

# Substantive Change Report

## by the Andalusian Agency of Knowledge, Directorate for Evaluation and Accreditation (AAC-DEVA)

Register Committee

Ref. RC/C82

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Decision of:	2022-10-06
Report received on:	2022-06-22
Agency registered since:	2009-01-01
Last external review report:	September 2019
Registration until:	2024-09-30
Absented themselves from decision-making:	n/a
Attachments:	1. <a href="#">Substantive Change Report</a>

1. The Register Committee considered the Substantive Change Report of 2022-06-22.
2. The Register Committee took note of AAC-DEVA starting to use the European Approach and publishing the associated [Guide for the Evaluation of International Joint Programmes within the European Approach for Quality Assurance](#).
3. In its Guide, AAC-DEVA added no additional requirements or limitations, but spelled out how in greater detail how it implements the European Approach, including report templates that AAC-DEVA uses.
4. **Given that AAC-DEVA uses the European Approach without substantial modification, the Register Committee was assured that the ESG are complied with.** The Committee nevertheless expects that this activity be analysed in full as part of AAC-DEVA's next review for renewal of registration.

## EQAR Substantive Change Report

Reference #	22700675
Status	Complete
Agency #1	Andalusian Agency of Knowledge, Directorate for Evaluation and Accreditation
Agency acronym	AAC-DEVA
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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 AAC-DEVA's Evaluation and Accreditation Technical Committee, body where all AAC-DEVA's stakeholders are represented, approved the Guide for the Evaluation of International Joint Programmes within the European Approach Framework for Quality Assurance (1) on 29 June, 2021.</p> <p>This Guide provides the adaptation of the European Approach standards and procedure, without any additional modification, along with a definition of a procedure for recognition of</p>

external reviews of international joint programmes conducted by other EQAR-registered agencies, as it is established in the recent Spanish regulatory framework (Royal Decree 822/2021 (2)).

AAC-DEVA is working in close cooperation with the Andalusian Universities participating in European University Alliances, such as Ulysseus (3), ARQUS (4) and SEA-EU (5), by providing counselling and support on the procedures required to design, develop, and provide joint study programmes and on their external review and/or recognition according to the European Approach, as well as with other European QA agencies and entities.

(1) [http://deva.aac.es/include/files/universidades/titulaciones-conjuntas/Guia\\_en.pdf](http://deva.aac.es/include/files/universidades/titulaciones-conjuntas/Guia_en.pdf)

(2) <https://www.boe.es/buscar/doc.php?id=BOE-A-2021-15781>

(3) <https://ulysses.eu/>

(4) <https://www.arqus-alliance.eu/>

(5) <https://sea-eu.org/>

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## 2. Changed EQA activity

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1	Joint programme accreditation
ESG 2.1	AAC-DEVA has adopted the European Approach standards and procedure, which are based on the ESGs and the QF-EHEA, without any additional modification. Therefore, in accordance with the EA for QA of Joint programmes, the external quality assurance activity of ESG standards 1.1-1.10 is ensured throughout a continuous enhancement cycle.
ESG 2.2	The EA for QA of joint programmes is an EQAR recognised methodology developed by

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international QA experts with the participation of different stakeholders. It is accepted that this methodology is fit for purpose. The AAC-DEVA's Guide for the Evaluation of International Joint Programmes within the European Approach Framework for Quality Assurance has been developed, agreed and approved with Andalusian stakeholders, who have been fully engaged and involved throughout the whole process.

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### ESG 2.3

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### ESG 2.4

The selection of the review panel for the assessment of international joint degrees is specifically conducted for this purpose by AAC-DEVA in coordination with the QA agencies operating in the respective countries in which the joint programme is going to be offered. The panel will be composed of five people, including one student and representatives of at least two countries involved in the consortium.

In accordance with AAC-DEVA's procedure for the Selection of the review panel for joint degrees evaluation according to the European Approach, the final panel will be decided by a commission composed of the responsible person coordinating the International Relations Area, the responsible person coordinating the Area for University Evaluation and Accreditation and an AAC-DEVA's technician, and it will be remitted for its official approval to the AAC-DEVA's Director.

After confirming participation, evaluators will sign their appointment, which entails the acceptance of the AAC-DEVA's Ethical Code, ensuring

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confidentiality on the documentation provided by applicants (person/entity) and the evaluation outcomes. The expert panel will be trained on the EA application accordingly.

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**ESG 2.5**

same as in "Joint programme accreditation"

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**ESG 2.6**

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**D. Activity outside the scope of the ESG**

No

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