

ENAAE Promotion Committee

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1. Actions taken to date

- 1.1. Review of ENQA, EQAR and INQAAHE has identified countries having institutional and/or programme level reviews. Countries which are already members or candidate members (where known¹) of ENAAE have been excluded.
- 1.2. Countries that do not appear to offer programme-based evaluation are: Croatia, Estonia, Greece, Iceland, Khazakstan, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), Norway, Slovak Republic, Sweden.
- 1.3. Of these, Croatia is a member of ENQA and EQAR. Norway and Sweden are members of ENQA but not of EQAR. Estonia and the Slovak Republic are candidate members of ENQA. Greece, Iceland and FYROM are not members of ENQA or EQAR.
- 1.4. With the exception of Khazakstan, the countries at 1.2 all participate in FEANI. The respective National Member Committees, have been invited to provide further information. Responses have been received from the Slovak and FYROM NMs.
- 1.5. Prof Giuliano Augusti has advised that Khazakstan is participating in the European Commission funded QUEECA² project). AEER and ASIIN have accredited programmes in Khazakstan.
- 1.6. Additionally, countries that are members of ENQA and/or EQAR, and offer programme-based evaluation but do not appear to offer engineering programme accreditation have been identified.
- 1.7. Those which are members of both ENQA and EQAR are: Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus (EQAR Candidate), Denmark.
- 1.8. Countries in this group that are members of ENQA but not members of EQAR, are: Czech Republic, Hungary, Serbia.

2. Initial conclusions

- 2.1. In a period of austerity, any plan must reflect the resource constraints that many ENAAE members are facing as well as the workload of the Label Committee.
- 2.2. A possible approach would be to priorities agencies that are already members of ENQA and EQAR and have programme-based accreditation in place (see 1.7 above).
- 2.3. To spread the load, a different ENAAE member could 'partner' with each of the priority countries. Further research should establish whether engineering programme accreditation is in place and the responsible agency (or agencies).
- 2.4. Geographical grouping may be appropriate for the remaining countries, eg:
 - a Nordic countries: Iceland, Norway and Sweden
 - b Eastern European countries: Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, FYROM, Hungary, Serbia, Slovak Republic.
- 2.5. As resources permit, especially as new ENAAE members are admitted, further partnering could be arranged, targeting these two groups.
- 2.6. Prof. Augusti has advised that EASPA³, of which ENAAE is a founding member, could also provide a channel to encourage and support countries to establish programme based accreditation.

¹ Finland, Italy, Romania, Spain and Switzerland are understood to be ENAAE candidate agencies.

² Quality Engineering Education in Central Asia

³ European Alliance for Subject-specific and Professional Accreditation and Quality Assurance