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AGREEMENT FOR THE ENQA-COORDINATED EXTERNAL REVIEW OF THE CATALAN UNIVERSITY QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY (AQU Catalunya)

THIS AGREEMENT is made BETWEEN

(1) The Catalan University Quality Assurance Agency (AQU Catalunya), whose head office is at Carrer d'Enric Granados, 33, 08007 Barcelona (Spain), represented by Francesc Xavier Grau i Vidal, President, hereafter referred to as "the agency";

and

(2) The European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA), whose head office is at Rue de l'Industrie 10, 1000 Brussels (Belgium), represented by Anna Gover, Director, hereafter referred to as "ENQA".

The parties agree as follows:

Recitals

WHEREAS an application for ENQA membership is considered only when an independent external review report that demonstrates an agency's compliance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG) and was conducted following the Guidelines for ENQA Agency Reviews, is received;

WHEREAS the agency wishes to apply for the renewal of its ENQA membership;

WHEREAS the agency wishes to use the review report for the renewal of its registration in the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR);

WHEREAS ENQA has agreed to coordinate the external **full review** of the agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants herein contained, the two parties agree to the following terms and conditions established in this agreement and its annex I ("the *agreement*").

Article 1. The review

ENQA will coordinate the review of AQU Catalunya for the purpose of determining compliance of the agency with the ESG and to support the agency in its efforts to constantly review and enhance its work. The review will be conducted in accordance with the Guidelines for ENQA Agency Reviews and the agreed Tripartite Terms of Reference between ENQA, EQAR and the agency, as presented in Annex I of this *agreement*.

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This *agreement* does not imply that the outcome of the review will necessarily lead to the renewal of the agency's membership in ENQA or of its registration in EQAR.

Article 2. Review timetable

Both parties to this agreement shall respect the indicative schedule presented under section 6 of the Tripartite Terms of Reference.

Article 3. Payment of the review fee

3.1 The review fee will be 33,660.00 EUR VAT excl., payable to ENQA following the signature of this *agreement*. The agency's VAT number is: ESQ0801199A.

3.2 The fee will only be paid in euros (EUR).

3.3 The amount shall be paid by bank transfer to the ENQA account. The ENQA secretariat will provide an invoice with the references to be mentioned in the transfer.

3.4 It is understood that the fee of the progress visit is included in the overall cost of the review and will not be reimbursed if the agency does not wish to benefit from it.

3.5 The above-mentioned review fee includes the travel and subsistence costs for the site visit and the progress visit. The travel and subsistence budget amounts to 4,750 EUR for the site visit and 1,600 EUR for the progress visit. If the allowance paid for travel and subsistence costs is exceeded, ENQA will claim the exceeding costs from the agency after the completion of the review and may provide justification of expenses (i.e., receipts and boarding passes) as needed. If actual travel and subsistence costs finish under budget, ENQA will refund the difference to the agency. All travel should be in economy class. In case of reimbursement, the payment will be made to the following bank account of the agency: Agència per a la Qualitat del Sistema Universitari de Catalunya – CaixaBank- IBAN: ES48-2100-5000-5102-0003- BIC: CAIXESBBXXX.

3.6 The above-mentioned review fee covers the costs of a four-member review panel. Should an additional reviewer be included in the panel at the request of the agency, an additional fee to cover the reviewer's fee and travel and subsistence expenses will be applied.

3.7 In the event that a second site visit is required by ENQA's Board or the Agency Review Committee in order to complete the assessment of compliance, and where the agency agrees to such an additional visit, an additional fee of 500 EUR per reviewer shall be charged to the agency. Such additional visits are usually conducted online; however, where an in-person visit is deemed necessary, the related travel and subsistence costs associated with the second site visit shall also be charged to the agency.

Article 4. Termination of the agreement, *force majeure*

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For the purposes of this *agreement*, force majeure shall be defined in accordance with Article 2 of the Policy on Force Majeure for ENQA Agency Reviews (see Annex 6 of the Guidelines for ENQA Agency Reviews).

In the event of force majeure, the implementation of the external review may be modified, suspended, or terminated by either party, in accordance with the above-mentioned policy.

Where the review process is terminated as a result of force majeure, neither party shall be held liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations under this *agreement*, provided that such failure or delay is directly attributable to the force majeure event.

Article 5. Jurisdiction and applicable law

The ruling law of this *agreement* and of the relationship arising out of it between the parties hereto shall be Belgian Law. Both parties to this *agreement* agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the Belgian Courts in respect of any matters arising out of or in connection with the *agreement*.

Article 6. Amendments

This *agreement* is the entire agreement of the parties and may be amended only by written agreement.

Article 7. Annexes

The following annex forms an integral part of this *agreement*:
Annex I: Tripartite Terms of Reference between AQU Catalunya, ENQA and EQAR

This *agreement* will be signed electronically by both parties and an electronic copy will be sent to each party.

SIGNATURES
For and on behalf of ENQA

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Anna Gover
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Anna Gover
Director

1/7/2026
Date

For and on behalf of AQU Catalunya

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President

Date