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Subject: ASHE follow-up report to the 2021 ENQA review

Dear Danijela,

At its meeting on 17 April 2024, the Board of ENQA considered the follow-up report arising from the external review of the Agency for Science and Higher Education (ASHE) in 2021.

We appreciate the update on changes since the ENQA's latest review of the agency, especially regarding the legal framework and the adoption of the new Act on Quality Assurance in Higher Education and Science, and the impact this had on the agency's compliance and work on the ESG 3.1 Activities, Policy and Processes for Quality Assurance, 3.3 Independence, and 3.6 Internal Quality Assurance and Professional Conduct. The Board also wishes to thank the agency for emphasizing the key challenges in the forthcoming period, including the possible conduct of cross-border evaluations. In this regard, the Board advises the agency to carefully consider the booklet 'Key Considerations for Cross-Border Quality Assurance in the EHEA'. With this, the Board approves the report and takes note of the progress that has been made.

We look forward to continuing the good cooperation between ENQA and ASHE.

Yours sincerely,

Douglas Blackstock

President