

**Approval of the Application
by The Quality Assurance Agency for the University System
in Castilla y León (ACSUCYL)
for Renewal of Inclusion on the Register**

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Application of:	2023-12-15		
Agency registered since:	2009-12-01		
Type of review:	Targeted	Site visit:	2024-07-11
External review report of:	2025-02-24	Submitted:	2025-03-03
Review coordinated by:	European Association for Quality Assurance of Higher Education (ENQA)		
Review panel members:	Adrian Korzeniowski, Manuel João Costa, Michèle Wera, Nora Skaburskienė		
Decision of:	2025-04-14		
Registration until:	2030-02-28		
Absented themselves from decision-making:	n/a		
Attachments:	1. External Review Report, 2025-02-24 2. Applicant's statement on the report, 2025-03-07 3. Additional representation by ACSUCYL, 2025-04-30 (received on 2025-05-06) 4. Minuted Clarification by ACSUCYL, 2025-06-05		

1. The application of 2023-12-15 adhered to the requirements of the EQAR Procedures for Applications.
2. The Register Committee confirmed eligibility of the application on 2024-01-25.
3. The Register Committee considered the targeted external review report of 2025-02-24 on the compliance of ACSUCYL with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG, 2015 version).
4. The Register Committee further considered the statement and supporting documentation provided by the agency on the report from 2025-03-07.
5. The Register Committee invited ACSUCYL to make additional representation on the grounds of possible rejection on 2025-04-14. The

Register Committee considered ACSUCYL's additional representation and additional documentation (of 2025-04-30) on its meeting on 2025-06-27.

6. The Register Committee further sought and received clarification from ACSUCYL (minuted clarification of 2025-06-05).

Analysis:

7. In considering ACSUCYL's compliance with the ESG, the Register Committee took into account the following activities:

- *Verification of official degrees (ex-ante accreditation) / modification*
- *Follow-up of official degrees*
- *Renewal of accreditation of official degrees (ex-post accreditation)*
- *Assessment of Higher Art Master Programmes (ex-ante and ex-post evaluation)*
- *European Approach for QA of Joint Programmes*
- *Institutional accreditation and Certification of the implementation of the internal quality assurance system (ELENCHOS Programme)*
- *Teaching performance assessment programme (DOCENTIA Programme)*
- *Evaluation to create, recognize, modify or withdraw university centres*

8. The following activities are not within the scope of the ESG and, thus, not pertinent to the application inclusion on the Register:

- *Assessment programmes evaluating research*
- *Assessment programmes evaluating teaching staff*

9. The Register Committee found that the report provides sufficient evidence and analysis on ACSUCYL's level of compliance with the ESG.

10. The targeted review covered ESG 3.1 and ESG 3.3 in Part 3, which the Register Committee found partially compliant during the last renewal of registration (of 2020-06-20) and ESG 2.1. It also addresses the entire ESG Part 2, but only for the newly introduced activity, *European Approach for QA of Joint Programmes*. The remaining ESG judgements were inherited from the last renewal.

11. With regard to the specific European Standards, the Register Committee considered the following:

ESG 2.2 – Designing methodologies fit for purpose

12. The Register Committee learned from the external review report that even though the agency generally involves stakeholders in its work, they were not directly involved in the consultation process regarding the national protocol for the activity *European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes*.

13. **While the Register Committee could follow the panel's view that the agency is compliant with the standard based on its general practice of**

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involving stakeholders in the design of its methodologies, the Committee followed the panel's recommendation and emphasised that this practice should be employed in the development of all of the agency's methodologies, without exemption.

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ESG 2.3 – Implementing processes

14. In panel's view the site visits of the activity *European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes* are insufficient in both duration and depth. Specifically, the interviews during the site visits were only limited to teaching staff and management, while the site visits were held online, preventing the reviewers from assessing the infrastructure of all institutions and other relevant contextual information.

15. Furthermore, the Register Committee noted that the procedure does not include a structured follow-up mechanism and is based on a permanent exchange of documents between the agency and institutions.

16. In its additional representation, ACSUCYL explained their plans to address concerns regarding the format of the site visit and to align the procedure and methodology of the new activity with the requirements set out in the agreed European framework of the *European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes*.

17. The Register Committee welcomed ACSUCYL's plans but noted that they remain to be implemented and externally reviewed. Therefore, in light of the existing deficiencies in site visits and unstructured follow-up mechanisms for the *European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes*, the Committee concurred with the panel's conclusion that ACSUCYL is partially compliant with the standard.

ESG 2.6 – Reporting

18. The Register Committee understood from the panel's analysis that the final reports resulting from the activity *European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes* differ substantially from the draft reports prepared by the review panel. This is due to the possibility given to the Degree Assessment Commission (DAC), the responsible body for assessment, certification, and accreditation, to modify the draft expert reports.

19. The Register Committee further noted that during the interim stage of the review, higher education institutions, besides providing factual comments, can also address the shortcomings identified in the draft expert reports, with these results being considered and later included in the final report by the DAC. This process can lead to changes in judgements, removal of recommendations and suggestions, and substantial alterations of the text prepared by the expert panels.

20. In their statement to the report (Annex 2), the agency clarified that addressing shortcomings identified in the draft report is part of ex-ante verification for new degrees since the programmes are not yet implemented

and the final modifications are evaluated before the publication of the final report.

21. The Register Committee further learned that the reports from the *European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes* lacked a critical appraisal of the evidence, which is primarily based on self-evaluation reports and supporting documentation rather than gathered during site visits.

22. The Register Committee additionally learned from the panel analysis that the agency does not publish negative reports from its ex-ante procedures. This could not be specifically verified for the reports resulting from the *European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes*, since only two reviews have been completed at the moment of the site visit, both with a positive outcome.

23. In their statement to the report, ACSUCYL explained that they publish negative reports except for ones resulting from ex-ante procedures, as their platform does not allow inclusion of reports on programmes that are not listed in the University Register of Centres and Degrees, the Spanish national register of degrees and university centres. However, the agency publishes these reports on DEQAR.

24. The Register Committee considered the agency's explanation but underlined that, as per the standard, all reports should be published irrespective of the outcome. Furthermore, the Committee emphasised that in the aim of strengthening transparency, when ACSUCYL's reports are published on any platform, including the agency's website, this should include all reports.

25. In its additional representation, ACSUCYL presented their plans to address the issues of the format and quality of the reports and to create a dedicated working group for this task. Additionally, the agency noted that they have already started publishing negative ex-ante reports on their website, and the repository now includes all the historical data as well.

26. The Register Committee welcomed ACSUCYL's plans to address concerns on the format and quality of reports and was able to verify that the agency is now publishing its ex-ante reports. The Committee, however, found that the actions presented to address the remaining concerns raised by the panel and the Register Committee are yet to be introduced, implemented in practice, and evaluated through external review.

27. The Register Committee acknowledged concerns raised by the panel about the lack of evidence in the review reports and the alterations made by the DAC, noting that the activity *European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes* does not comply with the standard. Nevertheless, under the assumption that the rest of the activities remain compliant with the standard since the last full review, the Register Committee concluded that ACSUCYL overall complies partially with ESG 2.6.

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ESG 3.1 – Activities, policy and processes for quality assurance

28. In the last decision of renewal of registration, the Register Committee found the agency to be partially compliant due to the lack of student involvement in the agency's governance and work. To offer students the opportunity to contribute to governance and operations, the agency at that time established a Student Board, however, only as an advisory board without further involvement in the agency's decision-making. The Register Committee found that students have not been included as members of the Board of Directors (the governance body of the agency). While ACSUCYL made attendance of students at the meetings of the Board of Directors possible since October 2021, the agency has not yet utilised it in practice.

29. The Register Committee noted from the panel analysis that since the last review, the agency included a student in the Degree Assessment Commission.

30. In its statement to the report, ACSUCYL explained that they have not employed this in practice because, since the change, the Board of Directors' meetings have only addressed management, administrative, and financial issues.

31. While the Register Committee welcomed the action taken for better student involvement in the work of the agency, it found that the involvement of students in the governance of the agency (as per the requirement of the standard) remains insufficient, given that students are not involved in the Board of Directors.

32. In its additional representation, ACSUCYL noted that while student participation had not been utilised in the Board of Directors due to the nature of issues discussed in its meetings, this practice was now initiated in their recent meeting. The agency has updated the rules governing the functioning of the Student Board to include them in the decision-making process and approved the proposal to initiate legislative changes to include student members in the Board of Directors (see more under ESG 3.3).

33. The Register Committee welcomed the actions taken by the agency in order to address the concerns on student involvement. Nevertheless, the Committee could not confirm how these changes have been implemented in practice. Furthermore, the announced changes in legislation are yet to be enacted and systematically implemented. **The Register Committee therefore concurred with the panel that the agency complies only partially with the standard.**

ESG 3.3 – Independence

34. In the last decision of renewal of registration, the Register Committee found the agency to be partially compliant with the standard due to issues related to the organisational independence of the agency. Namely, the Governing Board was predominantly composed of the representatives of the regional government, including the Chairperson, while the members were appointed by the regional Minister responsible for universities and research.

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Furthermore, the agency was largely dependent on the regional government for approval and hiring of new staff and the annual approval of the budget.

35. The Register Committee noted from the panel analysis that the concerns raised during the last review remain pertinent. The majority of Board members are either appointed by the regional Minister of Education or take on their roles by virtue of holding specific positions within state administration, and the Board is chaired by the Head of the Regional Ministry for Universities.

36. Furthermore, the Register Committee learned from the panel analysis that the Acting Director of the agency during the site visit was simultaneously the head of the General Directorate responsible for universities and research, who also serves as a vice-chair of the Board.

37. The Register Committee concurred with the panel that the dual role of the Acting Director endangers the independence of the agency, especially given that the agency's organisational structure is centred around the director's position, which grants this position significant influence.

38. The Register Committee further learned from the panel analysis that the agency does not have sufficient autonomy in the recruitment process, and the budgetary constraints remain under the authority of the regional government, hindering the agency's operational flexibility and autonomy.

39. In its additional representation, ACSUCYL informed EQAR that in order to reduce the representation of regional government members on the Board of Directors, the agency approved a proposal to replace two governmental officials with two students. To that end, it has submitted a proposal to the regional government for legislative amendment. The Register Committee further asked for clarification on the timeframe when the legislative amendments would be approved. The agency clarified there was no precise timeline for amending the legislation, but they expect it to be approved by January 2026.

40. The Register Committee welcomed the actions taken by the agency, but it acknowledged that the proposed legislative changes have yet to be adopted. Additionally, once adopted, it remains to be considered and reviewed by an external review panel.

41. To address the dual role of the Interim Director, the agency has taken accelerated steps to appoint a new Director and has published an open call with expedited deadlines to resolve this issue. Following a clarification request, the agency clarified that as of yet it had no formal mechanism to avoid the dual role of the director, but they have accelerated the process to select the new director by 9 June 2025.

42. Following the clarification call with ACSUCYL (of 2025-06-05), the agency informed the Committee that a new Director has been selected on 9 June 2025 (see Annex 4). The Register Committee welcomed the steps taken by the agency to appoint a new Director with expedited deadlines and emphasised the importance of introducing measures to avoid dual/multiple

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roles for the Director of the agency in the future, which could compromise the agency's independence.

43. In its additional representation, the agency further explained that budget control mechanisms from the regional government are mandatory, as the agency receives public funding. The agency clarified that while being accountable to the regional government, the agency has autonomy to plan and execute the budget and manage its staffing process.

44. The Register Committee welcomed the clarification, however, noted that concerns about the dependency on the regional government for the approval of the budget and staffing are still pertinent.

45. While concerns on the agency's independence are yet to be fully resolved, considering the agency has already selected a new Director following an open call, the Register Committee concurred that ACSUCYL now partially complies with the ESG 3.3. Furthermore, the Register Committee noted that ACSUCYL should inform EQAR once the new Director starts its term and the legislative changes are approved.

46. For the remaining standards, the Register Committee was able to concur with the review panel's analysis and conclusion without further comments.

