



Memorandum of Understanding

between

Comisión Nacional de Acreditación, CNA-Chile

and

Foundation for the Accreditation of Study Programmes in Germany

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between Comisión Nacional de Acreditatión, Santa Lucía 360, Santiago, Mesa Central 26201100, hereafter referred to as CNA-Chile

and

Foundation for the Accreditation of Study Programmes in Germany, Adenauerallee 73, 53113 Bonn, Germany, hereafter referred to as German Accreditation Council (GAC)

Recitals

Whereas:

CNA-Chile verifies and promotes the quality of higher education through: The accreditation of universities, institutions for professional development and autonomous technical academies. The Comisión de Acreditación wants and strives to be an organization that contributes to the development of excellent quality in higher education in Chile through the public certification of processes and results of their institutions and their programs and through the development of a continuous advancement culture, recognized nationally and internationally for its excellence and transparency of services for relevant questions of society.

GAC has the statutory task of organizing the system of quality assurance in learning and teaching through accreditation. Its main purpose is to contribute to the development in the quality of teaching and learning in Germany and, with this in mind, to cooperate in the realization of the European Higher Education Area.

CNA-Chile and GAC

Having similar missions and institutional objectives in the advancement of quality assurance in higher education, CNA-Chile and GAC now wish to establish a closer relationship as equal partners for the purpose of creating cooperative and collaborative mechanisms for the mutual benefit of both parties.

Article I

Aims of Memorandum of Understanding

CNA-Chile and GAC agree hereby to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to co-operate for the benefit of both parties and to work towards establishing a strategic alliance to enhance the operation of external quality assurance in both jurisdictions and improve the quality of higher education in Chile and Germany.

Article II

Areas of Co-operation and Collaboration

CNA-Chile and GAC declare being both interested in strengthening the quality of higher education in Chile and Germany which implies to know about the different national quality assurance systems encouraging the exchange of knowledge and experience in evaluating and accrediting institutions of higher education and/or their study programs.

CNA-Chile and GAC will work together:

- a) To exchange information and expertise as appropriate. This will include:
 - Key policy documents and operational information where appropriate from Chile and Germany jointly
 - Information on study programs and institutions in which each party has an interest, subject to any overriding requirements of confidentiality to which either agency may be subject
 - Information on review or other activity that relates to programs provided by higher education institutions from both countries jointly

Following common steps of quality assurance depending on the legal possibilities of each party may be taken in a second phase once a common base and knowledge are established, e.g.

- b) To provide developmental opportunities as appropriate for the staff of both parties
- c) To collaborate on quality assurance projects
- d) To collaborate in joint research of mutual benefit
- e) To co-operate in any other mutually agreed activities for the benefit of both parties thereto.

These steps may define the general frame for the co-operation. Additional annexes may follow to specify its terms and conditions.

Article III

CNA-Chile and GAC agree to establish a working group on implementing the possibilities of this agreement. The presidents of both agencies will take the chair of this working group as well as one representative of each country being expert in the field of accreditation programs and institutional quality. The representative is to be named by each of the party.

Article IV

Duration of Memorandum

The Memorandum of Understanding will take effect from the date of its signature and shall continue for five years unless it is terminated by the giving of three months' notice by either party. It may be extended based on the mutual agreement of both parties.

Article V

Alteration of Memorandum

This Memorandum is signed by the parties in a spirit of amicable co-operation. The terms of the Memorandum may be altered with the consent of both parties.

Article VI

Officers responsible for managing the Memorandum

The President of CNA-Chile (at the time of signing Professor Alfonso Muga Naredo) and the Chairman of GAC (at the time of signing Professor Dr. Reinhold R. Grimm) will have responsibility for managing the implementation of the terms of the Memorandum. This responsibility may be delegated to relevant members of the agencies' staff in relation to particular areas of cooperation.

Article VII

Resources

Unless alternative arrangements are specifically agreed to meet particular project requirements, the two agencies will normally cover their own costs of implementing the terms of the Memorandum. For particular areas of co-operation, donor funding may be sought from other sources.

Article VIII

Schedule of projects and activities

Joint projects and activities may consist in internships for members of both entities, exchange of consulting, normative and working instruments as well as of those matters of mutual interest with regard to the development of both institutions. Each project and activity will be formalized in an annex to this memorandum made by the parties listed in Article VI where the terms and conditions as well as the responsibles are specified.

Signed in Bonn on 30 November 2016

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Professor Alfonso Muga Naredo

President CNA-Chile

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Professor Dr. Reinhold R. Grimm

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Chairman GAC

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