

Call for Candidates

President of EQAR (2023-2026)

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 2023 – 30 June 2026. The President is elected by the EQAR General Assembly, comprising European stakeholder organisations¹ and currently 42 European Higher Education Area (EHEA) governments², 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 Executive Board and the Register Committee.

In particular, the President:

- chairs the Executive Board, the Register Committee and the General Assembly;
- represents EQAR externally at high-level events and meetings with governments, quality assurance agencies, higher education institutions and stakeholder organisations;
- 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 agencies³

¹Founding Members: ENQA, ESU, EUA, EURASHE; Social Partner Members: BusinessEurope, Education International

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

³While 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 position in a member of EQAR or any quality assurance agency while

- senior leadership experience in higher education;
- good knowledge of quality assurance and policy developments in higher education at the European level;
- experience in chairing discussions in a complex environment;
- excellent diplomatic and social skills;
- excellent command of English and full confidence as public speaker.

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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. The workload is estimated at ca. 25% of a full-time position but varies across the year, the nature of the position thus requires a high degree of flexibility. Given the responsibilities and workload, the President receives an annual lump-sum honorarium of EUR 25 000⁴.

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:

- Eltjo Bazen (Register Committee)
- Amanda Crowfoot (EUA)
- Marina Cvitanušić Brečić (Croatia)
- John Edwards (Executive Board, EURASHE)
- Anna Gover (ENQA)
- Caroline Hollela (Belgium, French community)
- Horia Onița (Executive Board, ESU)
- Robert Plummer (BusinessEurope)
- Kateryna Suprun (Ukraine)
- Beate Treml (Register Committee)
- Andrius Zalitis (Lithuania)

serving as President.

⁴The 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.

The Selection Committee invites individuals to declare their candidacy. The **closing date for candidacies is 21 November 2022, 24:00 CET.**

The Selection Committee will invite suitable candidates for interview. **Candidates will be informed by 19 December 2022 whether they are invited for an interview. Interviews will take place on 19/20 January 2023 in Brussels or via Zoom.**

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 in May 2023** (date/location tbc).

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5. Submission of Candidacies, Contact Details, Confidentiality

Please submit candidacies, including a motivation letter and your CV, listing your relevant experience and all current functions and positions, to Colin Tück, EQAR Director, Secretary to the Selection Committee by email: colin.tueck@eqar.eu

If you have questions about the position, you may also address Beate Tremml, Chair of the Selection Committee, at beate.tremml@gmx.at. All inquiries will be handled confidentially.

Candidates are expected to refrain from contacting the Chair or members of the Selection Committee after the closing date.

Your candidacy and all related matters will be treated confidentially.