



ANVUR and EAEVE: a partnership for veterinary education excellence

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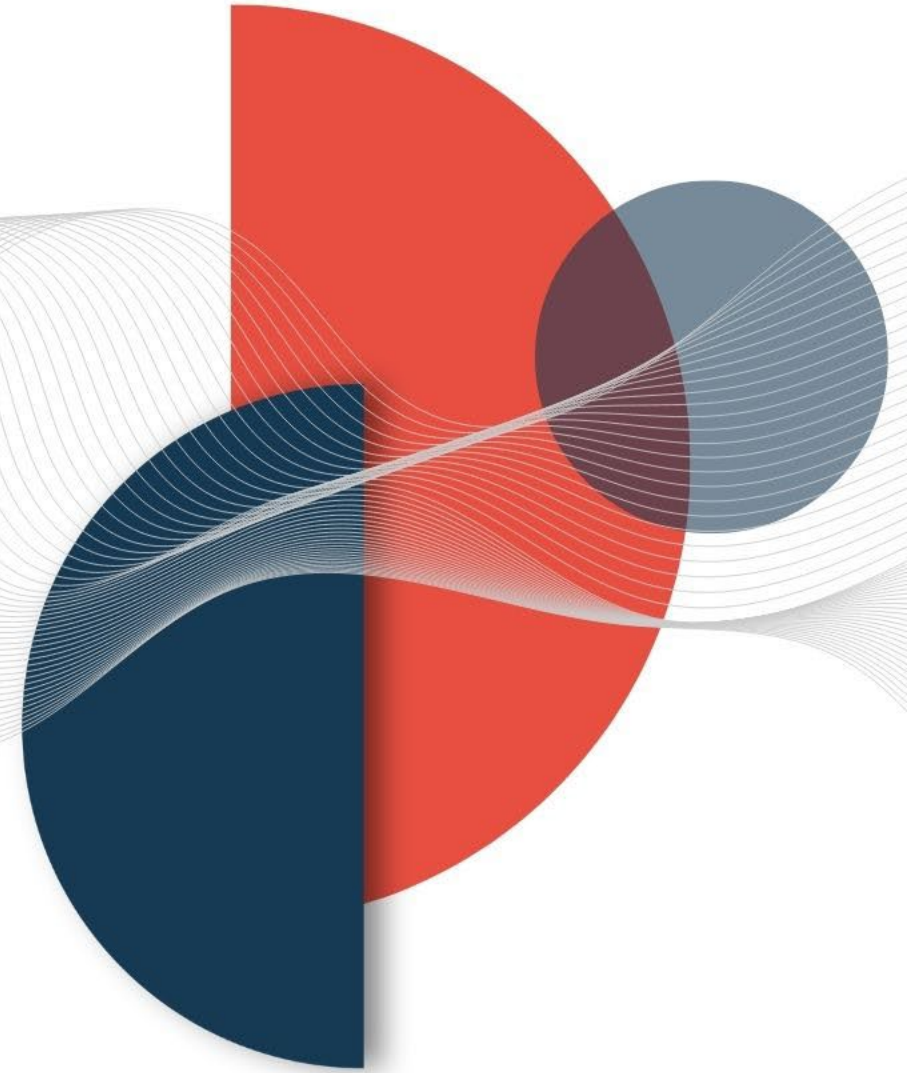


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Memorandum of Understanding

A strategic agreement between the Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR) and the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE)



Context and purpose of the Agreement

EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION AREA

Both ANVUR and EAEVE operate within the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and hold full membership with the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA). This shared framework provides the foundation for their collaboration.

DRIVING FORCES

The agreement was prompted by the need for close cross-border cooperation in implementing European Standards and Guidelines (ESG) for Quality Assurance in Higher Education, and the recognition that Italian Veterinary Education Establishments face both national and European evaluations.



The parties involved

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NATIONAL AGENCY FOR THE EVALUATION OF UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES

ANVUR aims to enhance the quality of higher education and research, with the objective of increasing its presence and visibility on the international stage, particularly within the European context.



EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS FOR VETERINARY EDUCATION

Headquartered in Vienna, Austria, EAEVE promotes excellence in veterinary education across Europe through accreditation and quality assurance. Led by President Prof. Petra Winter, the association coordinates European-level evaluation of veterinary programmes.



Both organisations share **full membership in ENQA** and a commitment to the European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in Higher Education.

