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Update on EQAR Activities

Updates regarding the Register

At its 20th meeting in Cologne, on 15-16 November 2017, the EQAR Register Committee renewed the registration of:

- AQU Catalunya - Catalan University Quality Assurance Agency (Spain)
- NVAO - Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders
- SKVC - Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education (Lithuania).

The Committee adopted the additions to the Policy on the Use and Interpretation of the ESG, clarifying the scope of the ESG and addressing the clear separation between external quality assurance and other activities.

www.eqar.eu/documents/decisions.html

Knowledge Base on Legal Frameworks

EQAR and Eurydice have jointly carried out a survey addressed to EHEA member countries on the changes to their legal framework and on the openness to cross-border external quality assurance by a suitable EQAR-registered agency.

The responses were used to update the information presented on the EQAR website on legal frameworks for external QA.

<https://eqar.eu/topics/cross-border-qa/map.html>

Database of External Quality Assurance Results (DEQAR)

On 15 December 2017, EQAR organised a webinar as part of the DEQAR project. The event was dedicated to the presentation of the draft data schema and discussion of the technical specifications for the database as well as the possible methods for data delivery by quality assurance agencies. Participants, mostly technical personal from QA agencies indicated the preferred data delivery methods and project workflow. The materials from the DEQAR webinar can be found here.

As a next step in the project, QA agencies will start experimenting with initial data submission to the database. A workshop for partner and other EQAR-registered QA agencies will be organised in late March 2018. A public preview of the database is expected before the Ministerial Conference in May 2018.

Once set up, the Database will allow users to identify whether a higher education institution or its programmes have been subjected to external quality assurance in line with the ESG, by an EQAR-registered agency. The database would also provide users with easy access the corresponding quality assurance reports.

<http://eqar.eu/topics/deqar.html>