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**Subject: Reconfirmation of membership of FINEEC in ENQA**

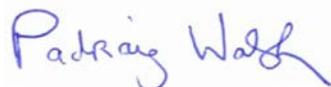
Dear Mr. Peltoniemi,

I am pleased to inform you that, at its meeting of 13-14 February 2017, the Board of ENQA agreed that FINEEC met the necessary requirements for reconfirmation of ENQA Membership for five years from that date. The ENQA Board concluded that FINEEC is in substantial compliance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG) and the Board commends FINEEC for the good work done. The Board would like to receive a follow-up report on the recommendations in the panel report (as outlined in the annex attached) within two years of its decision, i.e. by February 2019.

In addition, the Board recommends that you consider availing of the new ENQA procedure, i.e. a progress visit. The visit would take place after the submission of the follow-up report, in about two years' time from this decision. The ENQA Secretariat will be in touch with you in about a year's time to discuss this possibility. The costs of this visit have 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.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the ENQA Secretariat. Please accept my congratulations for the re-confirmation of membership of FINEEC.

Yours sincerely,



Padraig Walsh  
President

Annex: Areas for development

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### ESG 3.1

To increase the relevance of its work also for other actors beyond the HE institutions, FINEEC is recommended to consider how it could strengthen the involvement of social partners in its governing bodies, and ensure a transparent and systematic dialogue and coordination with key stakeholders at the national level, especially the most important labour market organisations, and even with the relevant officials in the Ministry of Education and Culture.

### ESG 3.4

FINEEC is recommended to quickly initiate the planned thematic analyses and allocate the necessary resources to this activity so that the development of the audit model for the third round can be based on solid knowledge and reflections on the results and experiences from the second round.

### ESG 2.1

FINEEC is recommended to take into account the new ESG when developing the new audit model for the third round, so that a clear link between the audit targets and the ESG part 1 is established.

### ESG 2.2

It is recommended that FINEEC supplements its comprehensive efforts in engaging the broad higher education community in the development of the next audit model with more direct consultations with the main stakeholders at the national level, e.g. the rectors' conferences, the social partners and the Ministry, in order to ensure support and consensus about the model.