

**Approval of the Application
by the Engineering Degree Commission (CTI)
for Renewal of Inclusion on the Register**

Register Committee

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Application of:	22/04/2014
Agency registered since:	18/11/2010
External review report of:	26 June 2014
Review coordinated by:	ENQA
Review panel members:	Barry O'Connor (Chair), Vanessa Duclos (Secretary), Thoma Korini, Katy Turff, Norma Ryan, Miroslav Jasurek
Decision of:	29 November 2014
Registration until:	30 June 2019
Absented themselves from decision-making:	Eric Froment (chair), Patricia Pol (France, observer)

1. The application of 22/04/14 adhered to the requirements of the EQAR Procedures for Applications.
2. The Register Committee considered the external review report of 26 June 2014 on the compliance of CTI with the European Standards and Guidelines (ESG).
3. The Register Committee sought and received clarification from the coordinator of the external review (letter of 20/10/14).
4. The Register Committee concluded that the external review was independent of CTI and found that the report provides clear evidence and analysis of how CTI complies with ESG.
5. The Register Committee sought and received further clarification from CTI (letter of 27/10/14).

Analysis:

6. With regard to the specific European Standards and Guidelines, the Register Committee considered the following:

ESG 2.5: The review report noted that two reports are produced for each evaluation: a detailed "global report" (or site visit report), produced by the evaluation committee, and a "short report" (or accreditation report),

adopted by the CTI plenary assembly. The review panel considered that “it could be of use to publish the full evaluation reports”.

The Register Committee took note of the explanation by CTI that the accreditation report was not a summary of the site visit report, but a different report in its own right.

The Register Committee was, however, not persuaded by the argument that the evaluation by an expert team was “not part of [CTI’s] legal mission”, given that such evaluations constitute a core activity of CTI. While the site visit report might at present be considered an internal working document, the Register Committee did not consider that CTI provided a compelling reason not to publish the full site visit report.

The Register Committee underlined that CTI’s workflow and distribution of responsibilities (ad-hoc evaluation committees preparing a report, standing committee making decisions) is similar to other agencies, which are able to publish full site-visit reports.

The lack of publication of full reports was flagged when CTI was admitted to the Register in 2010. The Register Committee concluded that this issue has not been addressed and, therefore, remains flagged.

ESG 3.7: The review report stated that it had been difficult for CTI to recruit enough student experts and to include students in all evaluation committees.

According to CTI’s clarification response students were involved in 73% of its periodic standard evaluations for re-accreditation. At the same time, CTI pointed out that students do not normally participate in other evaluations, such as for initial accreditation.

The Register Committee could not find an obvious reason for the non-participation of students in those other evaluations. Even when these evaluations do not include a site visit there should be a student among the experts carrying out the evaluation. The issue has therefore been flagged.

Conclusion:

7. **Based on the external review report and the considerations above, the Register Committee concluded that CTI continues to comply substantially with the ESG and, therefore, renewed its inclusion on the Register.**

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CTI's renewed inclusion shall be valid until 30/06/2019¹.

8. The following issues have been flagged for particular attention when considering a potential application for renewal of inclusion. CTI is expected to address these issues specifically in its next self-evaluation report, setting out whether the issue has been resolved or indicating what progress has been made. CTI is further responsible for informing the coordinator of the next external review and the review panel of the need to address these issues in the external review report.

ESG 2.5: Publication of full site visit reports

It should be addressed whether CTI has moved to publish the full site visit report along with the accreditation report and decision.

ESG 3.7: Participation of students in non-standard missions

It should receive attention whether and how CTI involves students on the expert groups in non-standard evaluation missions.

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¹ Inclusion is valid for five years from the date of the external review report, see §4.1 of the EQAR Procedures for Applications.

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