

**To: All council members**

**Re: UPDATES ON ECCE ACTIVITIES JULY 2024**

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Dear members of the council,

I hope that you are all well, and I would like to take this opportunity to update you all on the developments to date related to the changes in the council.

In November 2023, council agreed to appoint a treasurer to ECCE, and the executive then completed the shortlisting and interview process. Mr James Doughty was the successful applicant, and he brings a wealth of experience related to the management of companies. We wish James all the best in his role, and he has already proved invaluable in the process of moving ECCE to Ireland, which I will give more information on.

I would also like to congratulate Dr Mark Webster on his appointment to Vice-President following the voting. Mark has experience in chiropractic education and regulation and has been associated with ECCE and CCEI in various capacities. I look forward to working with Mark and his input will help the development of the ECCE in the framework we are moving towards.

Mark, James and I represented the ECCE at the ECU Conference in Valencia, Spain, in May, where I presented the revised ECCE structure and our strategic plan (entitled Future Proofing the ECCE) at the Research and Education Day. This was well received and was a good opportunity to engage with various stakeholders. I would also like to thank the ECU for their continued support, both financially and professionally, for the ECCE.

As you are aware, ECCE (Germany) agreed to liquidate at the council meeting in November 2023 to allow the establishment of ECCE (Ireland). This process has been more technical and demanding than we had anticipated and, as such, is taking a longer period of time. To date, the ECCE Ireland has been registered and the bank accounts set up. The system requires that there are 3 trustees and we have appointed myself and Mark Webster as trustees. In addition, we will retain a representative from Bolder (the legal company facilitating the establishment and transfer) as we are required to have an EU citizen, and for the purposes of corporate governance and Irish law, this is a sensible option for now. As the accounts have been set up, invoices will be generated by James with the new account details, which is important as all payments must now go to ECCE Ireland as we are liquidating ECCE Germany. The next steps in the process will be the formal liquidation of ECCE Germany and the transfer of assets to ECCE Ireland, which we do not have a formal time frame for.

In terms of the agreed new council structure, we need to establish the Education Committee of the ECCE with the accredited institutions. I will be in contact with each of them to get this process underway, so the 4 representatives on the council can be elected, and the terms of references and functions can be developed. We hope that this is finalized by January 2025.

In discussion with the Executive, we have evaluated the finances (as we are not sure of the time frame for the ECCE Germany funds will be transferred once liquidated), and what still needs to be

completed in line with the new structure of council. We have therefore decided given the time-frames, that the Executive will still meet in November but that it would be appropriate to postpone the November Council meeting to March 2025. These details will be forwarded once confirmed. The QAAC will still perform a desk-based review of the Annual Monitoring Reports under the new system agreed last November and will communicate separately should an online meeting be required.

While this is a time of change for ECCE, we anticipate many advantages once this has been completed. On behalf of the executive, I would like to thank you for your support and patience while we navigate this process, and I will keep you informed as we move forward.

If you wish to discuss any of these matters or need any clarification, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

Chris

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chris Yelverton', written over a faint horizontal line.

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President

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