Conclusion:

47. Based on the external review report and the considerations above, the Register Committee concluded that ACSUCYL demonstrated compliance with the ESG (Parts 2 and 3) as follows:

Standard	Previous decision (2020-06-22)	Review panel conclusion	Register Committee conclusion
2.1	Compliance	Compliance	Compliance
2.2	Compliance	Compliance	Compliance
2.3	Compliance	Partial compliance	Partial compliance
2.4	Compliance	Compliance	Compliance
2.5	Compliance	Compliance	Compliance
2.6	Compliance	Non-compliance ¹	Partial compliance ²
2.7	Compliance	Compliance	Compliance
3.1	Partial compliance	Partial compliance	Partial compliance
3.2	Compliance	<i>Inherited</i>	<i>Inherited</i>
3.3	Partial compliance	Non-compliance	Partial Compliance

¹ The panel judgement is for only a one new activity, *European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes*.

² The Register Committee made a judgement based on overall compliance of the standard.

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3.4	Compliance	<i>Inherited</i>	<i>Inherited</i>
3.5	Compliance	<i>Inherited</i>	<i>Inherited</i>
3.6	Compliance	<i>Inherited</i>	<i>Inherited</i>
3.7	Compliance	(not expected)	Compliance (by virtue of applying)

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48. The Register Committee considered that ACSUCYL only achieved partial compliance with some standards. In its holistic judgement, the Register Committee concluded that these are specific and limited issues, but that complies substantially with the ESG as a whole.

49. The Register Committee therefore approved the application for inclusion on the Register. ACSUCYL's inclusion shall be valid until 2030-02-28.

50. The Register Committee further underlined that ACSUCYL is expected to address the issues mentioned appropriately and to resolve them at the earliest opportunity.

Valladolid, 7 March 2025

Dear Aleksandar,

As I mentioned to you last Friday in the email I sent to you containing information concerning ACSUCYL'S external review report, I am now sending you this clarification report with some issues which I would like the Register Committee to take into consideration in the review it is carrying out.

We have noticed some incorrect information and subjective comments that have led to negative assessments in certain standards and criteria. We also noticed major inconsistencies with the reviews carried out for other agencies that operate in Spain and in other European countries that have the same structure and running as ACSUCYL.

We are aware that the absence of any Spanish experts amongst the panel members who would be familiar with the Spanish higher education system and the regulations to which all assessment agencies are subject in Spain may have partly influenced the reflections and may have led to an unfavourable assessment in two of the standards: the Standard concerning Independence (3.3), and Reporting (2.6), with regard to the new activities we are carrying out using the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes.

ACSUCYL was one of the first agencies to be set up in Spain and has been operating since 2003. ACSUCYL was also one of the first Spanish agencies to gain membership of ENQA and EQAR. We have always been characterised by the integrity with which we have conducted our work, as reflected through the stakeholders involved in the Agency's work and through the previous reviews to which we have been subject, and by our being an institution that is wholeheartedly committed to complying with the European Standards and Guidelines since we came to form part of the Association in 2009.

In order to be admitted to ENQA and EQAR in 2009, ACSUCYL undertook a number of major changes so as to comply, principally with the standard of independence as required under Standard 3.3 of the European Standards and Guidelines, whilst always obviously taking account of the Spanish legislation by which we are bound, as are all other quality assurance agencies in Spain. This has merited favourable reviews from ENQA and EQAR.

Our agency operates with full independence vis-à-vis its organisation, running, and formal outcomes, thereby complying with the stipulations of the Standard in question; in other words, being independent, acting autonomously and being in sole charge of how we are run and with regard to the outcomes of our assessments, without any outside influence from third parties. The assessment reports we issue also comply with the established standards, with reports being published in a clear manner that is accessible to both the academic community as well as to external stakeholders or to any other interested party. This is also true with regard to all the other processes we carry out, with the assessment of the joint European programmes that have the European Approach for Joint Programmes as their benchmark being no exception.

As already pointed out, we believe that the review assessment carried out is not wholly accurate as a result of not having been based on objective information, by its inclusion of subjective opinions, and due to its lack of consistency with other assessment reviews carried out on other Spanish agencies. What follows are the reasons on which our interpretations are based and which, we hope, will be taken into consideration:

A. As regards Standard 3.3 Independence, there are several issues that have not been understood and other others that reflect subjective opinions, probably as a result of not being familiar with the structure that all quality assurance agencies have in Spain, as was pointed out earlier. Specifically:

Page 16. ACSUCYL is required to regularly sign an agreement with the regional Ministry of Education, ensuring that the agency will operate independently in all assessments it undertakes. The most recent agreement was signed in 2021 and is valid for four years. This agreement specifically covers evaluations related to research only and is not within the scope of the ENQA targeted review.

[Royal Decree 822/2021, of 28 September, which sets out the organisation of university education and the procedure for the quality assurance thereof](#) establishes the following in article 25:

1. In order to ensure quality in university studies as an education service for the whole of Spanish society, official university degrees must be subject to external assessment procedures in accordance with the European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance of Higher Education, ESG ...

2. The external assessment bodies responsible for undertaking the quality assurance procedures for the higher education system in Spain are the National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation (ANECA) and –for their corresponding regions– the regional quality assurance agencies that are members of the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education –EQAR.

Taking into account that what is set out under current legislation is applicable to all universities that form part of the Spanish higher education system and to all quality assurance agencies, under no circumstances is it mandatory for ACSUCYL to sign any agreement with Regional Ministry of Education, either in order to carry out its assessments– since this is laid down under legislation– or to ensure its independence with regard to the assessments undertaken –since this is also guaranteed. The assessments carried out are executed totally independently from any government or university, and are the responsibility of ACSUCYL'S assessment committees that are made up entirely of experts from outside the Castilla y León higher education system– which is not the case for other agencies that operate in Spain.

Agreements signed with the Regional Ministry of Education –and which address research assessment procedures– lie totally outside the scope of the ESG, such that what was referred to earlier is not and indeed cannot be applied in any case to the assessments included within the scope of this review since it would make no sense, since they are already guaranteed under their own legislation.

Page 18. As a public entity, the agency's funding is provided by the regional government.

In this regard, it should be pointed out that **all** quality assurance agencies in Spain are public and, therefore, funded by the corresponding regional government or by the National Ministry for Innovation, Science and Universities in the case of the National Agency. That is the principal source of funding for all the agencies who operate in Spain.

The fact that the agencies are created by the regional governments or by the national government ensures that they do not lack funding for their assessments, which are clearly set out under legislation.

Page 18. The director of the agency appoints the experts for internal assessment committees, and the composition of each assessment body is published on the agency's website.

In accordance with [DECREE 15/2015, of 19 February, which approves the rules governing the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León.](#)

Article 14 addressing the composition and appointment of the assessment committees:

art. 14.1.

c) The Degree Assessment Committee is made up of ten members, of whom seven are appointed guaranteeing representation from the various knowledge areas, from amongst public servants holding a PhD from university teaching staff bodies, regardless of their administrative situation, and holding at least three recognised periods of teaching activity, recognition of two periods of research activity, in accordance with the provisions of Royal Decree 1086/1989, of 28 August, governing university teaching staff pay –or subsequent amendment thereof– and who have experience in university quality assessment processes. Likewise, three of their members shall be renowned experts with a recognised professional career –one in the legal field and two in the field of business.

d) The Institutional Quality Assessment Committee is made up of ten members, five of whom shall be appointed from amongst public servants holding a PhD from university teaching staff bodies, regardless of their administrative situation, and holding at least three recognised periods of teaching activity, recognition of two periods of research activity, in accordance with the provisions of Royal Decree 1086/1989, of 28 August, governing university teaching staff pay –or subsequent amendment thereof– and who have experience in university quality assessment processes. Four shall be experts in higher education systems and in university quality assurance processes, and at least one shall be from the international university community. The committee shall also contain one renowned professional who has relevant merits in the field of business.

2. The composition of the assessment committees shall be published in the Castilla y León «official gazette».

*3. They will be appointed by the Director of the Agency, subsequent to a report **from** the Advisory Board and once the Board of Directors has been informed.*

As occurs in most of the agencies in Spain, appointments are therefore indeed made by the Director of the Agency, since that is the management body responsible for running all of the Agency's activities. This does not imply that there is any kind of interference in their

independence; firstly because a favourable report must be issued by ACSUCYL'S Board of Directors and secondly because, in this instance, the Board of Directors is not involved, beyond merely being informed as to whom has been appointed. It should be pointed out that this is standard practice in the agencies in Spain, including those for whom a favourable review report has been issued.

In the case of ACSUCYL –and in order to ensure transparency and accountability– the information is not only published on its website but also in the official gazette of Castilla y León.

Page 18. The agency designs and approves assessment procedures and methods in accordance with national legislation.

The law regulating the activities of universities in the region stipulates that the assessment bodies of the agency are responsible for issuing assessment reports. These reports then form the basis for formal decisions by the Regional Ministry of Education of Castilla y León.

In accordance with [DECREE 15/2015, of 19 February, which approves the rules governing the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León.](#)

art. 13. 3:

When undertaking the functions attributed to the assessment committees set out in article 42 of Law 3/2003, of 28 March, governing universities in Castilla y León, within the scope of their respective powers said committees may carry out the following tasks:

- a) Plan and coordinate the corresponding assessment processes and the work of the external experts involved therein.*
- b) Design, approve and, prior to the start of the assessment processes, publish the assessment standards and methodologies to be applied.***
- c) Determine mechanisms for follow-up and improvement of the processes carried out.*
- d) Ensure the independence and impartiality of the decisions taken.***
- e) Ensure consistency when conducting the assessment processes.***
- f) Provide methodological and technical assistance.*
- g) Publish situation reports related to their area of action.*
- h) Adopt the joint and reasoned final assessment decisions made by the Agency.***
- i) Inform the Director of the Agency vis-à-vis their activities and the agreements taken.***
- j) Any other task which, within the scope of their powers, may expressly be required of them by the Director of the Agency or under current legislation.*

Bearing in mind the functions which current legislation assigns to ACSUCYL'S assessment committees, it is difficult to understand the following statements:

1. The agency designs and approves assessment procedures and methods in accordance with national legislation

According to article 13.3 b) –previously referred to– it falls exclusively to the Agency's assessment committees to *design, approve, and publish prior to the start of the assessment processes the assessment standards and methodologies to be applied.*

Although the assessment committees do form part of the organisational structure of the Agency –as those who are principally responsible for the assessment processes– it should be pointed

out that neither the Director of the Agency nor the Agency staff exert any influence over said processes, beyond providing (in the case of the Agency staff) advice in terms of complying with current legislation in Spain. Likewise, the Agency staff ensure that there is consistency with what has been agreed with the rest of the agencies within the framework of cooperation with the Spanish Network of University Quality Agencies (REACU)

2. The law regulating the activities of universities in the region stipulates that the Agency's assessment bodies are responsible for issuing assessment reports. ***These reports then form the basis for formal decisions taken by the Regional Ministry of Education of Castilla y León.***

According to article 13.3 h) –previously referred to– it falls exclusively to the Agency's assessment committees ***to adopt the joint and reasoned final assessment decisions that affect the Agency.***

In no instances does the Regional Ministry of Education intervene in the assessment process, and it has no power whatsoever in terms of taking formal decisions related thereto.

In Spain, [Royal Decree 822/2021, of 28 September, which sets out the organisation of higher education and the procedure for ensuring their quality](#), governs the actions of all universities and Spanish quality assurance agencies –as previously pointed out. This Royal Decree establishes that quality assurance agencies in higher education should undertake assessment processes related to academic programmes involving Universities, Verification, Modification, Follow-up, Renewal of accreditation, and Institutional Accreditation. ***These assessments culminate with the decisions issued by the Council of Universities and Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities in Spain***, which take the reports issued by the corresponding assessment agency as the basis for their decision.

Said Royal Decree also sets out that assessments will be carried out *...by committees of academic experts and professionals, who hold a university degree, who must be independent and renowned academics in the knowledge area of the degree or in related areas, and that they will be selected by the agencies. Likewise, said committees must involve university students and may also involve representatives from society who are chosen due to their link to the thematic area of the degree being evaluated.*

To sum up, the Regional Ministry of Education has no kind of involvement in the assessment decisions to emerge from the assessment programmes evaluated and that fall under the scope of the ESG. Furthermore, it should be taken into account that this way of conducting its work is not exclusive to ACSUCYL, but is how all the agencies operating in Spain go about their tasks.

