

European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education

# Call for nominations for the ENQA Board

ENQA invites member agencies to nominate candidates to stand for election to fill three positions on the ENQA Board. Elections will take place at the General Assembly meeting on 24 October 2024 in St. Julian's, Malta.

#### **Election of Board members**

In accordance with the statutes, ENQA uses a rotation system in the election of its Board members with three members' terms expiring each year.

The General Assembly elects the members of the Board for a regular mandate of three years, renewable once. Board members may not serve for more than two terms, except that members filling an unexpired term created by a vacancy may be appointed for two subsequent terms (art. 21 of the ENQA statutes).

The election will take place at the General Assembly meeting on 24 October 2024 in St. Julian's, Malta. Candidates are expected to attend the meeting in person (hybrid arrangements are not foreseen). There will be a one secret ballot for the election of three Board members. Decisions of the General Assembly are adopted by simple majority of members attending the meeting (art. 21 of ENQA statutes). The three candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected to the Board.

### Profile, responsibilities and expectations

The ENQA Board is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the Association and overseeing the implementation of the <u>strategic plan for 2021-2025</u>. The coming years present an opportunity to steer ENQA's development at a time when quality assurance is high on the policy agenda, with the revision of the ESG and developments within the EU. The work of the Board in 2025 will also include the preparation of ENQA's next strategic plan.

In practice, the tasks of the ENQA Board include:

- Setting the strategic direction of the Association's activities, in line with the strategic plan, while taking into account new developments
- Developing new services for members and enhancing existing ones through analysis of needs and opportunities
- Developing annual work programmes and budgets
- Overseeing and developing the ENQA Agency Reviews
- Taking decisions on membership applications
- Overseeing statutory and administrative matters, including General Assembly meetings
- Planning ENQA's annual Members Forum and General Assembly Seminar
- Contributing to and responding to European level policy discussions on various aspects of quality assurance
- Representing ENQA and the Board at internal and external events and webinars

In all duties, the Board is supported by the ENQA secretariat, who take responsibility for the operationalisation of the Board decisions.



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In order to fulfil their roles, Board members are expected to be:

- active and leading practitioners in quality assurance activities, so as to ensure that the Board's work is informed by the latest theoretical, practical, and policy considerations both at the national and European levels;
- able to contribute effectively to the Board's work in English;
- prepared to undertake a range of tasks, in addition to the routine work of the Board, including representing ENQA in international events and participating in ENQA projects.

Board members are expected to attend six Board meetings per year. These are usually four full day meetings taking place in person or online in February, June, September and November, as well as two half day meetings, taking place in conjunction with the Members' Forum in April and the General Assembly in October. In addition, Board members may be asked to represent ENQA at other relevant events. All travel and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed.

Nominations from countries and regions not currently represented are encouraged (see below for current Board composition; a maximum of two Board members from any single country may serve on the Board at the same time). Furthermore, nominations of female candidates are particularly welcome in order to maintain the gender balance of the Board.

## **Nomination process**

All member agencies of ENQA are invited to nominate candidates to serve as ENQA Board members. The nominations must include the following:

- the name and contact details of the candidate and the nominating agency;
- the candidate's position in the agency;
- a statement from the director or president (or equivalent) of the nominee's agency that the nomination is made with the agency's support;
- a brief (one-page) CV with a photograph describing the candidate's work history and experience in national and/or international quality assurance matters.

The nomination must be accompanied by a separate statement from the candidate that they are willing to stand and serve actively on the Board if elected.

The same requirements apply for existing Board members standing for re-election.

#### **Deadline and further information**

The nominations should be sent for the attention of Director Anna Gover at the ENQA Secretariat (secretariat@enqa.eu) no later than Friday 6 September 2024, midnight CEST (Brussels time).

An email confirming receipt of a nomination will be sent to the submitting agency. Candidates and nominating agencies will be informed later in September of the detailed arrangements for the elections.

If you have any inquiries or require additional information, please contact the ENQA Secretariat (secretariat@enga.eu).



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### **Status of the current Board mandates**

### Current Board members who will continue on the Board:

Douglas Blackstock, QAA, United Kingdom	Elected for his 2 <sup>nd</sup> full term in October 2022
Cristina Ghitulica, ARACIS, Romania	Elected for her 2 <sup>nd</sup> full term in October 2023
Doris Herrmann, AQAS, Germany	Elected for her 2 <sup>nd</sup> full term in October 2023
Ruben Topchyan, ANQA, Armenia	Elected for his 2 <sup>nd</sup> full term in October 2022
Péter Levente Lakatos, MAB, Hungary	Elected for his 1st full term in October 2023
Marilena Maniaci, ANVUR, Italy	Elected for a replacement of 2 years in October 2023

### Current Board members whose term comes to an end:

# Patrick Van den Bosch, VLUHR QA, Belgium

He will finish his first full three-year term on the Board. If nominated he could be elected for his second full three-year term.

## Jolanta Silka, AIC, Latvia

She will finish her first full three-year term on the Board. If nominated she could be elected for her second full three-year term.

## Kristin Vinje, NOKUT, Norway

She will finish a one year term as a replacement Board member. If nominated, she could be elected for her first full three-year term.