

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

Register Committee
13 – 14 March 2025

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1. Basic information

Report received on:	2024-12-18
Agency registered until:	2027-06-30
Last external review report:	06/22
Absented themselves from decision-making:	
Attachments:	1. Substantive Change Report, 2024-12-18.

1. The Register Committee considered the Substantive Change Report of 2024-12-18.
2. The Register Committee noted that AVAP introduced the following changes:
 - A) Introduction of new external quality assurance activities: **Institutional Accreditation**
3. Based on the provisions of the national legislation, AVAP is introducing the possibility of institutional accreditation under two conditions: institution must have at least half of official accredited degrees renewed and its internal quality assurance system must be certified through an external evaluation by AVAP.
4. Based on the information provided in the Substantive Change Report, the Register Committee had no prima facie concerns that the ESG are complied with.
5. **The Register Committee expects that the new activity will be analysed in full against ESG 2.1 – 2.7 as part of the next external review of AVAP.**

EQAR Substantive Change Report

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Agency acronym	AVAP
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Other organisations?	No
A. Has the organisational identity of the registered agency changed?	No
B. Has the organisational structure changed?	No
C. Changes in EQA activities	1. One or several new external QA activities were introduced
Description new/changed	<p>Institutional accreditation of centres is established as an alternative to the model of accreditation of official university degrees. The procedure to be followed is regulated in Royal Decree 640/2021 of 27 July, of creation, recognition, authorization and accreditation of universities and university centres and therefore the activity will be carried out in accordance with Spanish legislation. In order to obtain institutional accreditation, universities must meet the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) The initial accreditation of at least half of the official Bachelor's, Master's and PhD degrees that they offer must have been renewed, in accordance with the general procedure laid down in Royal Decree 822/2021 of 28 September,</p>

which establishes the organization of official university education.

(2) The implementation of its internal quality assurance system (IQAS), aimed at the continuous improvement of the training offered to students must be certified, in accordance with the provisions of Royal Decree 822/2021, of 28 September, and in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG).

This new activity focuses specifically on checking the effectiveness of the universities' Internal Quality Assurance Systems and their correlation with the standards set out in Part 1 of the ESG.

Since AVAP's registration in the EQAR register, we have been working to start the management of this new activity during 2024 and now we are ready to start this procedure: the Institutional Accreditation. AVAP has prepared the Agency's staff, a guide protocol, the committees and the technological platform for that.

1. New EQA activity:

1

Institutional Accreditation

2

Certification of Internal Quality Assurance System (IQAS)

Focus

study programmes or higher education institutions

ESG 2.1

This new AVAP's activity focuses specifically on checking the effectiveness of the universities' Internal Quality Assurance Systems and their correlation with the standards set out in Part 1 of the ESG. Before AVAP carried out this activity, Valencian universities could obtain institutional accreditation through the national agency

ANECA. To make them easier the transition, we are following a model similar to ANECA's AUDIT model.

ESG 2.2

To develop the processes and the protocol, we have set up a working group of experts. The draft has been circulated to all AVAP stakeholders. Finally, the agency's Protocols and Appeals Commission has supervised and ratified the model.

ESG 2.3

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<https://avap.es/en/higher-education/higher-education-institutions/>

2

<https://avap.es/en/higher-education/higher-education-institutions/internal-quality-assurance-system-iqas-certification-by-avap/>

ESG 2.3

Not applicable

ESG 2.4

Name of the EQA

ESG 2.5

Name of the EQA

ESG 2.6

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

ESG 2.7

Names of the EQA activities

ESG 3.4/ESG 3.6

Names of the EQA activities

D. Activity outside the scope of the ESG

No

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