Page 19. The review panel observed that the Board of Directors primarily handles managerial issues, such as the agency's budget and staffing. As the main governing body of ACSUCYL, the board could benefit from focusing more on the quality aspects of the agency's work. Addressing operational matters in alignment with the agency's vision and action plans would make meetings more productive and engaging for the stakeholders on the board, including student representatives. Since 2021, students have had the opportunity to attend board meetings depending on the relevance of the agenda items. However, none of the topics have been deemed relevant by the agency to students thus far. The review panel views this as a missed opportunity for involving students more actively in the agency's governance as already noted under ESG 3.1.

It has been explained on numerous occasions that the powers of the Agency's Board of Directors –given the latter's structure and composition– are merely those that involve financial and staff management, since the Board approves the structure thereof. Likewise, they approve the action plan. Both the staff structure as well as the action plan are approved by the Board because they have a direct impact on the budget which the Board must review, since it is they who fund the activities –as is the case in all agencies in Spain. Assigning these functions to the Board has always ensured that the latter does not in any way ever interfere in the assessment activities or in any other activity that might be carried out by the Agency. The task of analysing the quality of the work conducted by the Agency falls to the assessment bodies and to the assessment committees themselves.

This is also why no students have thus far attended any Board meeting. Despite the measures taken by ACSUCYL in 2021 to allow students to attend meetings –so as to comply with the recommendation put forward in the 2019 external panel review report – they have not been called because no aspects other than merely management or administrative and financial control issues have been dealt with at said meetings. In any case, it should be pointed out that not all agencies include students in the Board of Directors, but that other bodies have been created in which students are involved –as indeed ACSUCYL has also done. Such is the case, for example, of certain German or Spanish agencies.

Moreover, given that the Agency's main activity is assessment –and in an effort to ensure that at all times there is independence from the regional government and from universities– it has never been felt appropriate to assign any attribution in the matter of quality, as the panel suggests. Nevertheless, although student involvement in the Board of Directors may be envisaged, it would require modifying all of the legislation, which ACSUCYL would be able to undertake, should it be deemed necessary. In any case, this aspect –taking into account the ESG– is not something that affects the Agency's organisational independence and should not be taken into account vis-à-vis issuing an unfavourable review report.

Page 19. ... the review panel encourages ACSUCYL to appoint a student representative to the Advisory Board.

Since 2009, the Agency's structure has included amongst its advisory bodies the Advisory Board and the Student Board, both of which are tasked with advising the Agency. We are aware that student involvement could be improved. However, at the Agency we have taken all possible steps, always following the recommendations received. In any case, we wish to stress that ACSUCYL does take the Student Board into consideration as another of its bodies, such that we do not understand the recommendation that students also be included in another body whose principal function is the same. We also feel that this aspect is not something that affects the Agency's organisational independence, such that it should not be justification for issuing an unfavourable review report.

Page 19. Additionally, the review panel noted that ACSUCYL's organisational structure is heavily centred around the role of its director, who is involved with many of the agency's bodies and committees. This central role grants the director substantial influence and authority within the organisation. The review panel also noted that the director is a full member of the Board of Directors with voting rights and serves as its vice chair. Furthermore, due to the dual

role of the interim director, the number of members of the Board of Directors has been reduced to 16, rather than the intended 17, which may limit the board's capacity to operate effectively and make comprehensive decisions. According to the delegated authorities outlined in the law, the director's primary responsibility is the management and economic health of the organisation. The review panel concludes that the director should not be a member of the Board of Directors, as this conflicts with the board's responsibilities under Law 3/2003. The Board of Directors makes decisions closely related to the director's role

The Director's responsibilities are not established by the Board of Directors, but are set out under the legislation through which the Agency was created and by the applicable decree governing its application. As the review panel points out, the Director's main responsibility is primarily to oversee the appropriate organisational and financial running as well as management.

It is essential to take into account that both in Spain and in other countries in the EHEA, the director forms part of their Board of Directors in quality assurance agencies. This is perfectly understandable since the director must remain accountable for the budget and for the various actions taken, amongst other issues. The director oversees the day-to-day running of ACSUCYL'S activities. It is hard to see how the person who is at the helm should not form part of the Board, since this is where the budget executed by the director is discussed and for which the director must remain accountable. It is also where the staff structure that the director is responsible for and manages is approved, and is also the place where accountability is required concerning the degree to which the action plan is being complied with and which the director is charged with putting into effect.

The report also points out that the Agency's organisational structure assigns a key role to the Director. Although the director is responsible for coordinating and running the organisation, at all times they draw on the support of the advisory and assessment bodies set out under legislation. The report also says that the director is involved in all of the bodies. This is not the case. The director is only present in the advisory bodies –as occurs in most other agencies– and is there to act solely as a link between the various bodies and to establish the issues and topics on which the Agency wishes to focus its assessment. Likewise, the director is tasked with notifying the current status of the Agency's actions so that work may be carried out thereon and improvements put forward. In sum, the director is tasked with informing all the advisory bodies of the work to be carried out.

Furthermore, the reduction in the number of members of the Board of Directors from 17 to 16 as a result of the dual roles of the figure of Vice-president and Director does not interfere in nor hinder its running, as the review panel has stated. It seems inconsistent to indicate that having one fewer member might limit the Board's capacity to operate effectively and to take decisions whilst also recommending that the Director should not form part thereof; in other words that there should be 16 members. Finally, it should be highlighted that the Director of the Agency must abstain when the Board of Directors is dealing with the issue of their appointment or their tasks.

Page 19. The review panel noted that the question of the agency's independence, given that the acting director currently holds a leading position in the General Directorate responsible for higher education, did not prompt any consideration of the agency's direct subordination to the

Ministry of Education of Castilla y León. However, the review panel views this arrangement as a considerable hindrance to the agency's independence.

Page 20. For the director, serving simultaneously as a full member and the vice chair of the Board of Directors, presents a significant conflict of interest, potentially compromising the impartiality and objectivity required when making decisions directly related to their responsibilities and functions.

In this regard, it is true that the General Director for Universities and Research currently holds the post of acting director of ACSUCYL. Taking into account current legislation, it falls to the Vice-president of the Agency to stand in for the Director should the latter be absent or the post be vacant. We are aware that is by no means an ideal situation, and work is being done to amend it. However, as was pointed out to the review panel during the visit, this situation arose because the call to take up the post of Director was left vacant since the candidate who fulfilled the requirements for the call finally declined to take up the post for personal reasons. The other candidate who applied did not meet the necessary requirements, such that the position had to be left vacant. Work is currently being carried out on publishing the call for the post of director so as to address this anomaly. In this regard, we wish to inform that the necessary measures have already been taken to fill the post of director.

Page 20. The review panel found that the agency continues to rely heavily on government funding, without long-term security. The current financing arrangements significantly limit the agency's operations. Various stakeholders reported that the agency lacks both the financial and human resources to always meet deadlines, undertake additional tasks, invest in ongoing staff development, or engage more regularly in international quality assurance activities

As indicated previously, all the quality assurance agencies that operate in Spain are public institutions. As a result, the activities assigned to them under current national and regional legislation receive funding from the corresponding regional government or from the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities in the case of the National Agency. This is the model that is applicable to all Spanish agencies, such that we fail to see why the fact that the principal source of funding is the government should be brought into question.

In addition, it is incorrect to state that the Agency lacks sufficient budget to carry out the tasks assigned to it. It is difficult to see how this statement can have been made when the review panel did not request specific data on this matter. When putting forward the arguments to the review report, the Agency sent the relevant information in order to show that it does indeed have sufficient budget; yet this does not appear to have been taken into account. What follows is the budgetary information as of 2019:

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1,141,758.79	1,049,492.47	1,008,644.30	1,172,635.91	1,062,403.27	1,108.901.00
1,321,922.00	1,321,922.00	1,510,025.00	1,510,025.00	1,280,735.00	1,409,502.00

The first row shows the budget that was executed, while the second shows the initial budget. The table shows how –broadly speaking– the budget has remained stable over the last five years, thereby ensuring that the activities planned by the Agency in its annual plan can be carried out.

It can therefore be seen that the budget has not been executed in full in any of the years in question.

With regard to staffing –and as the review panel were informed– work is being done to bring in a further two members of staff– a task which should be completed over the next few weeks. In any case, we believe that the Agency's independence does not depend on the amount of human or financial resources.

Page 20. The review panel also discovered that ACSUCYL is not directly involved in the recruitment of its own staff, as the agency adheres to public regulations. A recent request to hire two new staff members is still pending approval. While acknowledging regional policies, the review panel strongly urges the agency to explore options for at least interviewing potential candidates prior to their appointment.

As the panel were informed, it is inaccurate to state that the Agency is not involved in recruiting its own staff; in fact, the Agency does participate –both in defining the job profile and in the staff selection committee.

Pages 20 and 21. Additionally, the review panel observed that the appointment of permanent members to this standing commission could potentially impact the independence of the assessment. Permanent members may develop close ties with stakeholders or develop biases over time, which could influence their impartiality.... Rotating members can introduce new ideas and viewpoints that challenge standard practice and enhance the robustness of assessments.

In accordance with [DECREE 15/2015, of 19 February, which approves the rules governing the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León.](#)

Article 14.6. **Committee members must explicitly commit to acting impartially and objectively** and must refrain from taking part in processes or making decisions in any of the instances foreseen for abstention established under article 28 of Law 30/1992, of 26 November, governing common administrative procedure for public administration. Article 15. Duration of the term of office and conclusion thereof.

Article 15.1. Assessment committee members are appointed for a **period of four years**.

Taking into account the above-mentioned legislation, the assessment committees are appointed for a period of four years in order to ensure they gain consistency and coherence in their assessments. For their part, the experts who conduct the preliminary assessments –on which the Agency's assessment committee reports are based– are appointed for each of the assessment processes in which they will take part; in other words, they are not permanent, in addition to which they are also from outside the higher education system in Castilla y León. Moreover, in this regard, ACSUCYL is no exception, since the other agencies in Spain also appoint their assessment committees for periods of three or four years.

As already mentioned on several occasions, the committees are made up of members who are fully outside the higher education system in Castilla y León, and who have no link with the latter –as set out under current legislation. At no point do they have any contact with the universities

nor with anybody involved in the higher education system in Castilla y León. As a result, it is impossible to understand or support the claim that they may develop close ties or biases that might impact their impartiality.

As a result, the members of the Agency's assessment committees and commissions do rotate, are not permanent, and do not have any links to stakeholders which might jeopardise their impartiality and objectivity in their assessments.

Page 20. Independence of formal outcomes

... Nevertheless, the review panel has concerns about the impartiality of the Degree Assessment Commission. This issue will be further discussed under ESG 2.6, particularly when reviewing the commission's role in reporting on assessments conducted under the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes.

As explained further on in several standards that mention the role of the Degree Assessment Committee, as stated in [Decree 15/2015, 19 February, which approves the rules governing the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León](#), the committee is competent in all matters concerning the assessment, follow-up, and accreditation of official degrees and is responsible for issuing degree assessment reports. Nevertheless, it merely validates the reports made by the site-visit panels; it does not in any way alter the content of said reports.

With regard to **Standard 2.3 Implementing processes**:

Pages 28 & 29. Additionally, these panel reports are susceptible to external changes at several stages. Initially, the panel's first report is considered a draft. Once the institution receives this draft, it can provide feedback and request corrections of any inaccuracies. However, as further discussed in ESG 2.6, the institution may also make changes that can alter the report's outcome, sometimes leading to standards initially deemed partially compliant being reclassified as fully compliant. This process is problematic because draft reports are not published, reducing transparency and potentially leading to significant changes in the final report without proper follow-up verification. ... Additionally, there is no structured follow-up mechanism in place, as the process relies on a permanent exchange of documents rather than a formalized system to ensure that revisions are systematically addressed and tracked.

... Furthermore, the follow-up process lacks consistency and transparency as actions taken by the university are based on the draft report which is not the formal outcome of the assessment.

