



European Association for
Quality Assurance in Higher Education

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Subject: Membership of RCVS in ENQA

Dear Ms. Lizzie Lockett,

I am pleased to inform you that, at its meeting of 25 October 2023, the ENQA Board agreed to reconfirm RCVS' membership in ENQA for five years from that date. The Board concluded that RCVS is in compliance with the *Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG 2015)*, following the receipt of the external review report validated by the ENQA Agency Review Committee, and the agency's motivation letter, thus fulfilling the membership criteria according to article 6, paragraph 1 of ENQA's Rules of Procedure.

The Board would like to draw your attention to the ESG 3.4 Thematic analysis, where the panel asks the agency to reflect on the requirements of the standard, further discuss the topics of interest with the agency's stakeholders and revise accordingly the agency's existing plan of implementation.

The Board would like to receive a follow-up report within two years of the validation of the final external review report, i.e., by September 2025 where the ENQA Board expects RCVS to demonstrate that it has addressed the panel's recommendations.

The Board also strongly encourages RCVS to take advantage of the voluntary progress visit – an enhancement led feature in the review process. The visit would take place in about two to three years' time after the validation of the final external review report (and after submission of the follow-up report). The ENQA Secretariat will be in touch with you in about a year's time to discuss this possibility. The cost of this visit has already been included as part of the review fee and are non-refundable except for the travel costs of the experts. More information about the progress visit can be found in the Guidelines for ENQA Agency Reviews.



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If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the ENQA Secretariat.

Please accept my congratulations for the re-confirmation of RCVS' membership in ENQA. We look forward to continuing our valuable cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas Blackstock', is written over a light grey horizontal line.

Douglas Blackstock
President