (Aragón, Spain)  
28 – 29 May 2019**

*“We commit to developing the role of higher education in securing a sustainable future for our planet and our societies and to finding ways in which we, as EHEA Ministers, can contribute to meeting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals at global, European and national levels”.*

*“We recognise that further effort is required to strengthen the social dimension of higher education. In order to meet our commitment that the student body entering and graduating from European higher education institutions should reflect the diversity of Europe’s populations, we will improve access and completion by under-represented and vulnerable groups”.*

(Excerpts from PARIS COMMUNIQUÉ, 2018)

At the present time, the Quality Assurance in Higher Education need to include the social dimension. The Agenda 2030 provides its strategic framework and a plan of action. The aim of this international meeting is to create a space for dialogue and exchange of social strategies and experiences on Sustainable Development Goals implementation conducted by QA agencies and universities.

During the meeting a proposal of indicators to embed the SDGs into institutional evaluation (AQUA / ACPUA Project S&Q&HE Sustainability & Quality in Higher Education) will be presented.

#### **Draft Programme**

##### **Monday May 27th**

17:00 Departure of the bus (free transportation) from the Zaragoza-Delicias railway station to the event venue

20:00 Welcome dinner (Hotel & Spa Real Villa Anayet)

##### **Tuesday May 28th**

9:00 Session 1 – The 2030 Agenda: strategic issues in higher education

10:15 Coffee break

10:30 Session 2 – Initiatives by HEIs

12:00 Buffet lunch

13:30 Visit to the Underground Laboratory facilities

16:00 Initiatives by QA Agencies

17:30 End of DAY 1

21:00 Dinner (20€ / payment at restaurant)

### Wednesday May 29th

9:00 A proposal of indicators to embed the SDGs into institutional evaluation

10:30 Coffee break

10:45 Taking SDG 17 seriously: QA alliances and partnerships (round table with stakeholders)

12:15 “ A time of immense opportunities”: final discussion

12:45 Buffet lunch

13:45 Departure of the bus (free transportation) to Zaragoza-Delicias high speed railway station

*Working languages: Spanish and English (simultaneous translation from Spanish to English will be provided)*

### Venue

The Meeting will take place at the **Laboratorio Subterráneo de Canfranc** / The Canfranc Underground Laboratory (LSC) <https://lsc-canfranc.es/en/home-2/>. Paseo de los Ayerbes s/n, E- 22880 - Canfranc-Estación. Spain. Tel: +34 974 373 474.

The venue is located in the very heart of the Aragonese Pyrenees. Canfranc has always been a stage of collective journeys! (from Roman legions coming into Gallia and pilgrims doing the Camino de Santiago to physicists searching for dark matter...).

Cultural and tourist information:

<http://aspejacetania.com/turismojacetania.php>

<http://www.valledelaragon.com/>



The venue (in May white will become green)

**Where to stay:**

Hotel & Spa Real Villa Anayet

<https://hotelrealvillaanayet.com/>

Plaza de Aragón, 8. Canfranc-Estación. Spain. Tel. +34 974 373146

Single room with breakfast: 59 €

Double room with breakfast: 75 €

(Participants are requested to indicate a booking reference “ACPUA” to secure these negotiated rates)

For other options, please check:

<https://www.canfranc.es/alojamientos-hoteles-apartamentos.php>

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**No fee is required to participate or attend the meeting. Space limited.**



**José Ángel Villar**, Physics Professor, The LSC Associated Director, Chairman of the ACPUA Committee of Experts  
*in memoriam*