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Subject: Reconfirmation of AEQES membership in ENQA

Dear Caty,

I am pleased to inform you that, at its meeting on 27 April 2022, the ENQA Board agreed to reconfirm AEQES' membership in ENQA for five years from that date. The Board concluded that AEQES 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 would like to receive a follow-up report within two years of its decision, i.e., by April 2024.

The Board also encourages AEQES to take advantage of the voluntary progress visit — an enhancement-led feature in the review process. The visit would take place in about two to three 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 cost of this visit has 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 AEQES' membership in ENQA. I look forward to our continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Douglas Blackstock

President

Annex: Areas for development



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

ESG 3.6 Internal quality assurance and professional conduct

The agency is recommended to conduct an evaluation process that addresses the effectiveness of its governance systems. External assistance may usefully be employed for this process.