

## Decision on the Substantive Change Report by National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR)

### Register Committee

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Report received on:	2026-03-10
Agency registered until:	2029-05-31
Last external review report:	03/2025
Absented themselves from decision-making:	
Attachments:	<a href="#">1. Substantive Change Report, 2026-03-10</a>

1. The Register Committee considered the Substantive Change Report of 2026-03-10.

### A) New external quality assurance activities: European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes

2. The Register Committee noted that ANVUR started to implement the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes.
3. Given that ANVUR uses the European Approach or Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes without substantial modification as it relates to ESG compliance, **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 ANVUR's next review for renewal of registration.**

### B) Changes in ANVUR's organisational structure

4. The Register Committee took note of the legislative changes that impacted ANVUR's organisational structure, and consequently its operations:
  - (i) designating the Director General and the Advisory Board as statutory bodies;
  - (ii) revising the appointment procedures for the Governing Board and the President;
  - (iii) redefining terms of office;
  - (iv) mandating that the Chair of the Advisory Board participates in Governing Board meetings without voting rights to represent stakeholders;
  - (v) expressly assigning ANVUR responsibility for the AFAM system and requiring that the Governing Board include an AFAM representative;
  - (vi) explicitly allowing ANVUR to conduct cross-border QA;
  - (vii) codifying TECO responsibilities (assessment of students' learning outcomes) and their integration with periodic accreditation and performance evaluation (implementation forthcoming).
5. The Register Committee considered that the broadened composition of the ANVUR Governing Board (including AFAM institutions' representatives) and strengthening of the role of Advisory Board strengthen stakeholder involvement in governance of ANVUR as required by ESG 3.1. However, the

Committee also concluded that the removal of National Student Council as one of the nominating organisations for Governing Board members has weakened what was at least an indirect link for these stakeholders to impact ANVUR's governance.

6. The Register Committee further noted that under the revised regulation, President of the ANVUR Governing Board is appointed by the President of the Republic upon proposal of the Minister, while previously the President was appointed by the Governing Board itself, impacting ANVUR's organisational independence.
7. **Considering the potential implications of these organisational changes on ANVUR's ESG compliance, the Register Committee expects that ANVUR's next review for renewal of registration analyses impact on all ESG Part 3 standards, and in particular ESG 3.1 and ESG 3.3.**

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## EQAR Substantive Change Report

<b>Agency #1</b>	National agency for the evaluation of universities and research
<b>Agency acronym</b>	ANVUR
<b>Expiry date #1</b>	31/05/2029
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<b>Other organisations?</b>	No
<b>A. Has the organisational identity of the registered agency changed?</b>	No
<b>B. Has the organisational structure changed?</b>	Yes
<b>Description</b>	<p>Presidential Decree No. 12/2026 amended Presidential Decree No. 76/2010 regarding both organisational structure and functions. The main changes concern the following aspects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.The Director General and the Advisory Board (including a students' representative) are formally designated as statutory bodies of the Agency, thereby strengthening the governance framework, and clarifying the allocation of competences.</li><li>2.The procedures for the appointment of the Governing Board and the President have been revised: the procedure for the designation of the President has been distinguished from that of the other members of the Governing Board. In both cases, a committee of five highly qualified members (two of whom are selected by the ERC and the Accademia dei Lincei) is tasked with drawing up shortlists of three names, from which the appointees are selected. The members are</li></ol>

then appointed by decree of the President of the Republic, upon proposal of the Minister, after consultation with the competent Parliamentary Committees.

3.The duration of mandates has been redefined as follows: the Governing Board serves for four years, renewable once; the President serves for four years, non-renewable; and the Director General serves for four years.

4.The Chair of the Advisory Board participates in the meetings of the Governing Board without voting rights, representing the stakeholders.

5.ANVUR has now been expressly assigned responsibility for the evaluation of the entire system of public and private AFAM institutions, and it is prescribed that the Governing Board include a member representing the AFAM system. ANVUR is now explicitly entrusted with the possibility to carry out quality assurance...

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... activities also on behalf of foreign higher education institutions, thereby extending its operational scope and consolidating its position in the international arena.

6.ANVUR's responsibilities concerning TECO (assessment of students' learning outcomes) are formally codified and structurally integrated into activities related to periodic accreditation and performance evaluation (they will be implemented in the near future).

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### C. Changes in EQA activities

1. One or several new external QA activities were introduced

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#### Description new/changed

Ministerial Decree (DM) No. 773/2024 formally introduced the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes into the Italian higher education system. This marked a significant development in the national quality assurance framework and in ANVUR's role within

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the European context. Consequently, the Agency implemented this new activity from scratch, adopting specific guidelines, procedures and evaluation models tailored to the implementation of the European Approach and aligned with the ESG framework.

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**Focus**

joint programmes using the European Approach for the Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes

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**ESG 2.6**

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<https://www.anvur.it/en/internationalisation/cross-border-qa/international-evaluations/european-approach>

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

No

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**File #1**

[DPR\\_76\\_2010\\_12\\_2026\\_ENG.pdf \(199 KB\)](#)

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**File #2**

[Guidelines\\_European\\_Approach.pdf \(354 KB\)](#)

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