

Call for candidates for the ENQA Board

ENQA invites member agencies to nominate candidates to stand for election to fill four positions on the ENQA Board. The elections will take place at the General Assembly meeting in April 2021 (postponed from October 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic).

Election of Board members

In accordance with the statutes, ENQA uses a rotation system in the election of its Board members with three members' terms expiring each year. In addition, a fourth position is vacant because Anne Flierman will leave the ENQA Board before the end of his term because he is stepping down from his position at NVAO.

The General Assembly elects the members of the Board for a regular mandate of three years, renewable once. However, due to the postponement of the elections by six months and the need to keep the rotation system in place, the first terms of the elected candidates will be six months shorter, running until October 2023. The candidate elected with the fewest number of votes will be assigned to complete the term of Anne Flierman, which runs until October 2021. After that, the candidate will be eligible to stand for two subsequent terms (art. 21 of the [ENQA statutes](#)).

At the General Assembly in April 2021, there will be a total of three ballots: one for the election of four Board members, one for the election of the President (who shall be chosen from among the members who have served on the Board for at least one year, as per art. 28 of the [ENQA Statutes](#)) and one for two Vice-Presidents (who shall be chosen from among the Board members, both continuing and new).

Each member agency will have one vote in each ballot, which will be secret. Decisions of the General Assembly are adopted by simple majority of members attending the meeting (art. 21 of [ENQA statutes](#)).

Profile, responsibilities and expectations

The ENQA Board is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the Association and the implementation of the strategic plan. In April 2020, The ENQA General Assembly adopted a new [strategic plan for 2021-2025](#). The coming years therefore present an exciting opportunity to turn this plan into reality, at a time when higher education itself is rapidly evolving and the external quality assurance community must reflect on the fitness-for-purpose of its practices and be open to exploring new concepts of quality and quality assurance.

In practice, the tasks of the ENQA Board include:

- Setting the strategic direction of the Association's activities, in line with the strategic plan, while taking into account new developments.
- Developing annual work programmes and budgets
- Overseeing and developing the ENQA Agency Reviews
- Taking decisions on membership applications

- Overseeing statutory and administrative matters, including General Assembly meetings
- Planning ENQA's annual Members Forum and General Assembly Seminar
- Contributing to and responding to European level policy discussions on various aspects of quality assurance

In all duties, the Board is supported by the ENQA secretariat, who take responsibility for the operationalisation of the Board decisions.

In order to fulfil their roles, Board members are expected to be:

- active and leading practitioners in quality assurance activities, so as to ensure that the Board's work is informed by the latest theoretical, practical, and policy considerations both at the national and European levels;
- able to contribute effectively to the Board's work in English;
- prepared to undertake a range of tasks, in addition to the routine work of the Board, including representing ENQA in international events and participating in ENQA projects.

Board members are expected to attend six Board meetings per year. These are usually four full day meetings taking place in Brussels or online in February, June, September and November, as well as two half day meetings, taking place in conjunction with the Members' Forum in April and the General Assembly in October. In addition, Board members may be asked to represent ENQA at other relevant events. All travel and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed.

In order to address the current gender imbalance on the Board, nominations of female candidates are strongly encouraged. Furthermore, nominations from countries and regions not currently represented are also encouraged (see below for current Board composition; a maximum of two Board members from any single country may serve on the Board at the same time).

Nomination process

All member agencies of ENQA are invited to nominate candidates to serve as ENQA Board members. The nominations must include the following:

- the name of the candidate and the nominating agency;
- the candidate's position in the agency;
- the candidate's postal and e-mail addresses;
- an statement from the director or president (or equivalent) of the nominee's agency that the nomination is made with the agency's support;
- a brief (one-page) CV with a photograph describing the candidate's work history and experience in national and/or international quality assurance matters.

The nomination must be accompanied by a separate statement from the candidate that they are willing to stand and serve actively on the Board if elected.

Deadline and further information

The nominations should be sent for the attention of Director Maria Kelo at the ENQA Secretariat (secretariat@enqa.eu) no later than **Friday 26 February 2021, midnight CET (Brussels time)**.

An email confirming receipt of a nomination will be sent to the submitting agency. Candidates and nominating agencies will be informed in March about the timing and arrangements for the elections.

If you have any inquiries or require additional information, please contact the ENQA Secretariat (secretariat@enqa.eu).

Status of the current Board mandates

Current Board members who will continue on the Board:

Douglas Blackstock, QAA, United Kingdom	Elected for his 1 st term in 2019.
Øystein Lund, NOKUT, Norway	Elected for his 1 st term in 2018.
Christina Rozsnyai, HAC, Hungary	Elected for her 2 nd term in 2018.
Antonio Serrano González, ACPUA, Spain	Elected for his 1 st term in 2019.
Ruben Topchyan, ANQA, Armenia	Elected for his 1 st term in 2019.

Current Board members whose terms come to an end or are stepping down:

Anne Flierman (NVAO, The Netherlands) is stepping down from the Board before the end of his term, which would have finished in October 2021.

Daniela Cristina Ghițulică (ARACIS, Romania) will end her two-year term, serving as a replacement for a Board member who stepped down before the end of their term. If nominated, she could be elected for her first full three-year term.

Christoph Grolimund (AAQ, Switzerland) has served two full terms on the Board; his mandate in the Board and as the ENQA President will thus come to an end.

François Pernot (HCERES, France) will end his first full three-year term on the Board. If nominated, he could be elected for his second full three-year term.