European Association for
Quality Assurance in Higher Education

Call for nominations for the ENQA Board

ENQA invites member agencies to nominate candidates to stand for election to fill five positions on the ENQA Board. Elections will take place at the General Assembly meeting on 26 October 2023 in Dublin, Ireland.

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. This year two additional vacancies have arisen due to the departure of two Board members (Antonio Serrano Gonzalez (ACPUA, Spain) and Oystein Lund (NOKUT, Norway)) before the end of their terms.

The General Assembly elects the members of the Board for a regular mandate of three years, renewable once. Board members may not serve for more than two terms, except that members filling an unexpired term created by a vacancy may be appointed for two subsequent terms (art. 21 of the ENQA statutes).

The five candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected to the Board. Among the newly elected candidates (i.e. excluding any re-elected candidates) the one with the fewest votes with serve the remainder of Oystein's term, until 2024, and the one with the next fewest votes will serve the remainder of Antonio's term, until October 2025.

The election will take place at the General Assembly meeting on 26-27 October 2023 in Dublin, Ireland. Candidates are expected to attend the meeting in person (hybrid arrangements are not foreseen). There will be a one secret ballot for the election of five Board members. 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 overseeing the implementation of the strategic plan for 2021-2025. The coming years present an opportunity to steer ENQA's development 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 new services for members and enhancing existing ones through analysis of needs and opportunities
- 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
- Representing ENQA and the Board at internal and external events and webinars

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 person 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.

Nominations from countries and regions not currently represented are 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). Furthermore, nominations of female candidates are particularly welcome in order to maintain the gender balance of the Board.

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 and contact details of the candidate and the nominating agency;
- the candidate's position in the agency;
- a 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.

The same requirements apply for existing Board members standing for re-election.

Deadline and further information

The nominations should be sent for the attention of Director Anna Gover at the ENQA Secretariat (secretariat@enqa.eu) no later than **Friday 8 September 2023, midnight CEST (Brussels time)**.

An email confirming receipt of a nomination will be sent to the submitting agency. Candidates and nominating agencies will be informed later in September of the detailed 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 2nd full term in October 2022
Jolanta Silka, AIC, Latvia	Elected for her 1st full term in October 2021
Ruben Topchyan, ANQA, Armenia	Elected for his 2nd full term in October 2022
Patrick van den Bosch, VLUHR QA, Belgium	Elected for his 1st full term in October 2021

Current Board members whose term comes to an end:

Daniela Cristina Ghiţulică, ARACIS, Romania
She will finish her first full three-year term on the Board. If nominated she could be elected for her second full three-year term.

Doris Herrmann, AQAS, Germany
She will finish her first full three-year term on the Board. If nominated she could be elected for her second full three-year term.

Péter Levente Lakatos, MAB, Hungary
He will finish his 6 month term as a replacement Board member. If nominated, he could be elected for his first full three-year term.