

To: All council members and accredited institutions

Re: Update of ECCE activities September 2025

Dear members of the council and programme leaders,

I hope that you are all well, and I would like to share a comprehensive update on where we are with ECCE's restructuring. A lot has happened, and we're making solid progress on building a more modern, effective, and financially stable organisation.

We've been working hard to implement changes based on the accepted strategic plan, ENQA feedback, and your input. To date, we have accomplished the following areas:

- We've successfully established ECCE as a new entity in Ireland.
- We've refreshed our entire executive team (more on that below) and established the new Education Committee, directly made up of representatives from you, our accredited institutions.
- We've moved to Office 365, implemented a new financial system (Xero), and now use SharePoint for all our files—no more offline documents!

We are fortunate that we have a strong executive, with the same goals in mind, namely:

- President: Myself (Chris Yelverton), elected in 2023.
- Vice President: Dr. Mark Webster, appointed in January 2024.
- Treasurer: We appointed Mr. James Doughty, an external non-chiropractor with extensive financial experience, in February 2024 to bring strong expertise to our finances.
- QAAC Chair: Dr. Rui Amaral Mendes took over the role following Prof. Phil Davies's resignation in October 2024. We owe Phil a huge thank you for all his work!

Our main priorities moving forward are:

- At the April Council, we voted to unliquidate ECCE Germany as the liquidation papers had not been officially filed in Germany. This gives us a little more flexibility on how we manage the financial transition. In August, James Doughty was tasked with helping the ECCE close down the German operations. We're putting the finishing touches on the new corporate governance model, and the revised Bylaws and Policies have been presented and approved by Council.
- We've completed an independent review of our accreditation process, and the QAAC is now using it as a roadmap to make further improvements. The revised standards have been approved by the council and will be implemented from 2026.
- We will also be working on a 5-year strategic plan to present to the council. I will reach out to the institutions for areas they feel we should consider.

Our new Treasurer, James, has been evaluating everything from billing to governance. To ensure we are fair, equitable, and financially stable for the long haul, the Executive will be proposing a new fee structure in 2026, as this has been on the agenda of accredited institutions.

Maintaining our ENQA accreditation is part of our priorities. We submitted our progress review in December 2024 and have received positive preliminary feedback so far. We will be meeting with the ENQA panel for our mid-term feedback in December 2025.

This visibility is crucial for attracting new programs and promoting the value of your accreditation. The Vice President and I attended the WFC conference in Denmark, and represented ECCE at the ECU General Council meeting and were part of a panel discussion on education in Europe. As a stakeholder for our council, we have also signed an MOU with ECU, to ensure a long-term relationship with the union.

In conclusion, this has been a monumental effort, and I want to thank everyone involved for their hard work. The support from the executive and the active participation from your institutions through the new Education Committee is exactly what we need to build the ECCE moving 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', with a stylized, looped design.

Prof C Yelverton

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