As explained in the self-report –but which has not been reflected in the review panel report– the two assessments carried out following the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes refer to master's degree programmes that are currently being designed within the Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM) call. Since said programmes are still at the design stage, the expert panel's recommendations may be used and the changes suggested by the panel may be included directly without the need to wait for them to be implemented. The ex-ante verification procedure (Royal Decree 822/2021) for new degrees allows arguments and changes to be put forward in the design of the programme, taking into account the recommendations from the interim report, with said modifications being evaluated and with the subsequent final report then being issued and published. Follow-up is then carried out based on the structure defined at this final point. Follow-up will then assess how implementation has been applied and

how the indicators have progressed. Follow-up will also look at possible changes and will respond to any possible recommendations to emerge from the final report– as is the usual procedure in Spanish agencies. The recommendations made in the interim report will already have been included in the design of the programme and will have been evaluated by the panel itself.

With regard to the lack of a structured follow-up mechanism, Spanish legislation establishes the follow-up procedure for degrees in articles 28 and 29 of Royal Decree 822/2021, and sets out that said follow-up will be carried out through a follow-up report each three years, once three years have elapsed since the degree was first introduced. These reports are designed to conduct follow-up on the implementation of the university degree curriculum in order to determine the level of compliance with the standards and basic academic concepts described in the curriculum report. Likewise, these follow-up reports accredit the transparency of the information and indicators that reflect the academic outcomes of the degree. They also pinpoint possible deficiencies and shortcomings in the implementation thereof in addition to highlighting good practices in the follow-up and ongoing improvements in university courses. They also include the recommendations made in the preliminary assessment reports. Said reports are sent to the corresponding quality assurance agency for their appraisal, as established by [each agency's protocol](#).

Also, there is concern about the Degree Assessment Commission's influence on the content of reports. The review panel learned that this commission could modify report contents independently of the panel's input for consistency purposes. This practice undermines the validity of the external panel's assessments and further diminishes the transparency of the process, an issue also addressed in ESG 2.6.

Another aspect to be highlighted is the role played by the Degree Assessment Committee. The review report states throughout that the committee must remain impartial when making its decisions, and the reports points out that this might affect the content of the panels' reports and impact independence. The Degree Assessment Committee merely validates the panel's reports, a task it is charged with as a result of its being the Agency body competent in issuing reports in the area of degrees. Indeed, in this case, the Degree Assessment Committee merely validated the preliminary and final reports drawn up by the corresponding panels, without changing their content in any way.

Page 29. Namely, as it has been confirmed by the agency leadership, negative reports are not published on its website.

In the Agency's web browser there are examples of [negative reports](#) that have been published.

With regard to **Standard 2.5 Criteria for outcomes**:

Page 33. As will be further discussed under ESG 2.6, the outcomes of the external assessment were altered during the drafting and finalising of the report. These changes pertain to both the conclusions and the recommendations, and result from improvement measures implemented between stages.

... Lastly, the review panel noticed a considerable discrepancy in outcomes between the draft and final report, as will be discussed in the next standard.

Please see the detailed explanation provided in Standard 2.3. As pointed out, the outcomes are not amended. What happens is that an evaluation is made of the design proposal that may be improved as a result of recommendations put forward in the provisional report.

With regard to **Standard 2.6 Reporting:**

Page 34. As mentioned under ESG 2.4, ACSUCYL will provide training in report writing for all panel members participating in the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes, with additional specialised training for the secretary making use of the online toolkit developed during the ImpEA project.

Standard 2.4 makes no mention of ACSUCYL providing training on how to draft reports for the members of the panels involved in assessments that follow the European Approach.

This procedure is said to align with Royal Decree 822/2021, dated 28 September 2021. The decree also stipulates that in the case of a positive outcome with conditions, the university has 15 working days to address the shortcomings to achieve a positive conclusion. Regarding the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes, both ACSUCYL assessments resulted in a positive outcome without any conditions. However, ACSUCYL permits universities to take follow-up actions based on the draft report, which results in a more favourable final report.

The stipulations set out under Royal Decree 822/2021 concerning verifications –which is the paragraph mentioned in the report– refers to degrees that request verification through the ministry’s platform in order to apply for initial accreditation as an official degree. In this case, the two degrees assessed were master's degrees at the design stage in the Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM) call, as mentioned previously, and they were not applying for verification but for voluntary evaluation, following the European Approach. As a result, the restrictions established by the Royal Decree vis-à-vis when they could put forward arguments would not be applicable.

Page 34. The Degree Assessment Commission plays a significant role in finalising the panel report...The chair of the external panel assessing the joint programmes according to the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes attends the meetings as an invitee. Regarding the joint programmes, the interviewees could not recall any major changes to the draft reports following the first meeting of the Commission. In the follow-up meeting of the Commission, the university's follow-up actions were reviewed, the panel's judgements were adjusted, and the report was finalised accordingly. This final report was drafted by ACSUCYL staff in consultation with the panel chair. Consequently, the draft report and the final report differ significantly. The final report is the document published on the agency's website.

As mentioned previously, the Degree Assessment Committee merely validates the panel’s report; it does not make any changes to it. It is the panel who introduce any changes into the report, subsequent to the draft report and following the period during which arguments may be put forward, and in line with the European approach.

Finally, the ACSUCYL leadership confirmed that it does not publish negative assessment reports of ex-ante procedures. The University Register of Centres and Degrees, the Spanish national register of degrees and university centres, only permits the publication of assessment reports for registered degrees that have received a positive outcome.

The University Register of Centres and Degrees (RUCT) is the national register at the Ministry and merely lists the degrees that have been awarded positive accreditation. The reports are not published on this platform. The only decisions published are those of the University Council, who are the ones that issue the accreditation decisions, as laid down under Royal Decree 822/2021.

In response to the review panel's draft report, however, the agency provides new information and indicates that reports on joint degrees with unfavourable outcomes are publicly accessible on the EQAR website. This information contradicts what the review panel learned during the site visit. To date, there have been no negative reports for the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes.

There are no negative reports following the European Approach. The two reports issued are available at DEQAR. What the Agency pointed out when reviewing the errors (factual error check) is that the Castilla y León official degree browser does not allow the inclusion of degrees which are not in the register, such that any unfavourable verification reports are only available at DEQAR. As pointed out previously, unfavourable reports on renewal of accreditation do get published in the browser, as shown in the previous example.

Page 36. Finally, the review panel examined the role of the Degree Assessment Commission in finalising reports under the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes. While the commission's primary focus on consistency is beneficial to all stakeholders, as outlined in ESG 2.3, its significant steering role raises concerns about impartiality, as outlined in ESG 3.3. External quality assurance systems in the European Higher Education Area rely on reviews conducted by independent external peers, and the outcomes are published to ensure transparency and build trust. The involvement of an agency's body, like the commission, could undermine this principle. The review panel recommends that the Degree Assessment Commission should limit its adjustments to reports, focusing solely on ensuring consistency in line with the standards of the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes.

As pointed out previously, the role of the Degree Assessment Committee is confined to reviewing and validating the reports prior to their being issued, since it is the only body competent to do so.

2.6 Complaints and appeals.

Page 39. The review panel established that the Guarantees Commission can be reached through various methods. However, the contact details are not readily available on the agency's website.

Grievances and suggestions may be put forward through a number of different means, as reflected in: <https://www.acsucyl.es/web/es/agencia/buzon-sugerencias-quejas.html>

In conclusion, we believe that the report has been based on incorrect information and on subjective interpretations and that it has failed to take into account the context in which the Agency operates.

Likewise, it is also important to bear in mind the difference between standards and guidelines, as explained at the start of section “II. European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in Higher Education” of the ESG (2015):

“Standards set out the agreed and accepted practice for quality assurance in higher education in the EHEA and, therefore, those involved should take them into account and comply with them in any type of higher education course that may be offered.

...

*Guidelines explain why the standard is important and describe how the standards may be applied. They establish good practices in the relevant area for consideration by those involved in quality assurance. **Implementation will vary depending on the different contexts.**”*

As a result, although standards must be complied with, guidelines are not subject to mandatory compliance, and should not be applied as recommendations but –where applicable– as suggestions for improvement.

As a result of all the above, we believe that the review assessment is not consistent with those carried out on other occasions in the same situation or with the assessment carried out on other agencies that are in the same circumstances and that have the same running and structure. We feel it to be unfair that the image of an agency such as ACSUCYL should now be affected by an evaluation which –although we appreciate that it has been carried out with great effort– does not correspond to the reality nor is consistent with the evaluations conducted on other agencies. We are aware that achieving consistency in evaluations is by no means an easy task –even more so bearing in mind the volume of assessments you have to deal with. Nevertheless, we would ask you to take into consideration the comments contained herein so as not to damage our agency. We do recognise that there is room for improvement and we do undertake to carry out whatever actions may prove necessary to enhance the drafting of reports and boost independence. Indeed, as mentioned in this report, some such actions have already been put into effect. Nevertheless, we do believe that an unfavourable evaluation would be totally unjust.

Should you require any further clarifications or information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kindest regards,

Blanca Ares González
Acting Director
The Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León.

Valladolid, 30 April 2025

Dear Stéphane,

With regard to your document of 3 April, please find enclosed additional reasons and arguments for the Register Committee to evaluate before the final decision is taken concerning the renewal of ACSUCYL's inclusion in the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR).

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION OF ACSUCYL ON THE GROUNDS OF POSSIBLE REJECTION BY EQAR.

ESG 2.2 – Designing methodologies fit for purpose

ESG 2.3 – Implementing processes

ESG 2.6 – Reporting

The assessment report includes a series of aspects to be improved when applying the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes and which affect standards 2.2, 2.3 and 2.6. As a result, ACSUCYL intends to draw up a guide and a procedure to apply this method, which will involve all universities in the higher education system in Castilla y León as well as students. This will embrace the procedure to be applied, following exactly what is stipulated in the European Approach particularly with regard to visits and to the stakeholders to be interviewed, so as to gather all the necessary information that will be contained in the visit reports. The subsequent decision-making procedure will also be set out. The structure of the reports as well as the aspects that must be contained therein will also be included. In order to carry out this task, a working group will be set up consisting of representatives of universities in Castilla y León together with a student who is a member of ACSUCYL's assessment committees. Once the guide has been completed, it will be published on the web in a clear and accessible format so as to help implement this approach.

The review report received also makes reference to the need to publish the negative ex-ante assessment reports. ACSUCYL has already begun to publish on its webpage all the reports issued to date and will continue to publish henceforth all the reports that are issued. This information may be verified in ACSUCYL's browser at the following address:

<https://seguimiento.acsucyl.com/AcsucylWeb/buscadorTitulos/busqueda.jsp>

ESG 3.1 - Activities, policy and processes for quality assurance.

ESG 3.3 - Independence

As pointed out in the previous clarifying report that was sent prior to the review report being issued, the Agency has provided for the possibility of students being present at Board of Directors meetings. Although this possibility already existed –as has been highlighted– students had not to date been convened, given the nature of the issues dealt with at the meetings, and since all the matters addressed were of an administrative nature. At the last meeting of the Board of Directors -on 24 April- a student who forms part of the Agency's Student Board was invited. Said meeting also approved the proposal to undertake all the necessary action required to update the composition of the Board of Directors, currently stated

in article 40 of Law 3/2003, of 28 March, governing universities in Castilla y León, by replacing two members who have the right to vote and who are from the regional administration with two student representatives –one from public universities and one from private universities– in the region. These matters were also requested in the review report received. In this way –and pursuant to the proposal put forward– the composition of ACSUCYL's Board of Directors would be as follows:

- a) The person holding office at the regional ministry responsible for universities, who would preside.
- b) The person holding the post of general director responsible for universities and research, who shall act as vice-president.
- e) Rectors of public universities in Castilla y León.
- f) One rector from a private university in Castilla y León, at the proposal of the Castilla y León University Council.
- g) Two presidents of public university social councils in Castilla y León, at the proposal of the Castilla y León University Council.
- h) One person from the regional directorate general for universities –proposed by the person holding office therein– and who must be a public sector worker, and who will have the right to speak but not vote, and who will act as secretary of the Board of Directors.
- i) One renowned business figure, at the proposal of the Castilla y León University Council.
- j) Two renowned figures from the academic or scientific community, at the proposal of the Academic Committee of the Castilla y León University Council.
- k) One student representative from public universities in Castilla y León, at the proposal of ACSUCYL's Student Board.
- l) One student representative from private universities in Castilla y León, at the proposal of ACSUCYL's Student Board.
- m) The Director of the Agency.

