

Biographical note

Dr. Anna Prades is Head of Internationalisation and Knowledge Generation Department of AQU Catalunya, where she has been working since 2001. She has a degree in Psychology (1996) and a PhD in Pedagogy (2005) from the University of Barcelona.

She has been active in designing quality assessment methodology, e.g. methodology for joint degrees following the European approach and designing good-practices guidelines. She has been involved, among other European projects related to the improvement of employability in Higher education, (Skills4Employability, Employability for Programme Development, Instruments at Support for Labor Market and Higher Education), in the project IMPALA, which purpose was to devise an assessment methodology of the impact of External Quality Assurance procedures. She has several publications derived from her involvement in the aforementioned studies as well as the projects in which she has participated.

During the last years, her main endeavour in AQU Catalunya has been the building up of a system of evidences for quality assurance (official descriptors, academic indicators, assessment results, graduates and employer surveys) and the integration of these indicators in a platform for public information in order to generate trust in the Catalan Higher Education System (EUC studies).

She has been a lecturer for two academic years in the Master's Degree in Quality Assessment and Management in Higher Education at the Open University of Catalonia (supported by INQAAHE), where she designed and taught *The quality of higher education: concept, dimensions, evaluation and improvement*. She has also recently participated as Secretary for an INQAAHE GGP review panel.