

## Press Release

### **The Accreditation Council Foundation is a member of the *European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA)***

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The Accreditation Council Foundation has achieved full membership in the *European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA)*.

The Chair of the Foundation Board, State Councilor Dr. Eva Gumbel, comments: “The admission of the Accreditation Council Foundation as a full member of ENQA is an important milestone in the international compatibility of the German accreditation system. The Accreditation Council Foundation has thus demonstrated that it operates in accordance with European principles.”

The Chair of the Accreditation Council, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Hans-Joachim Bargstädt, emphasizes: “We extend our heartfelt thanks to the international review panel for their nuanced analysis of our activities and ESG compliance. This external perspective is of great importance for the further development of the Accreditation Council and the German accreditation system as a whole.”

ENQA is the European umbrella organization for quality assurance and accreditation agencies in higher education and one of the key players in the Bologna Process. The network comprises 57 members from a total of 32 countries, all of whom have committed to adhering to the common European principles for internal and external quality assurance in higher education, known as the European Standards and Guidelines (ESG). Compliance with the standards is regularly reviewed by an international team of experts as part of an external evaluation, which the Accreditation Council successfully completed in 2022.

Further information on the process, as well as the evaluation report, is available on the ENQA website (<https://www.enqa.eu/review-database/external-review-of-gac/>).

The Accreditation Council is the central decision-making body of the Accreditation Council Foundation. The foundation, based in Bonn, was established by the 16 federal states and tasked with organizing the German accreditation system. Since the entry into force of the

on January 1, 2018, its main task has been to make decisions regarding program and system accreditations as well as alternative procedures.

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