

Substantive Change Report
by Aragon Agency for Quality Assurance and Strategic Foresight in
Higher Education (ACPUA)

Register Committee

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Decision of:	17/01/2020
Report received on:	19/07/2019
Agency registered since:	03/12/2016
Last external review report:	August/2016
Registration until:	31/08/2021
Absented themselves from decision-making:	
Attachments:	1. Substantive Change Report

1. The Register Committee considered the Substantive Change Report of 19/07/2019.
2. The Register Committee took note that ACPUA introduced two new, interlinked activities:
 - *PACE SCIG (IQAS Certification)* and
 - *Institutional accreditation*.
3. The Register Committee noted that *Institutional accreditation* and the *PACE-SCIG Programme* have been implemented during the academic year 2018-2019.
4. The Register Committee took note that ACPUA has developed the evaluation model of five dimensions and eight criteria. The Committee further noted that the model responds to the ESG Part 1 which was presented in the additional document sent as annex to the Change Report.
5. The Register Committee took note that the new activities are based on the Royal Decree of 2015 and the "Protocol for the certification of quality assurance systems of university centres".
6. Institutional accreditations are linked to the existing activities of ACPUA, as the institutional accreditation can be implemented only if more than half of the programmes have been accredited.
7. The Register Committee took note that stakeholders have been involved in creation of methodologies, standards and criteria.
8. The Register Committee noted that ACPUA will evaluate the requests for certification through the Sub-Commission for the Evaluation Centres

and the panel of experts which includes a student. The Committee further noted that trainings of experts are provided.

9. The Register Committee took note that protocols for both procedures are published and disseminated.
10. The Register Committee took note that the reports for both activities are published on the Agency's website, together with the validity period for accreditations and certifications.
11. The Register Committee took note that final decisions of both activities can be appealed and complaints are possible as part of the ACPUA's procedures for handling appeals and complaints.
12. The Register Committee welcomed the change but further underlined that its full impact is to be assessed in the next external review of ACPUA.
13. The Register Committee encourages the agency to further address the issues mentioned in the last review (ESG 3.4 and ESG 3.5) and resolve them at the earliest opportunity as well as to inform EQAR through Substantive Change Report.

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