EQAR Register Committee – Building trust in EHEA

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EQAR



Who/What

The EHEA's official Register of QA agencies that comply substantially with the ESG.

Mission

Further the development of the EHEA by increasing the **transparency** of QA, and thus enhancing the **trust** and confidence in European HE.

History

The only official organisation established directly as a result of the Bologna process.

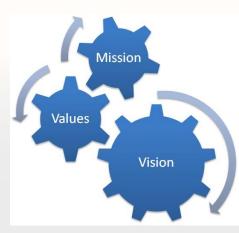
2005 – Bergen, the concept of a European register of QA agencies is welcomed by the ministers

2007 - London, ministers welcomed the establishment of a register by E4 Group

2008 - Brussels, founding of EQAR

EQAR members

Founding Members: ENQA, ESU, EUA, EURASHE Governmental Members Social partner Members

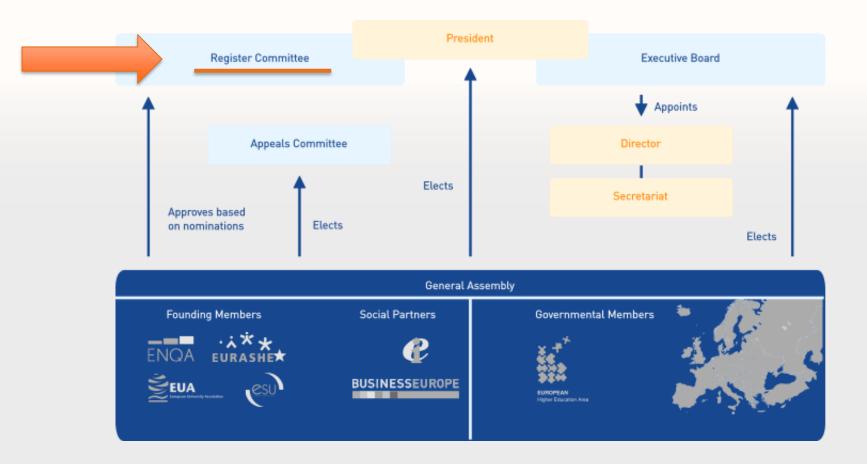






EQAR organisation







EQAR Register Committee (RC)



- 11 members with experience in QA and HE
- members act independently, in their individual capacity
- each Founding Member nominates 2 members
- each Social Partner Member nominates 1 member
- the Register Committee is approved by the General Assembly
- chaired by the President (without voting right)
- A Vice-chair elected among the members
- meetings at least three times per year (usually more frequently)





RC responsibilities



- Receives, evaluates and decides on applications for inclusion on the Register (full reviews) and applications for renewal of the registration (full reviews, targeted reviews);
- Considers Substantive Change Reports;

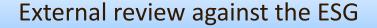


- Considers third-party complaints;
- Conducting and extraordinary review of an agency's registration;
- Adopting and revising Procedures for Applications in consultations with the General Assembly.



RC decision-making process







Analysis by 2+1 RC members (rapporteurs) prior the RC meeting

First consideration by RC

Additional representation and second consideration

(when overall conclusion is "not substantially compliant")

Focused review possible

(when overall conclusion remains "not substantially compliant")

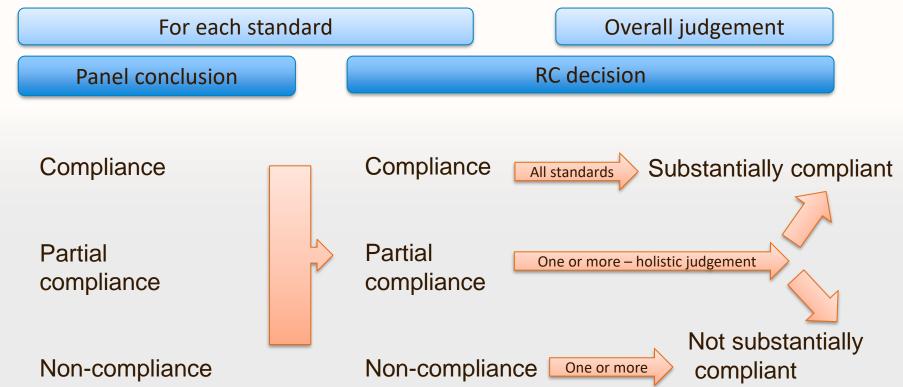






RC overall judgement









Ensuring consistency in decision-making process



ESG compliance



EQAR Use and Interpretation of ESG

Use and Interpretation of the ESG for the European Register of Quality Assurance Agencies

1. Introduction

The Standards and Buidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area [ESG, 2015] provide the European framework against which the quality assurance agencies [QAAs] and their activities are assessed.