With this revised composition, regional government presence on the board by reason of position held is reduced to two persons: the person holding office at the regional ministry responsible for universities, and the head of the regional directorate general for universities. These two positions cannot be removed from the Board of Directors, given that the Agency is a public body governed by private law and is financed with public funds, as is the case with all the agencies that operate in Spain. Nevertheless, organisational and operational independence are fully guaranteed, since the Board of Directors has absolutely no function assigned to it with regard to the matter of assessment. This task falls exclusively to the Agency's assessment bodies (art. 42 of the Castilla y León University Act), who are made up of experts from outside the higher education system in Castilla y León. Together with the present document is enclosed the draft minutes of the meeting (Annex I), a certificate setting out the agreement approved (Annex II) and a document certificate listing those present at the meeting (Annex III), and where the presence of a student is reflected.

Moreover, in order to boost student participation in decision making, an agreement has been adopted to modify the rules governing the functioning of the Student Board, such that the latter's functions are no longer solely of an advisory nature but now also reflect a decision-making capacity. The Student Board is now charged with the task of drafting a report on the Agency's Action Plan, prior to the latter's approval by the Board of Directors, where –as already pointed out– students are also represented. Attached to this document are the new rules governing the Student Board, changes can be found in art.1.2 c), d), (Annex IV).

With regard to dependence on the regional government indicated in the review report vis-à-vis the approval and hiring of new staff and in relation to budgetary matters, it should be highlighted that the Agency's budget is part of the general budget of the region –as is the case with all the agencies operating in Spain. This ensures agencies' stability, since it allows them to operate and to carry out all the tasks assigned to them under both national as well as regional legislation. It should be pointed out that in Spain it is the regions who are competent in the matter of education, with powers having been transferred to them, such that it is they who set up their own quality assurance agency. These agencies receive public funding to carry out the tasks –both at a national as well as a regional scale– that are assigned to them and which they are obliged to undertake. There are currently eleven quality assurance agencies in Spain, all of which are the same in nature and all of which have a similar composition and undertake similar tasks.

As a result, since the Agency is handling public funding, it is mandatory for the budget to be subject to the control mechanisms established in terms of accountability. The Board of Directors' only involvement is to approve the draft budget that is included in the general budget of the region and which is finally approved in the Castilla y León regional parliament and which then becomes law. To date, the proposals regarding how to organize the budget which the Director of the Agency has put before the Board of Directors for approval have never been either questioned or amended, such that the Agency has full independence when both organising and implementing the budget. Furthermore, with regard to the matter of staffing, it is the Agency who establishes its own needs in terms of personnel, who issues the call, and who then conducts the selection process. Since any hiring of staff is closely tied to budgetary availability, it is the Board of Directors –at the proposal of the Director of the Agency– who approve the hiring of staff, albeit merely for budgetary and administrative reasons, and not because it exerts any kind of influence or intervenes in any way in terms of who is selected or hired.

Attached to this document containing the arguments put forward is an example of a call published by the Agency in the Castilla y León regional gazette and which clearly shows that it is ACSUCYL who issues the call for posts and who carries out the staff selection process (Annex V). This can also be verified at the following [link](#).

Finally, with regard to the twin role of the acting director of the Agency –and as already pointed out in the clarifying report that was sent– the post of director was left vacant because the person who was selected finally opted not to take up the position. We are aware that this is by no means the ideal situation. As a result –and in order to solve the issue– on 16 April the Castilla y León regional gazette published a new call in order to fill the post as director as soon as possible. The call may be seen at this [link](#). Attached to this present document is the published call, which shows the deadlines established to fill the post in the coming days, as soon as the selection process has been completed (Annex VI).

We wish to conclude this report containing our arguments by pointing out that ACSUCYL was one of the first agencies set up in Spain and one of the first to be admitted to ENQA and EQAR. As a result –and in order to ensure its independence– it underwent substantial legal changes, even amending its legal status so as to achieve full organisational and operational independence. Other quality assurance agencies in Spain also adopted the same legal status in an effort to safeguard their independence, thanks to which they are now all included in the Register. Furthermore, it should also be borne in mind that in order to work as a quality assurance agency in Spain, inclusion in the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education is mandatory, such that if ACSUCYL fails to secure renewal of its membership, it will not be in a position to continue operating. Although we understand that not having a director is something which may lead to the Agency's independence being brought into question, in no way has the acting director intervened in any kind of assessment or decision, nor been involved beyond what is simply the Agency's day-to-day running. In any case –and as pointed out in this report– the Agency has set in motion all the procedures needed to address the stipulations required of us, and we hope to be able to continue carrying out our assessments with the same rigour and independence that we have been applying to date.

We remain at your disposal for any further clarification you may require.
Kindest regards,

Signed. Blanca Ares González
Acting Director of the Quality Assurance Agency of the University System in Castilla y León

ANNEXES

ANNEX I. MINUTES NO. 2/2025, OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE PUBLIC BODY GOVERNED BY PRIVATE LAW “THE QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY FOR THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM IN CASTILLA Y LEÓN”.

ANNEX II. AGREEMENT ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SET OUT UNDER ARTICLE 40 OF LAW 3/2003, OF 28 MARCH, GOVERNING UNIVERSITIES IN CASTILLA Y LEÓN.

ANNEX III. CERTIFICATE LISTING ATTENDEES AT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON 24 APRIL 2025.

ANNEX IV. THE RULES GOVERNING THE STUDENT BOARD.

ANNEX V. CALL FOR POSTS FOR ACSUCYL STAFF

ANNEX VI. CALL FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF ACSUCYL ISSUED ON 16 APRIL 2025.

DÑA. M^a JULIA FERNÁNDEZ DE LA REGUERA PASTOR, SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY FOR THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM IN CASTILLA Y LEÓN

CERTIFIES

That the Board of Directors meeting at the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León on 24 April 2025, held by videoconference, was attended by the following persons:

President: D^a Rocio Lucas Navas, Regional Minister for Education

Vice-president: D^a Blanca Ares González, General Director for Universities and Research.

Members:

- D. Juan Manuel Corchado Rodríguez, Rector of the University of Salamanca.
- D^a. María Teresa Parra Santos, Vice-rector for Academic Organisation at the University of Valladolid.
- D. Julio Abad González, Vice-rector for Academic Affairs at the University of León.
- D. Juan Bautista Delgado García, Vice-rector for Teaching and Teaching Staff at the University of Burgos.
- D. Santiago García-Jalón de la Lama, Rector of the Pontifical University of Salamanca.
- D. Ángel Ballesteros Castañeda, renowned academic.
- D. Fernando Vallelado Prieto, General Treasury and Financial Policy Director.
- D^a Sonsoles Sánchez-Reyes Peñamaría, Director General for Citizen Assistance and Service Quality.
- D^a Teresa León Herbosa, Head of Scientific Research, Knowledge Transfer and University Infrastructure.

Guests:

- D. José Miguel Mateos Roco, Vice-rector for Research at the University of Salamanca.
- D. José Julio López Labajos, representative of the Student Board at the University of Salamanca.

Secretary: D^a. M.^a Julia Fernández de la Reguera Pastor, Technical Assistant at the General Directorate for Universities and Research.

It is hereby expressly confirmed that the present certification is issued prior to the approval of the minutes, in accordance with article 58.3 of Law 3/2001, of 3 July, regarding the government and administration of the region of Castilla y León.

To which I hereby bear witness in Valladolid on 24 April 2025.

Approved

President of the Board of Directors

Secretary of the Board of Directors

Signed: Rocío Lucas Navas.

Signed: M^a Julia Fernández de la
Reguera Pastor.

DÑA. M^a JULIA FERNÁNDEZ DE LA REGUERA PASTOR, SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY FOR THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM IN CASTILLA Y LEÓN

CERTIFIES

That the Board of Directors of the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León, at its meeting on 24 April 2025, held by video-conference, with regard to item two of the agenda, the literal title of which is “Director’s reports on the External Review conducted by the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) and the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR) and, where applicable, decisions taken by the Board of Directors”, and by virtue of the powers foreseen in article 8.n) of Decree 15/15, of 19 February approving the rules governing the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León, has adopted the following agreement:

To undertake whatever action may prove necessary to update the composition of the Board of Directors set out under article 40 of Law 3/2003, of 28 March, governing universities in Castilla y León, by replacing the members from the regional administration who have the right to vote with two student representatives from public and private universities in the region.

It is hereby expressly confirmed that the present certification is issued prior to the approval of the minutes, in accordance with article 58.3 of Law 3/2001, of 3 July, regarding government and administration of the region of Castilla y León.

To which I hereby bear witness in Valladolid on 24 April 2025.

Approved

The President of the Board of Directors

The Secretary of the Board of Directors

Signed: Rocío Lucas Navas.

Signed: M^a Julia Fernández de la
Reguera Pastor.

RULES GOVERNING THE INTERNAL FUNCTIONING OF ACSUCYL'S STUDENT BOARD

Article 1. Functions of the Student Board.

1. In order to foster student involvement in analysing and improving the activities of the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León (ACSUCYL), ACSUCYL's Student Board has been set up.
2. The Student Board is in charge of:
 - a) Forwarding students' suggestions, comments, and opinions concerning the quality of higher education.
 - b) Gathering suggestions concerning the activities carried out by ACSUCYL with a view to improving the service the Agency provides.
 - c) Drafting a report on the Agency's Action Plan prior to its approval by the Board of Directors.
 - d) Taking part in ACSUCYL's Board of Directors, offering support in decision making by providing the perspective of students.
 - e) Issuing any reports and analyses which may be requested of it and, in particular, advising the Agency on any projects which directly affect students.
 - f) Making university students aware of ACSUCYL's activities.
 - g) Cooperating in promoting student involvement in activities related to university quality assurance.

Article 2. Composition, appointment, and termination of office of the Student Board.

1. ACSUCYL's Student Board shall be chaired by the Director of ACSUCYL and shall contain one representative from each university within the Castilla y León higher education system (SUCYL) who shall hold the position of student representative on the Social Council or equivalent body at their university. The

- Board shall have a Secretary, who shall have the right to speak and vote, and who shall be a senior consultant in quality programmes at ACSUCYL.
2. All members of ACSUCYL's Student Board are members by reason of their position and shall terminate membership thereof should they cease to hold the position by virtue of which they were appointed to the Board.
 3. The President of the Student Board is responsible for coordinating the meetings and establishing the agenda, where applicable taking account of the requests of other members submitted in time for inclusion.
 4. The Secretary of the Student Board is responsible for performing the following duties:
 - ✓ Writing the minutes of the meetings and submitting any agreements to the approval of the President.
 - ✓ Receiving notifications from the Board members or any other written documents they are required to be familiar with.
 5. The composition of the Student Board shall be published on the Agency's website.

Article 3. Functioning of the Student Board.

1. The Student Board shall be convened for an ordinary meeting twice a year, when requested to do so by at least one third of its members, and whenever convened by the Director of the Agency. For said body to be considered officially constituted for the purpose of holding meetings, deliberations, and adopting decisions, the presence of the President and Secretary, or persons designated to stand in for them, plus at least half of the members, shall be required.
2. When a member is unable to attend a meeting, he/she should inform the Secretary of the Board in writing, stating the reason for not attending and designating the person who shall stand in for them, from either the Student Board or similar body at their university.
3. The procedure for convening meetings and sessions is laid down under Article 26 of Law 30/1992, of 26 November, governing the legal system for public administration and common administrative procedure.

4. When performing their duties, members of the Student Board must act with integrity and must agree to comply with current legislation, particularly with regard to the matter of confidentiality and protection of details of a personal nature. When performing their duties, they are bound by the rules set out in the Agency's Code of Ethics and by whatever internal rules may apply.
5. The Board shall act with rigour, quality, and objectivity when performing its duties. Its reports and analyses shall be governed by the principle of transparency and independence.
6. Agreements shall be adopted by a majority of votes.