Objectives of the Memorandum

01 PROMOTE COOPERATION AND DIALOGUE

Foster mutual understanding and exchange of good practices between ANVUR and EAEVE in veterinary education accreditation

02 COORDINATE EVALUATIONS

Identify opportunities for coordinated evaluations to improve efficiency and reduce duplication of efforts

03 BENEFIT ITALIAN VEES

Streamline processes for Italian Veterinary Education Establishments undergoing both national and European evaluations

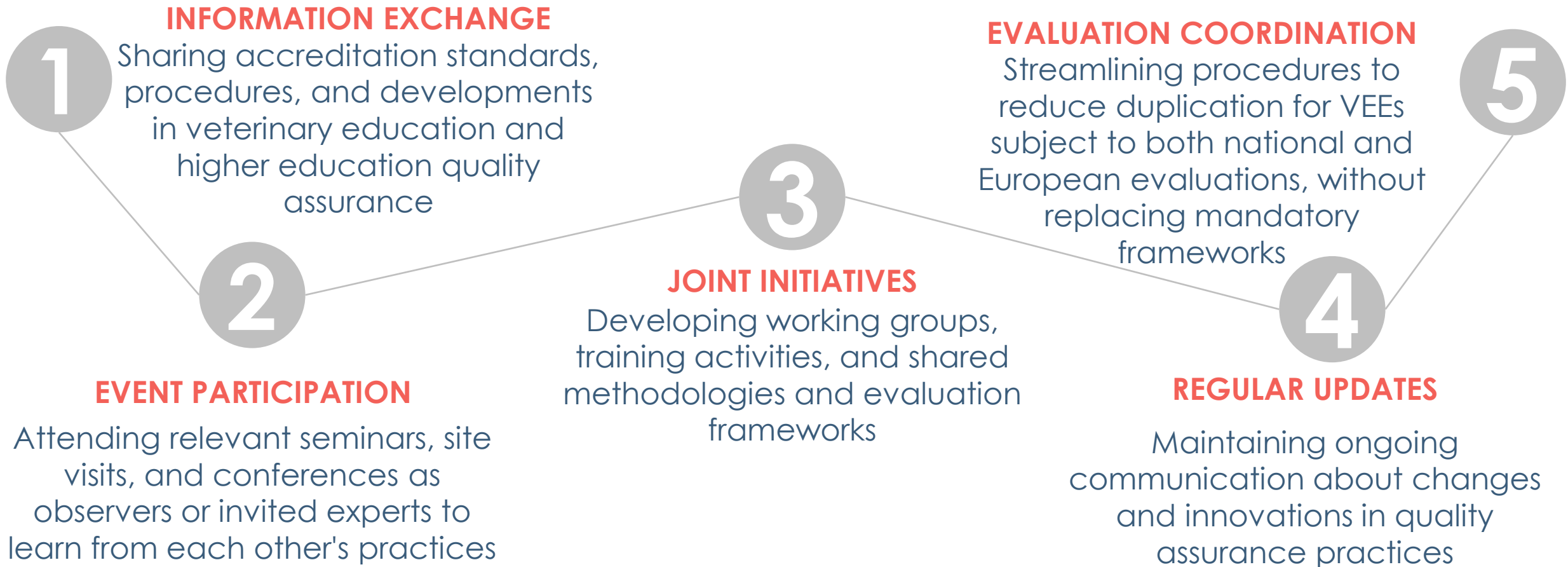
04 MAINTAIN AUTONOMY

Preserve the independent procedures and standards established by each party in accordance with national legislation



Areas of cooperation

The Memorandum establishes five key areas where ANVUR and EAEVE will collaborate to strengthen veterinary education quality assurance:



Key commitments from the MoU

"The purpose of this Memorandum is to promote cooperation, dialogue, and the exchange of good practices between ANVUR and EAEVE in the field of veterinary education accreditation."