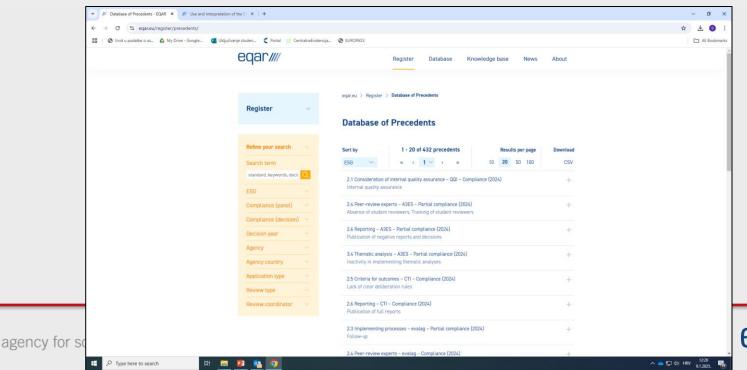
The European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR) manages

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- EQAR Database of Precedents





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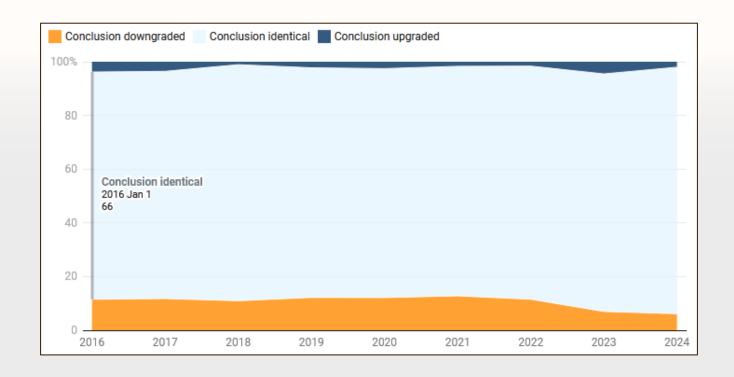
- revised version (4.0) adopted in December 2024
- minor changes/clarifications related to the following ESG standards:

-2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 3.1, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6



Panel conclusion and RC decision



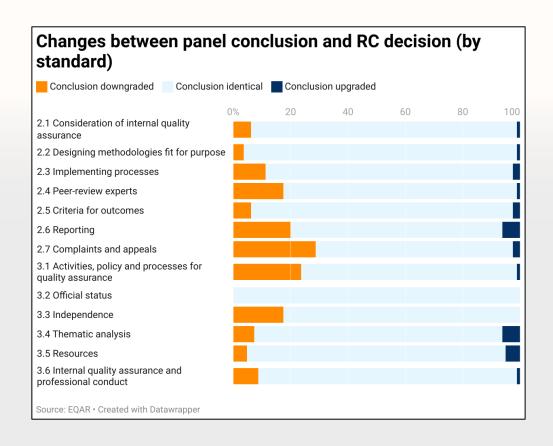






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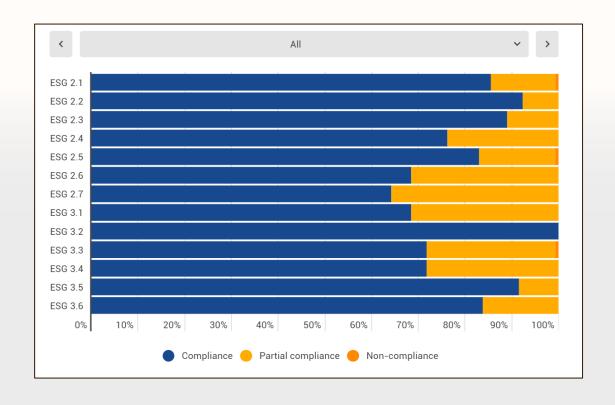






Level of compliance with the ESG

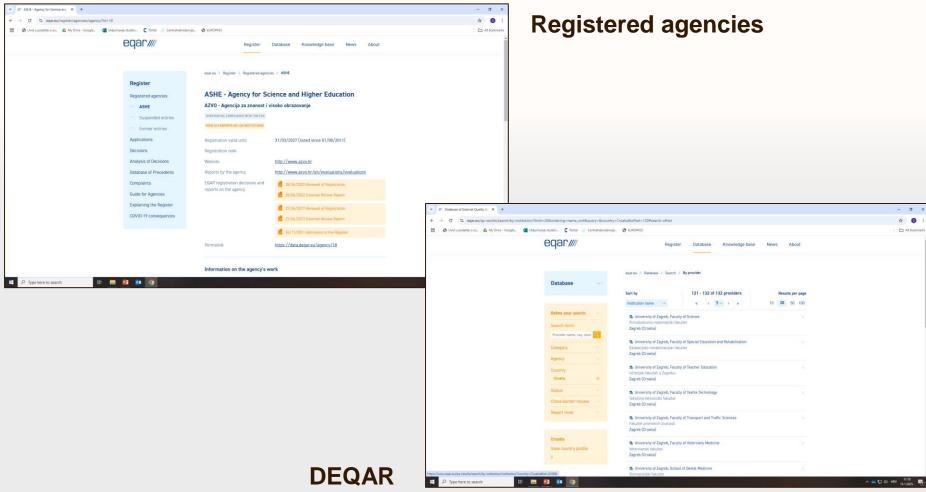






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