

Update on the ESG revision





The public consultation on the draft ESG 2027 closed on 9 January 2026.

322 valid responses were received from across all stakeholder groups, as follows:



Stakeholder category	Responses	Organisational	Individual
Higher education institution	122	80	42
Quality assurance agency	53	47	6
National/regional authority or government	22	21	1
Student	72	22	50
Stakeholder organisation/association	29	27	2
Independent/unaffiliated	7	6	1
Other	17	12	5
Total	322	215	107



An analysis of the consultation responses is being conducted by EQAR and the EHEA Secretariat, as well as analysis per stakeholder group being conducted by the organisations represented on the ESG Steering Committee.



The **ESG Steering Committee** will meet on **3–4 February 2026** to discuss the outcomes of the session at the BFUG meeting in Denmark and the findings from the consultation, and how to address them in the **next draft of the ESG**. An **updated draft will be shared ahead of the BFUG meeting in Cyprus** and will be discussed in detail during that meeting. The feedback will be incorporated into a final draft, for approval at the **BFUG meeting in Ireland**.

In parallel, the ESG Steering Committee has started work on the **revision of the European Approach**. Two types of changes are being discussed.

- 1) Changes that directly reflect the changes made to the ESG;
- 2) Changes to strengthen the methodology and its application, ensuring it reflects the current context.

A full draft of the new version will be shared for discussion at the BFUG in Ireland, with approval expected at the first BFUG in Lithuania.



Updates on the floor