

Decision on the Substantive Change Report by Valencian Agency for Assessment and Forecasting (AVAP)

Register Committee
1-2 July 2024

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Decision of:	2024-07-02
Result:	Take note
Report received on:	2024-03-26
Agency registered since:	2022-06-01
Last external review report:	2022-06-22
Registration until:	2027-06-30
Absented themselves from decision-making:	n/a
Attachments:	1. Substantive Change Report, 2024-03-26

1. The Register Committee considered the Substantive Change Report of 2024-03-26.
2. The Register Committee took note that AVAP introduced the following changes:
 - A) Introduction of new external quality assurance activities:
 - *Verification of New Official Programmes*
 - *Modification of Programmes.*
 - B) Changes in the agency's organisational rules and operation by restructuring the Steering Committee.

A) New external quality assurance activities

3. The Register Committee took note of the agency's new activities, *Verification of New Official Programmes* and *Modification of Programmes* carried out with protocols of the Spanish Network of University Quality Assurance Agencies (REACU).
4. Based on the documentation provided by AVAP, the Register Committee had no prima facie concerns that the ESG Part 2 are complied with.
5. **The Register Committee expects that the new activities will be analysed in full against ESG 2.1 – 2.7 as part of the next external review of AVAP.**

B) Organisational Structure

6. The Register Committee noted that AVAP made adjustments in the organisational rules and restructured its governing bodies.
7. The Register Committee understood that these changes have been made based on the announced restructuring in the agency at the time of the inclusion on the register (of 2023-03-03) in order to strengthen its independence from the regional government.
8. **The Register Committee considered the reported change and noted that the organisational change should be further addressed in the next external review of AVAP under ESG 3.1 and ESG 3.3.**

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EQAR Substantive Change Report

Agency #1	VALENCIAN AGENCY FOR ASSESSMENT AND FORECASTING
Agency acronym	AVAP
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Other organisations?	No
A. Has the organisational identity of the registered agency changed?	No
B. Has the organisational structure changed?	Yes
Description	The agency's rules of organisation and operation have been changed. The collegiate bodies are now the Steering Committee and the Permanent Commission, with a different structure from the previous one, which reinforces the agency's independence from the regional government.
C. Changes in EQA activities	1. One or several new external QA activities were introduced
Description new/changed	After the appearance of the agency in DEQAR, AVAP is the competent agency in the Valencian Community for the verification and modification of the degrees offered by the universities in the region.
1. New EQA activity:	
1	Verification of new official programmes
2	Modification of programmes
Focus	study programmes or higher education

institutions

ESG 2.1

We have prepared protocols and guidelines for verification and modifications for Bachelor's, Master's and PhD degrees. Internal regulations have also been drawn up for the committees involved in the procedures. In these documents, annexed to this application, there is a table showing how ESG 1.1 - 1.10 are fulfilled.

ESG 2.2

The documents have been developed by AVAP's technical team in conjunction with staff from all Valencian universities. Working sessions have been held with the different stakeholders to review and complete the texts. Finally, the documents have been reviewed and validated by AVAP's Protocols and Appeals Commission.

ESG 2.3

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<https://avap.es/en/verification-and-modification/>

ESG 2.3

Not applicable

ESG 2.4

Name of the EQA.

All this information is detailed in the document with the organic and functional regulations of the collegiate bodies involved in the two new processes. This document is attached to this application.

ESG 2.5

Name of the EQA.

ESG 2.6

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<https://www.eqar.eu/register/agencies/agency/?id=72>

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<https://titulaciones.avap.es/buscadorexterno>

ESG 2.7

Names of the EQA activities

ESG 3.4/ESG 3.6

Names of the EQA activities

D. Activity outside the scope of the ESG	No
File #1	2024_ROF_AVAPSpanish.pdf (586 KB)
File #2	ROF-Programme_Evaluation_Commission.pdf (141 KB)
File #3	VerificationBachelorMaster.pdf (643 KB)
File #4	VerificationPhD.pdf (468 KB)
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