

## Call for Candidates

### President of EQAR (2026-2029)

#### Selection Committee

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The [European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education \(EQAR\)](#) is the independent non-profit organisation managing the register of quality assurance agencies operating in compliance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG). EQAR serves the public interest and is governed jointly by European governments and stakeholder organisations.

EQAR is looking for a suitable individual to fill the position of President for the term 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2029. The President is elected by the EQAR General Assembly, comprising European stakeholder organisations<sup>1</sup> and currently 45 European governments<sup>2</sup>, represented by their ministries responsible for higher education. The President may be re-elected once.

#### 1. Responsibilities

The President has responsibility for the leadership of the whole organisation within the frame set by General Assembly, and refined through decisions of the Board and the Register Committee.

In particular, the President:

- chairs the Board, the Register Committee and the General Assembly;
- represents EQAR externally at high-level meetings and events;
- ensures coherence in the work of all EQAR bodies.

The President acts as the legal representative of EQAR and is supported by the Director and the Secretariat.

#### 2. Required Profile

In light of the responsibilities, candidates for the position of President are expected to fulfil the following criteria:

- independence of EQAR's members and quality assurance agencies, i.e. the candidate must not hold any functions, memberships, contracts or other relationships with an EQAR member or a quality assurance agency, nor any function with another organisation if that function could jeopardise the independence of EQAR in any way.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Founding Members: ENQA, ESU, EUA, EURASHE; Social Partner Members: BusinessEurope, Education International

<sup>2</sup> See <https://www.eqar.eu/about/eqar-structure/members/>

<sup>3</sup> While candidates might hold a position at the time they are elected, they would need to resign from that position before starting the term as President and may not hold any such position while serving as President. Candidates are expected to

- senior leadership experience in higher education;
- good knowledge of quality assurance and major general policy developments in higher education at the European level;
- ability to work with governments, quality assurance agencies, higher education institutions and stakeholder organisations;
- excellent command of English.

### 3. Logistical and Financial Aspects

While the EQAR Secretariat is based in Brussels, the President can take care of their duties from distance and does therefore not need to relocate to Brussels. The position involves travel to approximately 20 meetings (internal and external, mainly in Europe and occasionally beyond) per year.

The position of President is an honorary position in principle. Given the responsibilities and workload, estimated at ca. 25% of a full-time position, the President, however, receives an annual lump-sum honorarium of EUR 25 000<sup>4</sup>.

Travel to meetings and other direct expenses are reimbursed by EQAR according to its reimbursement rules.

### 4. Selection Process

A Selection Committee has been established to propose suitable candidate(s) to the General Assembly. The Selection Committee is composed of:

- Amanda Crowfoot (EUA)
- John Edwards (EURASHE)
- Rob Copeland (ETUCE)
- Andreas Neuhold (Austria)
- Antonela Toma (Romania)
- Irena Komarova (Latvia)
- Una Strand Viðarsdóttir (Iceland)
- Eltjo Bazen (EQAR Register Committee)
- Irina Duma (EQAR Register Committee)
- Lana Par (ESU)
- Anna Gover (ENQA)

The Selection Committee invites individuals to declare their candidacy.

The closing date for submitting an application is 16 November 2025, 24:00 CET.

The Selection Committee will invite suitable candidates for interview. Candidates will be informed by latest 18 December 2025 whether they are invited for an interview. Interviews will take place on 13 January 2026 in

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list all current functions and mandates in their CV.

<sup>4</sup> The honorarium can be paid under an expert/consultant contract or as a compensation to the employer of the person. In either case, applicable taxes and social contributions are to be covered by the individual or their employer.

Brussels.

The Selection Committee will propose up to two suitable candidate(s) for election by the General Assembly. The candidate(s) proposed is/are expected to present themselves in person to the EQAR General Assembly on 10 March 2026 in Cyprus. EQAR General Assembly will elect the EQAR President in accordance with the EQAR [Statutes](#) and [Rules of Procedure](#).

## 5. Submission of Candidacies, Contact Details, Confidentiality

Prospective candidates are asked to submit their applications by email to Aleksandar Šušnjar, EQAR Director, Secretary to the Selection Committee, at [aleksandar.susnjar@eqar.eu](mailto:aleksandar.susnjar@eqar.eu). The application should include:

- a motivation letter;
- a CV, listing all functions and positions the applicant currently holds;
- up to two character references from persons who can attest to the applicant's integrity, reliability, and professional qualities.

If you have any questions about the position, you may also address the Secretary to the Selection Committee for clarification. All inquiries will be handled confidentially.

Candidates are expected to refrain from contacting the members of the Selection Committee.

Your candidacy and all related matters will be treated confidentially.