

## **Report to the Bologna Follow-Up Group (BFUG) meeting, 18/19 January 2012, Copenhagen**

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1. This report summarises EQAR's activities since the last BFUG meeting of 13/14 October 2011.

### **Admissions to the Register**

2. The Register Committee approved applications by two quality assurance agencies for inclusion on the Register:

- Agency for Science and Higher Education (ASHE, Croatia)
- EUA Institutional Evaluation Programme (IEP, Switzerland)

3. The Register Committee also approved the first applications for renewal of inclusion by the following three agencies based in Germany:

- Accreditation, Certification and Quality Assurance Institute (ACQUIN)
- ASIIN e.V.
- Central Evaluation and Accreditation Agency (ZEvA)

The Register now includes 28 quality assurance agencies.

See also:

<http://www.eqar.eu/register.html>

### **EQAR Members' Dialogue (November 2011)**

4. The first EQAR Members' Dialogue took place on 21/22 November 2011 in Vienna. The event gathered about 50 representatives of governmental and stakeholder members as well as EQAR committees.

5. At the Dialogue the results of the external evaluation were discussed in the context of developments in external quality assurance in Europe more broadly. Members and committees exchanged views on future strategies for enhancing the impact and relevance of EQAR in line with the mission and objectives agreed at the outset.

6. The discussions at the Members' Dialogue will feed into the discussion of EQAR's follow-up of the External Evaluation and future strategic priorities (see next paragraphs).

### **EQAR General Assembly, 17 January 2012**

7. The EQAR General Assembly will convene on 17 January 2012 in Copenhagen to discuss the follow-up of the External Evaluation and strategic priorities for EQAR during the coming years.

8. The result of the discussion will be a document responding to the External Evaluation Panel's specific recommendations and identifying strategic priorities for EQAR's work.
9. The General Assembly will also discuss corresponding conclusions and recommendations to ministers, including a proposal for the Bucharest Communiqué.
10. The General Assembly will continue with a second part, reserved for its regular business, on 20 March 2012 in conjunction with the following BFUG meeting.

### **Mergers of Agencies on the Register**

11. At its meeting in November 2011 the Register Committee considered the question of how to deal with mergers of registered quality assurance agencies in the light of current developments in some European countries.
12. The agreed principle policy of the Register Committee is currently being finalised and will be published and circulated shortly.

### **Next Application Round**

13. The next meeting of the EQAR Register Committee will take place in late April or May 2012.
14. The corresponding deadline for applications by quality assurance agencies for inclusion on the Register will be published shortly. The deadline will be in mid-February or later.