

Decision on the Substantive Change Report by Fundación para el Conocimiento Madrimasd (madri+d)

Register Committee

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Decision of:	2024-03-11
Result:	Take a note
Report received on:	2024-02-28
Agency registered since:	2015-06-08
Last external review report:	02/2020
Registration until:	2025-02-28
Absented themselves from decision-making:	n/a
Attachments:	1. Substantive Change Report, 2024-02-28

1. The Register Committee considered the Substantive Change Report of 2024-02-28.
2. The Register Committee considered the Substantive Change Report of 2024-02-28.
3. The Register Committee noted that Madri+d expanded the methodology of the activity "SISCAL madri+d - Internal Quality Assurance Certification" and is now covering centres that teach doctoral programmes and university centres that manage non-official programmes.
4. The Committee expects that this activity will be analysed in full as part of madri+d next renewal of registration, including whether the agency's updated guidelines cover all the standards of ESG Part 1 in practice (ESG 2.1), whether the updated standards are fit for the new objectives (ESG 2.2), whether the updated standards are consistently implemented (ESG 2.5) and whether all the reports resulting from the "SISCAL madri+d - Internal Quality Assurance Certification" are published in full (ESG 2.6).

EQAR Substantive Change Report

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Other organisations?	No
A. Has the organisational identity of the registered agency changed?	No
B. Has the organisational structure changed?	No
C. Changes in EQA activities	2. Substantive changes carried out to one or several existing external QA activities (e.g. changes to their methodology, criteria or procedures)
Description new/changed	<p>The SISCAL model has been updated to meet the new requirements set by Spanish legislation (RD 822/2021, RD 640/2021)</p> <p>The new, revised, version of SISCAL broaden the scope of the certification to centres that teach also doctoral programmes, and to the centres of the universities that manage the non-official programmes, “enseñanzas propias”.</p> <p>SISCAL was initially designed to fulfil the requirements for the Institutional Accreditation of university centres, which required the certification</p>

of the IQAS of those centres. A general procedure, to be adapted by all Spanish agencies, was established by the General Conference on University Policy in 2018. A new version of the procedure was published in 2022 (<https://www.boe.es/buscar/act.php?id=BOE-A-2022-3710>), to broaden the scope of the IQAS certification also to the management of doctoral programmes, which was not in the original scope of the Institutional Accreditation. Furthermore, the RD 822/2021 and the RD 640/2021, set in diverse articles the need of the university to guarantee the quality of all the programmes taught, including non-official ones. Setting under the same umbrella, SISCAL model in this case, the IQAS model for both official and non-official programmes, with the needed adjustments and clarifications due to the different nature of the programmes, is considered the most effective way deal with this quality assurance.

As the external evaluation of IQAS for non-official programmes is new, and these programmes have different nature from the official ones, the new SISCAL model foresees the universities can opt to an ex-ante “Design of the IQAS certification”, limited for the scope of non-official programmes. In this case only the documentation:...

... manuals, procedures, etc. are analysed to evaluate if the IQAS proposed by the university fits the requirements of SISCAL model. At this stage the implementation of the IQAS is not evaluated. Therefore, no evidence is analysed, only the documentation.

2. Changed EQA activity

ESG 2.1

The SISCAL model has been updated to meet the new requirements set by Spanish legislation (RD 822/2021, RD 640/2021).

The assessment criteria are a continuation of those established in the previous version of the model. These criteria have been updated to improve them, and to complete and clarify their application to the management of programmes with specific characteristics, such as doctoral programmes and non-official programmes. Both the first and the updated version of SISCAL comply with the legal requirements and the model of the evaluation procedure established by the General Conference on University Policy, based on the ESG part 1. The initial version of SISCAL was based on the procedure published on 7th March 2018 (<https://www.boe.es/buscar/pdf/2018/BOE-A-2018-3435-consolidado.pdf>), and the, now updated, second version is based on the procedure published on 3th March 2022 (<https://www.boe.es/buscar/act.php?id=BOE-A-2022-3710>).

A table of correspondence of SISCAL with the ESG part 1 can be found in the guide, pg 11: https://www.madrimasd.org/sites/default/files/Guia%20SISCAL%20V02_0.pdf

ESG 2.2

The updated model takes as reference the previous guide of SISCAL. This methodology was set up to fulfil all the legal and stakeholders' requirements.

In the updated model new requirements, mainly new laws, and consensus documents of REACU, the Spanish network of quality assurance agencies, were also analysed.

madri+d set up a working group with representatives of both private and public

universities, students, as well as quality assurance experts. The evaluation model proposed by the working group is finally approved by the director of madri+d, after final consultations to madri+d Advisory Council which is composed of representatives of all the universities in Madrid, the regional administration, and the social councils of the universities.

ESG 2.3

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https://www.madrimasd.org/sites/default/files/Guia%20SISCAL%20V02_0.pdf

ESG 2.4

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ESG 2.5

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Regarding the “Design of the IQAS certification” optional phase, it is the Certification Commission the body that issues the reports with the outcomes of the evaluation.

It is foreseen that the Certification Commission can ask for a preliminary analysis by an expert. In these cases this preliminary assessment is analysed by the Certification Commission to ensure a consistent application of the assessment criteria, and reports are only issued after validation and approval by this Commission.

ESG 2.6

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<https://madrimasd.org/calidad-universitaria/evaluacion-acreditacion-verificacion-centros-universitarios/siscal-madrid/informes-certificacion>

D. Activity outside the scope of the ESG

No

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