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

Dear Prof. Iñaki Heras Saizarbitoria,

I am pleased to inform you that, at its meeting on 10 January 2024, the ENQA Agency Review Committee validated the external review report of Unibasq. 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 examined the provided review report and asked the panel for minor revisions on the following standard: ESG 2.6.

On the ESG 2.6 Reporting, the committee found one of the proposed recommendations not to be in line with the requirements of the standard and therefore asked the panel for further elaboration.

The committee received the final review report that addressed the additional requirement. The final review report can thus be further used to apply for ENQA membership, 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.



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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.

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

ESG 2.6 Reporting

The agency is recommended to publish in full the report of the panel of experts, which should stand as a separate document.

The agency is recommended to identify transparently in the competent committees' reports any deviations from the assessment of the panel of experts and to indicate the reasons that have led it to diverge from the position of the panel of experts and its assessment in this respect.

The agency is recommended to publish the final report of the competent committee under the rubric of a "decision" instead of a "report".