European Register Now Includes
24 Quality Assurance Agencies

Brussels. As of today, 24 quality assurance agencies, active in 23 European countries, feature on the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR). Five new agencies have been added after their applications were approved by the Register Committee on 13 November:

- **ACSUCYL – Quality Assurance Agency for the University System of Castilla y León** (Spain)

- **ACSUG – Agency for Quality Assurance in the Galician University System** (Spain)

- **CTI – Engineering Degrees Commission** (France)

- **FINHEEC – Finnish Higher Education Evaluation Council** (Finland)

- **The Accreditation Institution** (Denmark)

To be included, quality assurance agencies have to evidence in an independent external review that they comply substantially with the European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance (ESG).

"We are glad about the keen interest of quality assurance agencies. From a survey we are conducting amongst agencies we can see that international reputation is the top motivation for becoming registered on EQAR, next to better international recognition of qualifications awarded by higher education institutions that have been quality reviewed by the agency", says Kjell Frønsdal, Chair of the EQAR Register Committee.

A judge of the Gulating Court of Appeal (Bergen, Norway), Mr Frønsdal has chaired EQAR's independent decision-making body since 1 July 2010. The Register Committee comprises of quality assurance experts nominated by the key European stakeholder organisations in higher education.

The Register with full information on included agencies is available at:

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http://www.eqar.eu/register.html

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The next meeting of the Register Committee will take place in 2011.

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