

Minutes of the online meeting of the Expert Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports for the Evaluation of Higher Education Institutions in 2025 – 8 December 2025

Present: doc. Pavlína Adam; Johan A Haarberg; Prof. Jan Hančil; Prof. Giuseppe Ciccarone; Prof. Stefan Michael Newerkla; Mgr. Vojtěch Fikar; Prof. Ladislav Křišťoufek; PhDr. Sandra Štollová, Ph.D.; Prof. Martin Weiter; Prof. Robert Antonín; Prof. Tomáš Kašpárek; Prof. Paul Lunn; Mgr. Vojtěch Tomášek

Absent: Prof. Luděk Bláha; Prof. dr. hab. Ewa Joanna Bulska

Recording of the meeting available at:

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Annexes:

- 1) ANNEX 1_EAC_Meeting_12_8
- 2) EAC Statment_on_the_HEI_Evaluation

1. Opening of the meeting

On behalf of the chair Mgr. Vojtěch Tomášek (Chairperson), the meeting of the Expert Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as "EAC") of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (hereinafter referred to as "MEYS") for the Evaluation of Higher Education Institutions in 2025 was chaired by the representatives of the Research Organization Evaluation Team PhDr. Sandra Štollová, Ph.D. and Mgr. Vojtěch Fikar.

A quorum of the EAC was present at the meeting.

Agenda:

- The EAC Statement on the 2025 Evaluation of Higher Education Institutions
- The EAC Statement on the 2025 Evaluation of Higher Education Institutions - Anglo-American University & Paneuropean University
- Expert Advisory Committee member's remarks on the limitations of the evaluation system in Czech Republic

2. Discussion

Consolidation of EAC Statements by MEYS

MEYS representatives briefly introduced consolidated EAC the Statement on the 2025 Evaluation of Higher Education Institutions (General Statement) and The EAC Statement on the 2025 Evaluation of Higher Education Institutions - Anglo-American University & Paneuropean University (Private HEIs Statement). Main changes to the documents were pointed out.

General Statement

EAC members commented on the final version of the General Statement and suggestion to leave out bullet point "Provide more explicit benchmarks to support wider differentiation" out of the recommendation no. 1 (Refine the Evaluation and Rating system) was made by Mr Haarberg. Proposal wasn't seconded, therefore, no changes were made.

Private HEIs Statement

Based on Prof. Newerkla's suggestions, the MEYS recommended adding a paragraph about conflicts of interest to the statement on the evaluation of the Pan-European University. The wording of this additional paragraph was modified by the EAC members during the meeting. The MEYS would like to thank Prof. Lunn for his invaluable input as a native English speaker, which helped to ensure that the paragraph's message was formulated clearly.

Expert Advisory Committee member's remarks on the limitations of the evaluation system in Czech Republic

Following the email discussion on the limitations of the evaluation system held by the EAC and the subsequent suggestion of Prof. Bláha, the MEYS summarised the remarks of Prof. Antonín and Prof. Weiter in the form of an annex to these minutes (see Annex 1). Therefore, any critical remarks about the evaluation system in the Czech Republic will be officially recorded as part of the evaluation process.

3. Conclusions

At the end of the meeting, it was noted that while the December meeting was the EAC's last official meeting, MEYS would like to organise a follow-up meeting in April 2026 to inform EAC members of the evaluation process's final outcome. MEYS would also greatly appreciate continued support from EAC members in improving the evaluation process in future.

4. Voting

The EAC members voted on the final wording of the General Statement. It was approved unanimously by all the members of the EAC who were present (11/11 of present members; two members absent).

The EAC members voted on the final wording of the Private HEIs Statement. It was approved unanimously by all members of the EAC present (11/11 present members; two members absent).

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