**MINUTES NO. 2/2025, OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC ENTITY GOVERNED BY PRIVATE LAW:
“THE QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY FOR THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM IN CASTILLA Y LEÓN”.**

<p>President:</p> <p>D^a Rocio Lucas Navas Regional Minister for Education</p>	<p>Vice-president and Acting Director:</p> <p>D^a Blanca Ares González, General Director for Universities and Research.</p>
<p>Members:</p> <p>D. Juan Manuel Corchado Rodríguez Rector of the University of Salamanca</p> <p>D^a. María Teresa Parra Santos Vice-rector for Academic Organisation at the University of Valladolid</p> <p>D. Julio Abad González, Vice-rector for Academic Activities at the University of León.</p> <p>D. Juan Bautista Delgado García, Vice-rector for Teaching and Teaching Staff at the University of Burgos.</p> <p>D. Santiago García-Jalón de la Lama, Rector of the Pontifical University of Salamanca.</p>	<p>D. Ángel Ballesteros Castañeda, Renowned Academic.</p> <p>D. Fernando Vallelado Prieto, General Treasury and Financial Policy Director.</p> <p>D^a Sonsoles Sánchez-Reyes Peñamaría, Director General for Citizen Assistance and Service Quality.</p> <p>D^a Teresa León Herbosa, Head of Scientific Research, Knowledge Transfer and University Infrastructure.</p>
<p>Guests:</p> <p>D. José Miguel Mateos Roco, Vice-rector for Research at the University of Salamanca.</p> <p>D. José Julio López Labajos, representative of the Student Board at the University of Salamanca</p>	<p>Secretary:</p> <p>D^a. M.^a Julia Fernández de la Reguera Pastor, Technical Assistant at the General Directorate for Universities and Research.</p>

The following persons are unable to attend due to other engagements:

D. Pedro Díaz Mesonero, Vice-president of the Social Council at the University of Salamanca; D. Luis Javier Cepedano Valdeón, President of the Social Council at the University of León; D. Juan Jesús Cruz Hernández, renowned academic, and D^a Rocío Hervella Duránte, renowned business person.

On 24 April 2025, at 12:30, the above-cited members of the Board of Directors met online to consider the following items on the

AGENDA

1. Reading and approval –if appropriate– of the minutes corresponding to the meeting held on 24 January 2025.
2. Director’s report on the external review conducted by the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) and the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR) and –where appropriate– decisions to be taken by the Board of Directors.
3. Approval, if appropriate, of four decisions concerning appeals filed within the framework of the call for the accreditation of the positions of assistant lecturer, temporary lecturer, and private university lecturer.
4. Authorisation, if appropriate, of the following action requested by universities within the higher education system in Castilla y León:
 - Request from the University of Valladolid to conduct the preliminary evaluation of applications for the position of emeritus professor (two CVs).
 - Request from the University of León to conduct the preliminary evaluation of applications for the position of emeritus professor (two CVs).
 - Request from the University of Salamanca to conduct the evaluation of approximately 15 files within the framework of PROGRAMME I. Financing programme, type C2.
5. Requests and questions.

At 12:30, the President –D^a Rocio Lucas Navas– welcomed all those present and then set out the following items on the agenda that have been sent, together with the call and the documents required to conduct the meeting:

1. READING AND APPRPOVAL –IF APPROPRIATE– OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 24 JANUARY 2024.

As there are no remarks or comments concerning the draft minutes submitted, by a unanimous vote, the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on 24 January 2024 are approved.

2. DIRECTOR’S REPORT ON THE EXTERNAL REVIEW CONDUCTED BY THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION (ENQA) AND THE EUROPEAN QUALITY ASSURANCE REGISTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (EQAR) AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The President –D^a Rocio Lucas Navas– gave the floor to D^a Blanca Ares González –Vice-president and acting director of the Agency– who explained the principal recommendations put forward by ENQA (European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education) and EQAR (European Quality

Assurance Register for Higher Education) subsequent to the external review carried out on the Agency, in accordance with the standards and guidelines for quality assurance in the European Higher Education Area.

One of the principal recommendations made concerned the need to bolster the Agency's independence when taking decisions. The acting Director informed the rest of the members of the Board of Directors of the firm commitments that must be undertaken forthwith as well as the concrete evidence reflecting the actions that have already commenced in this regard.

She first reminded those present that on 16 April the call was published in the BOCYL (official gazette of Castilla y León) for applications for the position of Director of the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León, through a special high-level management contract. The deadline for applications will conclude on 16 May and the process will seek to ensure that a stable and independent director can be appointed as soon as possible.

In addition, Board of Directors meetings now include –for the moment as guests, but with a view to their permanent inclusion– the participation of a student representative (a member of the Agency's Student Board), thereby formalising the agreement adopted by the Board of Directors on 25 October 2021.

With this same aim in mind, the functions of the Agency's Student Board will not only include those related to providing advice but will also involve tasks concerning reporting on the Agency's action plan, a task which it has in fact already been performing in previous actions plans. This extension of the functions will be carried out through a modification of its internal rules.

Finally, by virtue of the powers set out under article 8.n) of Decree 15/15, of 19 February, which approves the rules governing the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León, a motion was put to the Board to amend article 40 of Law 3/2003, of 28 March, governing universities in Castilla y León with regard to the composition of the Board of Directors in the following terms:

The persons holding the posts of General Treasury officer and of the Director General responsible for service quality shall cease to be full members. Likewise, one of the persons from the Directorate General for universities shall also cease to be a full member. Only the person acting as secretary of the official body shall remain and they shall have the right to speak but not to vote. In their place as members of the Board shall be added one student representative from public universities and one representative from private universities. The aim is therefore to comply with the recommendation made by ENQA and EQAR to reduce administrative presence in governance and in the Agency's decision-making process.

The President took the floor to highlight the Agency's intention to adopt these decisions as a firm commitment as soon as Law 3/2003, of 28 March –governing universities in Castilla y León– and wherein is specifically stated the composition of the Board, is reformed.

At this point, D. Ángel Ballesteros Castañeda –a renowned academic– took the floor to suggest that the reform process be used to implement further changes that would enable greater flexibility in the

Agency's structure. The President noted the timeliness of the suggestion and agreed on the need to undertake a review which would even allow certain aspects set out in the law to be transferred to the rules governing the Agency in order to secure greater adaptability.

As there were no further comments concerning the items to be dealt with, the issues put forward by the Director were adopted unanimously.

3. APPROVAL, IF APPROPRIATE, OF FOUR DECISIONS CONCERNING APPEALS FILED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CALL FOR ACCREDITATION FOR THE POSITIONS OF ASSISTANT LECTURER, TEMPORARY LECTURER, AND PRIVATE UNIVERSITY LECTURER.

The President –D^a Rocio Lucas Navas– gave the floor to D^a Blanca Ares González –Vice-president and acting director of the Agency, who briefly explained the appeals submitted, and which mainly challenged administrative aspects concerning the extemporaneousness thereof. She pointed out that all the related documents have been sent to the Board members, including the certificates attesting the proper functioning of the computer application and the relevant report issued by the legal advice service in order to resolve the appeals as quickly as possible.

Given that there were no comments, this item on the agenda was approved unanimously.

6. APPROVAL, IF APPROPRIATE, OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS REQUESTED BY UNIVERSITIES IN THE CASTILLA Y LEÓN HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM:

- **Request from the University of Valladolid to conduct the preliminary evaluation of applications for the appointment of emeritus professors (two CVs).**
- **Request from the University of León to conduct the preliminary evaluation of applications for the appointment of emeritus professors (two CVs).**
- **Request from the University of Salamanca to conduct the evaluation of approximately 15 files within the framework of the PROGRAMME I. Financing Programme, type C2.**

The Vice-president, and acting director –D^a Blanca Ares González– explained the points and the documents sent in this matter, highlighting that the Agency's tasks include conducting specific evaluations at the request of universities but that these require prior authorisation from the Board, such that they are being put forward for approval.

Given that there were no comments, this item on the agenda was approved unanimously.

4. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The President –D^a Rocio Lucas Navas– took the floor to thank D. José Julio López Labajos for his presence as representative of the Students Board of the University of Salamanca at the Agency, and then gave him the floor.

D. José Julio López Labajos expressed his gratitude for having been afforded the opportunity to form part of the Board of Directors and expressed his will to cooperate and contribute to strengthening the higher education system in Castilla y León.

To conclude, the President –D^a Rocio Lucas Navas– highlighted the functions undertaken by the Agency, given the vast amount of work to be done and she underlined the Agency's role as a key body in terms of promoting a quality education system, and one which cannot be envisaged without the presence of research and its universities. She also pointed out the importance of including the presence of a representative from the Student Board. She expressed her gratitude for the presence of all those attending and reminded them that the current composition of the Board of Directors would remain with the inclusion of a student representative as a guest member –by virtue of the agreement of 25 October 2021 adopted by this Board– until such time as the relevant law is amended. She also expressed her interest in seeking other ways of cooperating with other regional ministries.

And with no further matters to address, the meeting was concluded at 13:00.

Approved

The President

The Secretary

Signed: Rocío Lucas Navas

Signed: M.^a Julia Fernández de la Reguera
Pastor

AGREEMENT of 9 April 2025, of the Board of Directors of the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León, issuing a call to select the Director of the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León through a special high level-management contract, and establishing the bases for the call.

Article 32 of Law 3/2003, of 28 March, governing universities in Castilla y León establishes the creation of the public entity governed by public law –the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León– affiliated to the regional ministry competent in the matter of universities, endowed with its own legal capacity, full powers and its own assets enabling it to carry out its functions, and to which is attributed the external assessment of higher education in Castilla y León.

For its part, Decree 15/2015, of 19 February, approving the rules that govern the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León, sets out the functions of the governing bodies in application of those functions established in the aforementioned law, the organic structure, the rules for running the Agency and the regime concerning any appeals or challenges to the Agency's actions.

In accordance with article 39 of said law, the Agency's governing bodies are the Board of Directors and the Director.

Pursuant to article 41 of Law 3/2003, of 28 March, the Director shall be selected by the Plenary of the Board of Directors in accordance with criteria of a technical nature, in agreement with the principles of publicity, concurrence, equality, merit, and capacity. The Director's relation to the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León shall be governed by labour law and their contract shall be published in the Castilla y León official gazette.

Pursuant to the above, and with the post of Director of the Agency currently being vacant

AGREEMENT

To issue a call to select and appoint the Director of the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León, subject to the following

BASES

One. – Nature.

The contractual relation of the Director of the Agency shall be one of a special high-level management position, in accordance with Royal Decree 1382/1985, of 1 August, governing special high-level staff relations; with article 13 of Legislative Royal Decree 5/2015, of 30 October, approving the reworked text of the Basic Statute Law governing Public Employees; and article 19 of Law 5/2024, of 9 May, governing the general budget of the region of Castilla y León for 2024.

Two. – Characteristics and functions of the post.

1. The Director of the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León shall provide their services on a full-time exclusive basis which shall be incompatible with engaging in any other paid profession, whether freelance or through exercising any other post or position in public administration or at the service of private or individual entities, notwithstanding the exceptions set out under current legislation.
2. The Director's work shall be carried out at the offices of the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León in Valladolid, notwithstanding any trips that may prove necessary and that are inherent to the activities involved in the post, both domestically or abroad.
3. The initial duration of the contract shall be for two years and may be extended for successive annual periods.
4. The salary of the Director shall be established in the corresponding laws governing the regional general budget.
5. The Director of the Agency's tasks are those set out in article 12 of the rules applicable to the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León.

Three. – Candidate requirements.

Candidates must:

- a) Hold Spanish nationality or the nationality of another European Member state or the nationality of a country which, by virtue of the international treaties established with the European Union and ratified by Spain, are applicable to the free movement of workers in the terms defined in the Constitutive Treaty of the European Union.

Regardless of their nationality, the call is also open to any spouse of a Spanish national as well to nationals from any other European Union member state and – when so established in the corresponding treaty– to nationals from any state to which (by virtue of international treaties signed by the European Union and ratified by Spain) the rules governing the free movement of workers are applicable, provided they are not legally separated.

- b) To be at least 18 years of age and not to have reached the general age established for retirement.

- c) To possess the functional capacity required to carry out the tasks.
- d) Not to have been discharged as a result of disciplinary action from serving in any public administration nor to be disqualified from undertaking public duties as a result of a confirmed court ruling.
- e) To hold a doctorate degree.

Four. – Specific merits.

