

Dr Marek Rocki
President
Polish Accreditation Committee (PKA)

Dublin, 5 March 2014

Subject: Renewal of membership of PKA in ENQA

Dear Dr Rocki,

I am pleased to inform you that, at its meeting of 19 February 2014, the Board of ENQA agreed to renew PKA Full membership of ENQA for five years from that date.

On the basis of its scrutiny of the final review report, the Board agreed that PKA met the necessary requirements for reconfirmation of ENQA Membership. In doing so, it considered that it would be advisable to take into consideration the panel's recommendations, and more particularly the following issues:

- Appeals procedures (Membership criterion 8ii)

The Board noted in the review report that *"PKA had proposed two options to the Ministry: an external appeals body, and a body within PKA composed of individuals who are not involved in PKA's evaluations at all"* and that *"discussions were held between PKA and the Ministry at the time of the visit"* (p.40). Even though the legal framework does not allow PKA to improve its appeals procedure, the Board is of the opinion that a more adequate appeals procedure needs to be implemented. They would like to see the progress made in this area in the follow-up report, to be submitted to the Board of ENQA by February 2016.

- Involvement of employers in programme evaluation panels (ESG 2.4)

The Board recommends integrating employers as experts also in the panels of programme evaluations, so that all stakeholders are represented, as employability is an important issue to address.

The Board has requested a follow-up report by February 2016 on the actions undertaken to meet the panel's recommendations. The next external review will give special attention to these points.

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

Please accept my congratulations to PKA on the renewal of its full membership in ENQA.

Yours sincerely,



Padraig Walsh
President of ENQA