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**To all EAEVE and FVE Members and Stakeholders**

**Subject: Joint statement on the outcome of the ENQA review**

24<sup>th</sup> May 2018, Vienna

Dear Colleagues,

The mission of the European Association of Establishments of Veterinary Education (EAEVE) is to promote standards and quality assurance in Veterinary Education in Europe and beyond through the application of a fully transparent international accreditation procedure, the European System of Evaluation of Veterinary Training (ESEVT), developed in collaboration with the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE). It is evident that EAEVE, as an accrediting body contributes to the consolidation of the European Higher Education Area and accountability to society.

Having been granted with membership in the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 ([LINK](#)) it is now formally acknowledged by this prestigious European accreditor agency that *"EAEVE provides 'quality' and quality assurance in Veterinary Medicine"* and fulfils its mission by reaching substantial compliance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG 2015) while fully conforming to the EU Directives.

One of the benefits of the ENQA membership is that EAEVE and its member Establishments and Stakeholders may take advantage of the services ENQA offers for its members that help them to develop further, and exploit ENQA as *"political actor with material influence on decision-making processes at the European level to deliver on the core values of quality assurance as enunciated in the ESG"* ([LINK](#)).

It is indisputable that a periodic external review fosters EAEVE to improve its quality assessment methodologies and hence contributes to fulfil its mission to promote and further develop the quality and standard of establishments for veterinary education.

An increasing number of QA agencies in Europe acknowledge the ESEVT as equivalent to their national accreditation. As a major positive consequence of the ENQA full membership and recognition and inclusion in the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR), it is expected that more and more national authorities will accept EAEVE as the legitimate accrediting agency for Veterinary Education Establishments. Such recognition would reduce duplicity of the QA accreditation processes and therefore considerably ease the administrative as well as the financial burden on the Veterinary Education Establishments.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of EAEVE and the Board of FVE we proudly present the positive consequences of this important achievement of ENQA full membership and allow all EAEVE and FVE Members and Stakeholders to publish this joint statement on their websites.

Best wishes,



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