1. Professional merits: up to a maximum of five points may be given, awarded depending on the relevance, dedication, and duration, experience in university external quality assurance agencies at an international, national or regional level, in posts in university governing bodies involving specific competencies in the field of university quality and in managing university internationalisation.
2. Academic merits: up to a maximum of four points may be given for accredited academic experience through research and teaching steps, applying the following scale:
 - a) Accreditation of research steps, up to three points, awarding 0.5 points for each six-year recognised research or technology transfer step.
 - b) Accreditation of continuous teaching steps, up to one point, awarding 0.5 points for each two continuous teaching steps (five-year periods).
3. Other merits: up to a maximum of one point may be awarded for any other merits submitted by candidates and that are related to the tasks to be undertaken in the post for which the call is launched and with specific knowledge of the situation in the region.

Five. – Applications and documents.

1. Candidates' applications must be submitted to the President of the Board of Directors of the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León, Regional Ministry of Education at the Regional Government of Castilla y León, Avda. del Real Valladolid, s/n, Valladolid 47014, and submitted to the register of said body or in the form set out in article 16.4 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, governing the common administrative procedure of public administration, within 20 working days, commencing the day after the publication of the present call in the official gazette of Castilla y León.

Should the documents be submitted at a register different to the one indicated, the applicant is requested to notify this to the following email address: area.dg.universidadesinvestigación@jcytl.es

Any interested parties who possess an electronic national identity document or any other electronic certificate that has previously been recognised by this administration and that is compatible with the various enabling elements and corporative technological platforms may submit their application –together with the corresponding documents which should be digitised and submitted as attached files to the application– through the electronic

register of the Castilla y León regional administration. In exceptional circumstances, when the relevance of the document involved in the procedure so requires or when there may be doubts due to the quality of the copy, the Regional Ministry of Education may – with due cause – request verification of the copies submitted by the applicant, such that the latter may be required to provide the document or the general information physically, in accordance with article 28.5 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, governing the common administrative procedure of public administration.

The electronic register will issue a receipt accrediting presentation, which will consist of an authentic copy of the application that includes the date, time and admission number in the register, together with an accrediting summary of both the presentation of the application as well as any accompanying documents.

This copy is designed such that it may be printed or filed by the interested party, thereby guaranteeing the identity of the register and proving valid as a receipt of presentation. Failure to receive the confirmation message, or the appearance of a message indicating an error or problem in the transmission will mean that the document has not been received correctly, such that the document must be presented at another time or using other available means.

2. Applications submitted in free format must be accompanied by all the documents that accredit compliance with the necessary requirements and merits:

- a) Photocopy of the national identity document for Spanish nationals, or for foreign applicants residing in Spain a photocopy of the corresponding currently valid national identity document or passport and EU resident card, or relative of an EU resident or –where applicable– temporary EU resident card or EU frontier worker card. Applicants who are EU nationals or who are from any state which, by virtue of international treaties signed by the European Union and ratified by Spain, are subject to the application of the free movement of workers and who do not reside in Spain, or who reside abroad or who have temporary residence in Spain, must submit a true certified copy of the identity document or passport. Relatives of the aforementioned must present a photocopy of the passport, visa and –where applicable– of the receipt accrediting that they have applied for the corresponding card, or the receipt accrediting that they have applied for a visa exemption and the corresponding card. If they have not applied for these documents, they must submit the documents issued by the competent authorities accrediting the family relation, together with a sworn declaration or promise of the person with whom the relation exists to the effect that they are not legally separated from their spouse, or authorisation to verify their personal identity through the Identity Verification Data System for the purposes of this procedure.
- b) Curriculum Vitae.
- c) Declaration of compliance with the requirements set out in section c) and d) of point three of this call.

d) Accrediting documents evidencing the requirements and merits cited.

3. Any applicants who fail to meet the requirements needed to participate in the process set out in point three, or who submit their application outside the established deadline, shall be excluded from the selection process.

Six. – Selection process.

1. First, in order to ensure compliance with the requirements set out in this selection process, verification will be carried out by a committee appointed by the President of the Board of Directors of the Agency, and shall be made up of:

- a) Two public sector workers from the general Directorate for Universities and Research.
- b) One public sector worker from the General Secretariat of the Regional Ministry of Education.

2. The committee will draw up a proposal to grade the merits submitted by the various candidates, which it will then send to the Board of Directors.

3. Subsequent to the applications submitted and to the grading proposal received –which shall not be binding– the Plenary of the Board of Directors of the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León, shall proceed to select the Director in accordance with article 8.1) of Decree 15/2015, of 19 February.

4. Once the ideal candidate has been selected to fill the post of Director and to perform the necessary duties, and once the relevant formalities have been completed, the special high-level management contract shall be signed and shall have legal effect from the moment it is signed.

Seven. – Appeals.

An appeal for reversal may be filed against the present agreement –which concludes the administrative channel– before the Board of Directors of the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León within one month, in accordance with articles 123 and 124 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, governing the common administrative procedure of public administration. A contentious-administrative appeal may also be filed before the same court in Valladolid within two months, in accordance with articles 8.3, 14, and 46 of Law 29/1998, of 13 July, governing contentious-administrative jurisdiction. Both periods commence the day after publication in the official gazette of Castilla y León.

Valladolid, 9 April 2025.

The President of the Board of Directors of the Quality
Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y
León,

Signed: Rocío Lucas Navas

DECISION by the Director of the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León to issue a call for the selection process to cover posts through an indefinite labour contract and to create a list of eligible job candidates.

GENERAL POINTS

1.– Posts available.

The selection process is hereby launched to cover posts –the job description and details of which are described in Annex A of the present call– and to create a list of eligible job candidates for the positions of technical officer.

Contracts will be for an indefinite period and will include a six-month trial period.

Signing an application to take part in the selection process implies acceptance of the present bases and points set out in the call and the availability of the chosen candidates to take up the post within one month following the publication of the final selection process decision.

2.– Creating a list of eligible job candidates.

The list of eligible job candidates shall be made up of those posts offered and shall include candidates who –having expressed their wish to be included when submitting their application– have successfully completed the first stage of the selection process and who obtained at least five points in the second stage, but who did not obtain a sufficiently high total score to be awarded one of the positions offered in the call.

The order in which the applicants shall appear in the eligible list of job candidates shall be established from the highest to the lowest total score obtained in the two stages of the selection process, as set out in point three of this call.

In the event of a tie in the score obtained by several applicants, preference shall be established by alphabetical order.

The list of eligible job candidates shall be managed in accordance with the rules to be published prior to the start of the present selection process. Said rules shall be published on the Agency's notice board and on the Agency's internet portal (<http://www.acsucyl.es>).

2.– Applicant requirements.

In order to be eligible to take part in the selection process, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- a) Hold Spanish nationality or the nationality of another European Member state or the nationality of a country which, by virtue of the international treaties established with the European Union and ratified by Spain, are applicable to the free movement of workers in the terms defined in the Constitutive Treaty of the European Union.
- b) To be at least 18 years of age and not to have reached the general age established for retirement.
- c) To hold the qualifications required for the post to which they are applying, as set out in Annex A of the present call.
- d) To be free from any physical or psychological illness or limitations that are incompatible with them carrying out the tasks and functions corresponding to the post.
- e) Not to have been discharged as a result of disciplinary action from serving in any public administration, nor to have been disqualified from undertaking public duties as a result of a confirmed court ruling.

Applicants must meet the above-mentioned requirements on the date which the presentation of applications concludes and they must continue to meet said requirements throughout the whole period of the selection process. They must also accredit this through the relevant documents when submitting their application for admission.

3.– Selection process.

The selection process will consist of two stages, both of which are eliminatory. The final score for the selection process will be determined by the sum of the scores obtained in the two stages.

First stage: multiple choice test. 0 to 10 points.

The first part will involve answering a test made up of 50 multiple choice questions, consisting of three possible alternative answers, of which only one will be correct. Questions will test knowledge related to the tasks to be carried out in the posts offered, according to the subject matter set out in Annex B of the present call.

Questions that are answered correctly will be awarded +0.2 points, while those answered incorrectly or that contain more than one answer will not be awarded any points.

The selection committee will determine the minimum number of correct answers required to pass the test.

Candidates will have one hour in which to complete the test.

Within two working days following the test, the examining body will publish the correct answers on the Agency's noticeboard on the Agency's website (<http://www.acsucyl.es>).

Second stage: personal interview. 0 to 10 points.

Those candidates who pass the first stage will be called by the selection committee to attend a personal interview, part of which will be conducted in English, and the content of which will address aspects related to the candidate's educational background and professional experience as well as the duties to be performed. The questions put to the candidates may be both theoretical and practical and will be aimed at assessing their knowledge, skills, and suitability for the post.

The selection committee will attach particular importance to professional experience related to having undertaken tasks that are the same or similar to those involved in the professional position for the post to be filled, either in regional administration in Castilla y León, in higher education quality assurance agencies, or in university technical quality units.

During the course of the interview, applicants must present to the selection committee the documents that evidence all of the merits cited in their curriculum vitae.

For said purposes, they should provide the following documents:

- Original and copy of the work contract/s and certified work experience as issued by the General Treasury of the Social Security.
- When their professional experience stems from having worked as a self-employed worker, the original and copy of the service contract/s that gave rise to the experience cited should be provided in lieu of the copy of the contract/s. The requirement remains for the candidate to provide their certified work experience, as issued by the General Treasury of the Social Security.
- Likewise, in the case of services provided in public administration, the original and a copy of the documents that accredit both taking up the post and leaving it will be required, as will the original of the certificate issued by the corresponding staff unit, should the candidate still currently be providing such services.
- Original and copy of the documents accrediting the rest of the merits cited in the CV.

Any merits cited in the curriculum vitae that cannot be accredited by the candidates in the manner stipulated will not be taken into consideration by the selection committee. Nor will any merits other than those cited in the application be taken into consideration. The final score in the selection process will be determined by the total obtained over the two stages.

In the event of a tie, the order will be established by the higher score obtained in the second stage.

4.– Selection committee.

The selection committee shall be responsible for determining the content of the tests and the scores awarded, and shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the selection process functions correctly.

This committee –which will be presided over by the Director of the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León– will be made up of the following members:

- a) A president.
- b) Two members.
- c) A secretary, who shall have the right to speak and vote.

The members of the selection committee must refrain from taking part whenever they incur in the circumstances foreseen under article 28 of Law 30/1992, of 26 November.

The selection process shall function in accordance with the rules established for official bodies, cited in Law 30/1992.

The selection committee shall take all the necessary measures to ensure that the selection process applies criteria of equality, merit, and capacity.

5.– Applications.

Candidates must submit their applications in accordance with the model that appears in the figure as Annex I, up to 20 November 2008 (inclusive) to the following address:

Agencia para la Calidad del Sistema Universitario de Castilla y León,
C/ Fray Luis de León n.º 10
47002 - Valladolid

The application should be accompanied by:

- a) Photocopy of the national identity document or passport.
- b) Original curriculum vitae in accordance with the standard model that appears as Annex II.
- c) Photocopy of the document accrediting that they hold the required qualifications with regard to the position they are applying for.

Should the candidate be applying for different posts, they must submit two separate applications, linking the professional curriculum to the specific post to which they are applying.

When submitting the application, candidates should NOT present documents accrediting the information and merits cited in the curriculum vitae. Said documents will be submitted to the selection committee when the personal interview is being conducted.

Those applicants who are finally selected must present the original documents that evidence compliance with the requirements and with the merits cited.

The model for the application and for the curriculum vitae (Annexes I and II) will be available on the Agency's portal in Internet, at the address: <http://www.acsucyl.es>

6.– Applicant admission.

Once the period for submission of applications has concluded, the Director of the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León will order the publication of the list of applicants who have been admitted and those who have been

excluded, indicating in the latter instance the reason for the exclusion. Said lists shall be published on the Agency's portal on Internet (<http://www.acsucyl.es>) and on the Agency's notice board.

Applicants shall have seven working days –commencing the day after the publication of the lists– to amend any defects that may have led to them being excluded or omitted, and in which to submit an appeal. The Director of the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León shall order the publication of the final complete lists and shall give notification of the time and place where and when the first test in the selection process shall be held, at least seven calendar days prior to the start of the process. This shall be published on the Agency's portal on Internet (<http://www.acsucyl.es>) and on the Agency's notice board.

7.– The test procedure.

Applicants will be called to take part in the first part of the test as indicated in the previous section.

Once the first part of the test has been completed, the selection committee shall publish the list of candidates who have passed the first stage of the process and shall convene them to the personal interview (second stage of the selection process), setting the time and place to conduct the interview.

