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**Subject: Statement on validation of the external review report of ARACIS**

Dear Cristina,

I am pleased to inform you that, at its meeting on 20 September 2023, the ENQA Agency Review Committee validated the external review report of ARACIS. 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 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 following standard: ESG 2.6. In addition, the committee noted that the panel included a quote of the Minister on page 24 of the review report. Since the ENQA Targeted Reviews' reports should not include any individual statements, this should be rephrased in the final document.

Regarding ESG 2.6 Reporting, the committee noted that the role of the international experts is unclearly presented in the panel's report. The panel was thus asked to further elaborate on how the international experts' reporting is considered in the agency's final reports of its external QA activities. Furthermore, the committee asked the panel to better elaborate the use of language as well, i.e., what is the language of conduct for the agency's new 3rd cycle evaluations. To the extent relevant, the additionally provided information should also be considered under the ESG 2.3 and ESG 2.4.

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.



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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 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.

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

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

Although the doctoral EQA processes use fewer indicators than processes for the first and second cycle, the agency is recommended to continue to review their fitness for purpose, particularly with a view to focussing on how the indicators contribute to the enhancement of study programmes.

#### **ESG 2.6 Reporting**

The agency is recommended to facilitate the accessibility of the reports on its website.

The agency is recommended to train experts on report drafting to allow the experts to produce clear, evidence-based and analytical reports that provide value-added to the community.