



EADTU and UNINETTUNO founders of the global consortium for the quality of online distance universities

On February 25th 2019, during the opening ceremony of the Innovation Arabia Conference - organized in Dubai by the HBMSU ([Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University](#)) - the first International Consortium aimed at establishing specific criteria to identify the quality benchmarks for the evaluation of online and distance universities, was created. The new Consortium was born from an idea of Dr. Mansoor Al Awar, Chancellor of HBMSU and with the support of Agency for the Assessment of the Quality of the Universities of the UAE, the new Consortium has as founding members the Uninettuno University and EADTU, both represented by the Uninettuno's Rector, Prof. Maria Amata Garito.

The list of founding members: the Association of the Arab Universities (AArU), the [European Association of Distance Teaching Universities \(EADTU\)](#), the Asian Association of the Open Universities, the Arab Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education, the Commonwealth of Learning (CoL), the Open Polytechnic of New Zealand, HBMSU and [UNINETTUNO](#).