This information shall be published on the Agency's portal on Internet (<http://www.acsucyl.es>) and on the Agency's notice board.

Once the second stage of the selection process has concluded, the selection committee shall send to the Director of the Agency, a proposal listing the applicants who have passed the selection process –with the highest score first– and detailing the scores obtained in each stage of the process as well as the total final score.

8.– Designation of the selected candidates and presentation of documents.

In accordance with the points and details set out in the call, the posts advertised may be declared vacant should the selection committee consider that there are no suitable candidates.

Once the selection process has concluded, the posts advertised shall be awarded following a decision issued by the Director of the Agency, subsequent to the justified proposal put forward by the selection committee.

Furthermore, and in accordance with point two of the rules governing this call, the list of eligible job candidates shall be created with a view to covering possible future needs for posts that are similar in nature.

The final decision shall be made public on the Agency's portal on Internet (<http://www.acsucyl.es>) and shall include the final list of applicants who have passed the examination –ordered from highest to lowest score.

The Agency shall formally and individually notify each of the candidates selected for the posts advertised in the call.

The selected candidates shall have ten working days in which to present any justifying documents that may be required of them.

Should a candidate fail to provide the corresponding documents within the established period or should an examination of said documents reveal that the candidate does not meet the requirements for the position, the post may be awarded to the candidate with the next highest score.

9.– Formalisation of the contracts.

Until such time as the contract is formalised, the applicant shall receive no financial payment. The selected candidate must complete a six-month trial period.

Should any of those selected fail to successfully complete the trial period or should they rescind their contract, they may be replaced by the candidate who is next on the final list.

11.– Appeals.

In accordance with article 114.1 of Law 30/1992 of 26 November, governing the legal system for public administration and common administrative procedure, an appeal for reversal against the present decision may be filed before the President of the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León within one month, commencing the day after its publication.

Valladolid, 3 November 2008.

The Director of the Quality Assurance Agency for the University System in Castilla y León,

Signed: Elena Tejedor Viñuela

ANNEX A

FUNCTIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POSTS ADVERTISED FOR THE POSITION OF TECHNICAL OFFICER IN QUALITY PROGRAMMES.

Professional category: technical officer (applicants must hold a university degree).

No. of positions available: two.

Place of work: Valladolid.

Duration of the contract: Indefinite.

Functions:

- Designing proposals and procedures related to the assessment tasks carried out by the Agency.
- Participating in developing assessment methodologies.
- Handling the development of assessment programmes in the area of universities.
- Providing technical support and dealing with any incidents that may arise during the development and application of the programmes.
- Writing reports, analyses and studies related to university quality.
- Conducting analyses and processing statistical data.
- Participating in drafting studies and publications.
- Processing and follow-up of administrative files.
- Any other task related to the post.

TECHNICAL OFFICER IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT.

Professional category: technical officer (applicants must hold a university degree, preferably in one of the following: degree in economics, degree in business administration and management, degree in actuarial sciences and finance, or degree in law).

No. of positions available: one.

Place of work: Valladolid.

Duration of the contract: Indefinite.

Functions:

- Budget follow-up.
- Control of suppliers.
- Treasury management.
- Providing technical support for the Director and dealing with any incidents concerning accounting and budgets that may arise when carrying out the programmes.
- Preparing accounting statements and drafting reports.
- Follow-up of contract files and awarding of subsidies.
- Any other task related to the post.

ANNEX B

- ACSUCYL: Functions, competencies, work programmes and applicable legislation.
- Law governing universities in Castilla y León (Law 3/2003).
- Law governing the University Act (LOU), modified under Organic Law 4/2007 of 12 April.
- Law 30/1992, of 26 November governing the legal system for public administration and common administrative procedure.
- Law 30/2007, of 30 October, governing public sector contracts.
- Process for building the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).
- Organisation of university courses in the context of the EHEA.
- External quality assurance bodies in the field of higher education. National and European perspective.
- Higher Education System in Castilla y León.

Application by ACSUCYL for Renewal of Registration

Clarification provided by the ACSUCYL

Register Committee

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Date of the conversation: 2025-06-05

Representatives of ACSUCYL Sandra Marcos Ortega, Eva María Baticón Tapia, Raúl Casado del Pozo, Susana Cacho Parra

Representative of EQAR: Giorgi Munjishvili

1. ACSUCYL has submitted an application for renewal of registration on the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR).
2. In order to inform the Register Committee's consideration and decision making, EQAR contacted the ACSUCYL to clarify the matter(s) below.
3. ACSUCYL agreed to clarify the matter(s) by means of a Zoom call.

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4. EQAR representative asked ACSUCYL to further elaborate on the timeline and next steps following the agency's proposal to revise the composition of the Board of Directors. Additionally, ACSUCYL was asked about the timeline for when the new director would be selected and whether the agency had any mechanisms in place to avoid the dual role of the director in the future.
5. ACSUCYL representatives explained that after the board's approval, the proposal was submitted to the regional government, and the agency expected the changes in legislation, regulating the composition of the board, to be approved by January 2026.
6. To select the new director from the candidates who applied from the open call, the Board of Directors has meeting on June 9. On the meeting, the student representative has also been invited.
7. ACSUCYL representatives further explained that, while in the agency's clarification report (of 2025-03-07) they stated that legislation determines "the Vice-president of the Agency to stand in for the Director should the latter be absent or the post be vacant", it is actually not the case, but it was the choice of the Board of Directors, and they can select any of the board's members for this role.

Following instructions from the President of the **Board of Directors of the Agency for the Quality of the University System of Castile and León (ACSUCYL)**, and in accordance with the provisions of Article 57.1b) of Law 3/2001, of July 3, of the Government and Administration of the Community of Castile and León, I hereby summon you to the ordinary meeting of the aforementioned Board, which will be held **electronically** and will be conducted as follows:

AGENDA

1. Reading and approval, if applicable, of the minutes of the session of May 31, 2023.
2. The Board of Directors has acknowledged the resignation for personal reasons submitted by Mr. Salvador Rus Rufino on July 10, 2023, with an effective date, at the request of the interested party, of June 30, 2023.
3. Approval, if applicable, of the replacement of the Vice President of the Board of Directors and Director of Universities and Research, Ms. Blanca Ares González, for the exercise of the ordinary functions inherent to the position of Director, until its definitive coverage under the provisions of article 13 of Law 40/2015, of October 2, on the Legal Regime of the Public Sector.
4. Approval, if applicable, of the Agency's Annual Accounts for the 2022 financial year.

ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION FOR VOTING

Voting model

Minutes of the previous session, held on May 31, 2023

Documentation referring to point 3

DEADLINES AND STEPS:

1st Call The call is

sent to the members of the Board of Directors at the email addresses that have been provided and that are routinely used for communications with the Agency.

2º Information and expression of the sense of the vote From the receipt of the call and until July 21, 2023, the members of the Board of Directors must cast their vote in the terms they deem appropriate, and must be sent to the email address mjulia.fernandezdelareguera@jcyl.es and from the email address identified as corresponding to the member of the Board of Directors.



Once the necessary votes have been received or the deadline of July 21, 2023 has concluded,
This call will be considered concluded and the procedure will be finalized, and the corresponding minutes will be drawn
up, which will record the result of the votes and the approval or rejection of the proposed agreement.

Receive a cordial greeting.

Valladolid, as of the date of electronic signature.

Signed: M^a Julia Fernández de la Reguera Pastor
Secretary of the Agency's Board of Directors
for the Quality of the University System of Castilla y León.



Nº 2/2023, OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC BODY UNDER
LAW "AGENCIA PARA LA CALIDAD DEL SISTEMA UNIVERSITARIO DE
CASTILLA Y LEÓN".

President: M ^o del Rocio Lucas Navas Councillor of Education	Vicepresident: D ^a Blanca Ares González, Director of Universities and Research.
Members: D. Ricardo Rivero Ortega, Rector of the University of Salamanca D. Antonio Largo Cabrerizo, Rector of the University of Valladolid Mr. Juan Francisco García Marín, Rector of the University of León. D. Manuel Pérez Mateos, Rector of the University of Burgos Ms. Miriam M. Cortés Diéguez, Rector of the Pontifical University of Salamanca	 D. Luis Javier Cepedano Valdeón, President of the Social Council of the University of León Ms. Rocío Hervella Durántez, prestigious businesswoman D. Eduardo Cabanillas Muñoz-Reja, Director General for Citizen Services and Quality of Services D. Fernando Vallelado Prieto. Director General of the Treasury and Financial Policy.
	Secretary: Ms. M. ^a Julia Fernández de la Reguera Pastor, Technical Advisor to the Directorate of Universities and Research.

On 21 July 2023, the members of the Board of Directors listed above met by electronic means to consider the following items on the

AGENDA

1. Reading and approval, if applicable, of the minutes of the meeting of 31 May 2023.
2. Acknowledgement by the Board of Directors of the resignation for personal reasons presented by Mr Salvador Rus Rufino on 10 July 2023, effective, at his request, on 30 June 2023.
3. Approval, if applicable, of the substitution of the Vice-President of the Board of Directors and Director of Universities and Research, Ms Blanca Ares González, for the exercise of the ordinary functions of the post of Director, until she is definitively covered under the provisions of article 13 of Law 40/2015, of 2 October, on the Legal Regime of the Public Sector.
4. Approval, if applicable, of the Annual Accounts of the Agency corresponding to the financial year 2022.

By Order of the President of the Board of Directors of the Agency for the Quality of the University System of Castilla y León, and in accordance with the provisions of art. 57.1b) of Law 3/2001, of 3 July, of the Government and Administration of the Community of Castilla y León and under the protection of the provisions of article 17 of Law 40/2015, of 1 October, of the Legal Regime of the Public Sector, the virtual meeting of said Board is convened on 21 July 2023, which will take place by electronic means.

The call is sent to the members of the Governing Board at the e-mail addresses that have been provided and which are used on a regular basis for communications with the Agency.

The notice is accompanied by the necessary documentation for voting on the matters in question and a voting model is provided to facilitate and standardise the monitoring of the meeting, as well as a series of indications reminding of the steps and deadlines for this electronic notice.

At the end of the period established in the notice of meeting, 11 votes were received from the members of the Board of Directors, all of them in favour. By virtue of which, all the items on the agenda are approved, to which, as secretary, I bear witness, with the approval of the President.

VºBº

The President

The Secretary

s: Rocío Lucas Navas

s: M^a Julia Fernández de la Reguera
Pastor



Following instructions from the Honorable President of the **Board of Directors of the Agency for the Quality of the University System of Castile and León (ACSUCYL)**, and in accordance with the provisions of Article 57.1b) of Law 3/2001, of July 3, of the Government and Administration of the Community of Castile and León, I hereby summon you to the ordinary meeting of the aforementioned Board, which will take place on **June 9**, 2001.

2025 at **1:00 p.m.**, by videoconference and which will be developed under the following:

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1. Reading and approval, if applicable, of the minutes of the session of April 24, 2025.
2. Selection of the Director of the Agency for Quality of the University System of Castilla y León (ACSUCYL).
3. Requests and questions.

Receive a cordial greeting.

Valladolid, as of the date of electronic signature.

Signed: M.^a Julia Fernández de la Reguera Pastor
Secretary of the Agency's Board of Directors
for the Quality of the University System of Castilla y León.

M^a JULIA FERNÁNDEZ DE LA REGUERA PASTOR, SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AGENCY FOR THE QUALITY OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF CASTILLA Y LEÓN

CERTIFIES

That the Board of Directors of the Agency for the Quality of the University System of Castilla y León, in its meeting of June 9, 2025, held by videoconference, approved item 2 of the Agenda, the wording of which is as follows:

"Selection of the Director of the Agency for the Quality of the University System of Castilla y León (ACSUCYL)."

Therefore, the Board of Directors of the Agency for the Quality of the University System of Castilla y León (ACSUCYL) agrees to select: Mr. Manuel Lázaro Pulido.

It is expressly stated that this certification is issued prior to the approval of the minutes, in accordance with the provisions of Article 58.3 of Law 3/2001, of July 3, on the Government and Administration of the Community of Castile and León.

This is certified in Valladolid, on June 9, 2025.

Approved by:

The President of the Board of Directors The Secretary of the Board of Directors

Signed: Rocío Lucas Navas
Pastor

Signed: M^a Julia Fernández de la Reguera