

Report to the Bologna Follow-Up Group (BFUG)

(14/15 March 2013, Dublin, Ireland)

1. This report updates the BFUG on developments related to EQAR since the last BFUG meeting in August 2012 in Nicosia, Cyprus.

Admissions to the Register and Renewals

2. The Register Committee convened for its second meeting in 2012 on 1 December 2012 in Aveiro, Portugal. The “*Agence pour l'Évaluation de la Qualité de l'Enseignement Supérieur*” (AEQES, Belgium, French-speaking Community) and the Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education (SKVC, Lithuania) were admitted to the Register.

3. The Committee also renewed the registrations of AQU Catalunya (Spain) and NVAO (the Netherlands) for further five years.

www.eqar.eu/register/search.html

2nd EQAR Members' Dialogue

4. The 2nd EQAR Members' Dialogue was held on 11/12 October 2012 in Bucharest. Approximately 50 representatives of EQAR's governmental and stakeholder members participated in the event.

5. Participants discussed EQAR's Strategic Plan for the years 2013 – 2017 and considered a revision of the EQAR Procedures for Applications (see below for additional information).

6. The Strategic Plan for EQAR is based on the strategic priorities agreed by the EQAR General Assembly in January 2012, as part of EQAR's follow-up to the external evaluation in 2011. The Strategic Plan will be finally discussed and adopted by the General Assembly on 13 March 2013.

General Assembly and Membership

7. The EQAR General Assembly will take place on 13 March 2013, before the BFUG meeting. All BFUG representatives are invited to a special reception marking the 5th anniversary of EQAR, in the evening of 13 March.

8. The Czech Republic and Kazakhstan have become Governmental Members of EQAR. 31 European governments are now participating in the overall strategic governance of EQAR and are supporting its activities.

www.eqar.eu/association/members/becoming-a-governmental-member.html

Revision of the Procedures for Applications

9. The Register Committee revised the EQAR Procedures for Applications, based on its experience from the past four years and in order to implement some of the recommendations made by the international expert panel that reviewed EQAR externally in 2011.

10. Most notably, all decisions by the Register Committee on eligible applications for inclusion on the Register will be published as from now.

11. Furthermore, the eligibility requirements and the process for renewal of registration were clarified, along with a range of smaller clarifications.

12. The criteria for inclusion on the Register remain unchanged, i.e. substantial compliance with the European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance (ESG) is required to be included on the Register.

Read further information in the explanatory note at:

[www.eqar.eu/fileadmin/documents/eqar/information/
T_130131_MainChanges_RevisedProcedures.pdf](http://www.eqar.eu/fileadmin/documents/eqar/information/T_130131_MainChanges_RevisedProcedures.pdf)

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