

Update for the Bologna Follow-Up Group (BFUG) meeting on 18/19 February 2010, Madrid

1. This update covers relevant events since the BFUG meeting on 29 September 2009 in Stockholm.

Next EQAR General Assembly

2. The next General Assembly of EQAR will be held on 19 February 2010 in Madrid, right after the Bologna Follow-Up Group meeting. Countries that wish to become governmental members of EQAR and attend the General Assembly should consider the notes at:

<http://www.eqar.eu/association/members/becoming-a-governmental-member.html>

Third application round: 8 new agencies on EQAR

3. The Register Committee met on 30 September 2009 to consider the eight applications received in the third application round as well as one application deferred from the previous round.

4. As a result, eight additional quality assurance agencies were admitted to the Register, now featuring seventeen agencies. One application was postponed until the first meeting of the Register Committee in 2010.

5. The Register Committee had presented a report on the first two application rounds to the EQAR General Assembly on 29 September 2009. Afterwards, this report was edited for publication and made available on the EQAR website, see:

http://www.eqar.eu/fileadmin/documents/eqar/official/RC_02_2_ReportToThe3rdGA_v2_0.pdf

External evaluation of EQAR

6. The EQAR General Assembly on 29 September discussed the initial plans for the external evaluation of EQAR, which had been requested by ministers in the London and Leuven/Louvain-La-Neuve Communiqués.

7. Meanwhile, the initial plans have been further developed by the Executive Board and also been considered at the regular meetings of the E4 Group. The upcoming General Assembly (on 19 February 2010 in Madrid) will be invited to consider and agree upon the plans for the evaluation.

Nominations for EQAR statutory bodies

8. Due to the end of the first mandates in 2010, EQAR invited the E4 organisations, BUSINESSEUROPE and Education International to make their nominations to the Register Committee and to propose candidates for the

Executive Board. Those will be referred to the upcoming EQAR General Assembly for approval or election, respectively.

9. EQAR has been pleased that the Czech Republic, Denmark, Slovenia and Turkey have expressed their interest to serve as observers to the Register Committee during its next mandate and thus help to maintain close ties between EQAR's work and the Bologna Follow-Up Group.

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10. In response to the European Commission's progress report on quality assurance, EQAR published a statement. It is available at:

http://www.eqar.eu/fileadmin/documents/eqar/T_091130_EQAR_StatementOnCommissionProgressReportOnQa.pdf

11. The EQAR office moved to a new location in November 2009 and can now be reached at the following address:

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