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Subject: External review of ANECA and decision on report validation

Dear Prof. Dr. Mercedes Siles Molina,

We would like to inform you that at their meeting on 16 December 2022, the ENQA Agency Review Committee validated the external review report of ANECA. The Committee concluded that the report has been produced in accordance with the Guidelines for ENQA Targeted 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 the 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 makes the following observations on the review report that was submitted for scrutiny:

On the ESG 2.4, the committee analysed the additional information that was provided by the panel, following the committee's request dated 26 October 2022. In the response, the report reads: "The majority of procedures of AUDIT International did not include students in the panels of evaluators and the agency explained that it was because they could not always find students available for those evaluation missions. Whereas there is proof that the process foresees students, the implementation of these processes has great room for improvement, as to make more efforts to guarantee the involvement of students in the evaluation panels in all AUDIT International procedures." Since students are not always included in the agency's activities, the committee judges the agency to be only partially compliant with ESG 2.4, and not compliant, as noted by the panel.

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



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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alastair Delaney', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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), ANECA is recommended to take appropriate action, in so far as it is empowered to do so, on the following issues:

ESG 2.4: Peer review experts

The agency is recommended to involve students more systematically in AUDIT International procedure, like in all other ANECA activities, particularly now that the agency wants to grow internationally, and considering the upcoming merging of the two procedures – national and international AUDIT.