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Subject: Statement on validation of the external review report of EAEVE

Dear Prof. Dr. Stéphane Martinot,

I am pleased to inform you that, at its meeting on 19 April 2023, the ENQA Agency Review Committee validated the external review report of EAEVE. The committee concluded that the report has been produced in accordance with the Guidelines for ENQA Agency Reviews and can thus be used to apply for ENQA membership and EQAR registration, as well as for any other purposes. This is in line with article 26, paragraph 2 of ENQA's Rules of Procedure, which states that the review report can be further used only once this statement of validation has been issued. The purpose of this statement is to set out the committee's views on the quality of the final report and consistency of the panel's evaluation on the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG).

The committee examined the provided review report and asked the panel for minor revisions on the ESG 3.1. On this, the panel was asked to further elaborate on why a decision on compliance, since EQAR's document 'Use and Interpretation of the ESG for the European Register of Quality Assurance Agencies' requires students in the agency's governance structures for compliance on this standard. The committee thus asked for a clear statement in the review report on what arguments and evidence were used for the panel's decision on EAEVE's compliance and how the students' involvement (or lack of it) in the agency's governance was weighted when deciding on the agency's level of compliance with this standard.

The committee received the final review report that addressed the additional requirements. The final review report can thus be further used to apply for ENQA membership and EQAR registration, as well as for any other purposes, as stipulated above.

This statement will be published on ENQA's website as an annex to the review report.

Thank you for your trust placed in ENQA to conduct this review. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the ENQA Secretariat.



Yours sincerely,

Mr. Alastair Delaney

Chair of ENQA Agency Review Committee

Annex: Areas for development



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As outlined by the review panel and further discussed by the committee (where relevant), EAEVE is recommended to take appropriate action, in so far as it is empowered to do so, on the following issues:

### ESG 3.1 Activities, policy, and processes for quality assurance

The agency is recommended to look for practical solutions to include students fully in the governance of EAEVE.

### **ESG 3.4 Thematic analysis**

The agency is recommended to expand thematic analysis and include a variety of selected topics, in addition to the general analysis of findings from visitation reports, and should include identification of general trends, also areas of good practice and persistent difficulty.

# ESG 3.6 Internal quality assurance and professional conduct

The agency is recommended to review and revise its Policy on Quality Assurance to capture all elements listed under the guidelines of ESG 3.6, including communication with public authorities where EAEVE conducts business and establishment of the status and recognition of the institutions with which it conducts external quality assurance.

CIQA shall look into the different decisions proposed by visitation teams and decisions actually made by ECOVE and propose measures to address the gap.

### ESG 2.1 Consideration of internal quality assurance

The agency is recommended to amend Annex 3 of the SOP to include the text of ESG-2015.

### **ESG 2.3 Implementing processes**

When updating the SOP, in order to achieve greater transparency between the ESEVT accreditation procedure and the ESG model, the agency is recommended to provide clear references as to how the ESEVT corresponds to the ESG in terms of the terminology, in particular for the follow-up.

#### **ESG 2.5 Criteria for outcomes**

The agency is recommended to stick to the application of one set of currently valid SOP to all VEEs irrespective which visitation is implemented so that institutions are (re)evaluated against the currently valid set of requirements at all times.

### **ESG 2.6 Reporting**



The agency is recommended to follow its own policy and publish preliminary visitation reports in a timely manner. EAEVE should monitor that its policy to publish preliminary visitation reports after completion of the full visitation is fully implemented by VEEs as well.