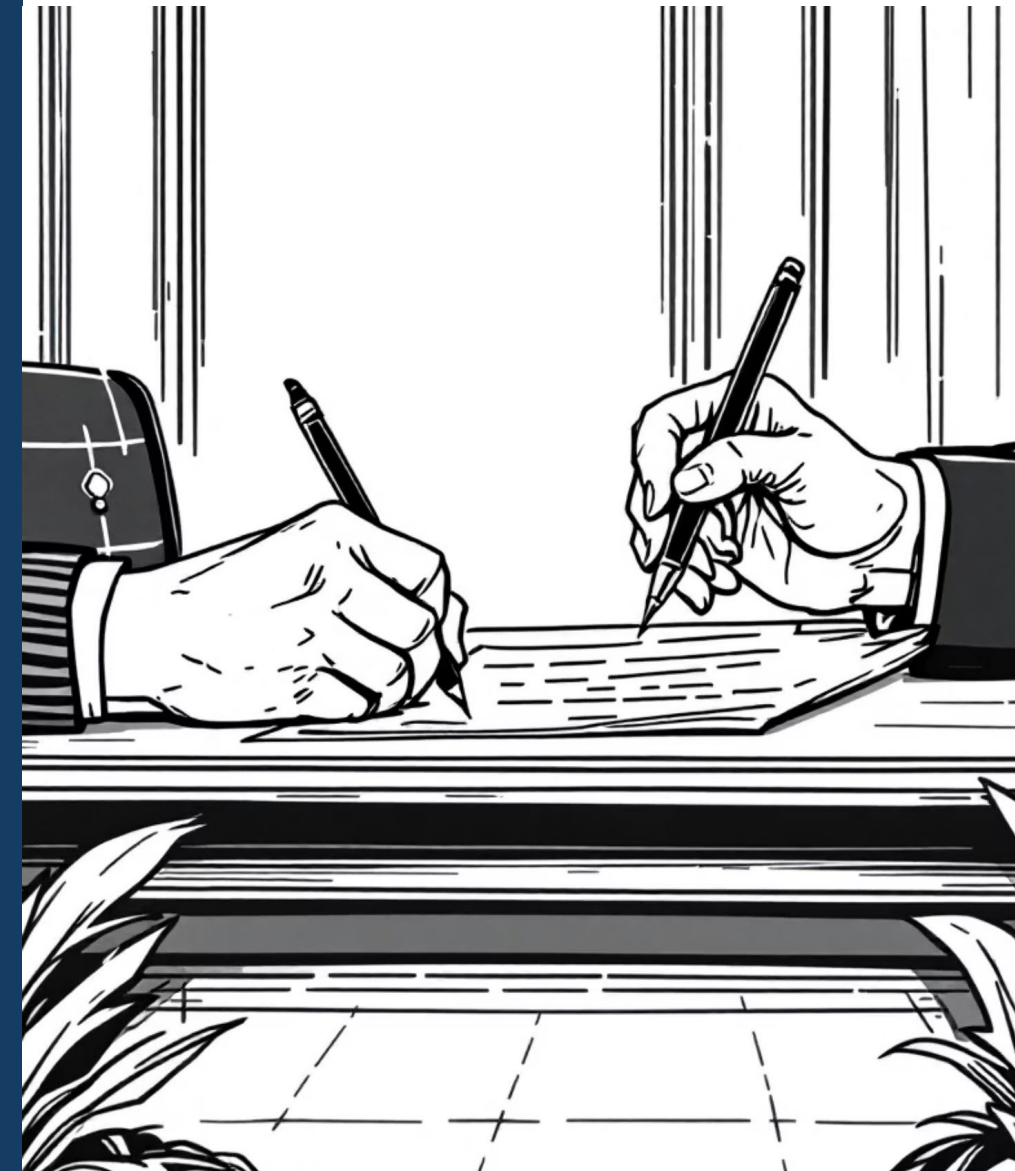
— *Article I, Purpose*

"National quality assurance activities shall remain under the sole responsibility and autonomy of the respective national agency, in accordance with national legislation."

— *Preamble*

"This approach will strengthen the shared understanding of national and European framework conditions for further development of Veterinary Education Establishments (VEEs). It will also reduce the administrative and financial burden on VEEs."

— *Preamble*



Benefits and future prospects

EXPECTED BENEFITS

- **Reduced Administrative Burden:** Italian VEEs will benefit from coordinated site visits and streamlined evaluation processes
- **Enhanced Quality Culture:** Shared expertise and methodologies will strengthen quality assurance practices
- **Cost Efficiency:** Coordination reduces financial costs associated with duplicate evaluation procedures
- **Mutual Learning:** Both agencies gain insights from each other's approaches and best practices

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- **Joint Training Programmes:** Development of shared training activities for evaluators and experts
- **Harmonised Frameworks:** Potential for more aligned evaluation methodologies whilst respecting autonomy
- **Extended Cooperation:** Annual feedback sessions will identify new opportunities for collaboration
- **Model for others:** This partnership may serve as a template for similar agreements across Europe

The agreement is valid for three years with automatic renewal, demonstrating a long-term commitment to partnership and continuous improvement in veterinary education quality assurance.

Conclusions

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The MoU establishes a formal framework for cooperation between national and European quality assurance bodies, respecting each party's autonomy whilst promoting efficiency

PRACTICAL IMPACT

Italian Veterinary Education Establishments will experience reduced duplication, lower costs, and more coordinated evaluation processes without compromising quality standards

EUROPEAN SIGNIFICANCE

This agreement strengthens the European Higher Education Area by demonstrating how national and European agencies can work together effectively within the ENQA framework

The ANVUR-EAEVE Memorandum of Understanding represents a significant step forward in European veterinary education quality assurance. By combining national expertise with European-level coordination, the agreement creates a more efficient, transparent, and collaborative evaluation system that benefits institutions, students, and the broader veterinary profession. This partnership exemplifies the spirit of cooperation essential to the European Higher Education Area and sets a precedent for future inter-agency collaboration.



THANK YOU!

