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Subject: Reconfirmation of membership of QQI in ENQA

Dear Padraig,

I am pleased to inform you that, at its meeting of 20 June 2019, the Board of ENQA agreed to reconfirm the QQI membership of ENQA for five years from that date. The Board concluded that QQI is in compliance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG 2015) and thus fulfils the membership criteria according to article 6, paragraph 1 of ENQA's rules of procedure. The Board congratulates QQI on the good work that it is carrying out.

The Board would like to receive a follow-up report within two years of its decision, i.e. by June 2021.

The Board also encourages QQI to take advantage of the voluntary progress visit – an enhancement-led feature in the review process. The visit would take place 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 QQI.

Yours sincerely,



Christoph Grolimund
President

Annex: Areas for development

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As outlined by the review panel, QQI is recommended to take appropriate action, so far as it is empowered to do so, on the following issues:

3.5 Resources

QQI is recommended to continue to work with the Department of Education and Skills to improve the funding model so that the agency can take a longer term approach to planning and not be so vulnerable to the fluctuations in on-demand income.

2.3 Implementing processes

QQI is recommended to accelerate and complete reengagement and institutional review with independent providers.