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| **To:** | Professor Fullname |
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| **From:**  | Prof. Mary Koutselini, Chair of the CYQAA Council |

**Short - Term Assignment Offer**

The Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education (CYQAA) wishes to obtain your services as the **Chair of an External Evaluation Committee** (EEC) for the evaluation/accreditation process of higher education institution/department/programme(s) of study in accordance with the provisions of Laws of 2015 to 2021 [L. 136 (Ι)/2015 - L. 132(Ι)/2021].

Details of this task, as well as the essential terms and conditions of this offer, are cited here below. Should you wish to inquire further before responding, please contact CYQAA either by e-mail or by phone at (+357) 22504340.

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**Time/duration of the assignment:**

The Council estimates thatxxxx (xx) working days in Cyprus will be needed to accomplish the assigned task, from dd to dd mm dd. You will need two more days for travelling, one from your country of origin to Cyprus and one from Cyprus back to your country of origin.

**Remuneration:**

1. work allowance of four hundred euro (400 EUR) for studying the material before the visit.
2. work allowance of four hundred euro (400 EUR) per full working day in Cyprus.
3. daily allowance (per diem) of one hundred and eighty-five euro (185 EUR) covering:
* accommodation (bed and breakfast) up to one hundred and eleven euro (111 EUR) per night (this is paid directly by CYQAA to our collaborating hotels).
* sustenance and transportation within city limits for each working day spent in Cyprus (may be covered by the remaining seventy-four euro from the per diem).
1. allowance of forty-six euro and twenty-five cents (46.25 EUR) for sustenance and transportation for the days of arrival and departure. It is noted that if the day of departure coincides with a working day, the daily allowance will only be forty-six euro and twenty-five cents (46.25 EUR).
2. transportation upon arrival in Cyprus from the airport to your hotel, and from your hotel to the airport for your departure (this is paid directly by CYQAA to our collaborating taxi company).

**Income tax:**

It is the taxpayer’s responsibility to **report all income** to the competent authorities of his/her country of tax residence. **Ten per cent (10%)**, may be withheld from the total amount of part (b). A confirmation of this reduction may be issued by our accounts’ department upon request.

**Clarifications:**

All personal expenses need to be covered/settled by the person accruing them prior to departure from Cyprus.

Hotel bookings will be arranged by CYQAA. Meeting room reservations as well as your transportation by taxi from and to Cyprus airport(s) will be arranged by CYQAA, as soon as you send your itinerary. CYQAA also arranges and pays for your taxi transportation outside city limits for the purposes of external evaluation site visit(s).

**All transportation expenses within city limits, including your visit to the institution for your onsite evaluation visit, need to be paid by you. You will be compensated for this expense from your per diem allowance.**

CYQAA staff will also prepare and circulate all information relevant to your task and help you communicate with the Council and the other members of the EEC.

**Travel:**

Entry to and departure from the Republic of Cyprus can be done only through the legally recognized airports of the Republic: Larnaca International Airport “Glafkos Clerides” (LCA) and Pafos International Airport (PFO).

All travel arrangements from your residence in your country of origin to Cyprus and back must be arranged and paid by you. **Note that CYQAA will reimburse only:**

* Public transportation to and from the airport in your country of origin upon submission of the original receipts.
* Economy round trip air fares upon submission of the relevant receipts.

***Please, kindly note that your reimbursement for the above will be transferred to your preferred bank account, together with your remuneration stated in the previous section, by the Treasury of the Republic of Cyprus after the completion of the onsite visit. The overall payment process usually takes approximately
two (2) months.***

**If for whatever reason you do not receive your payment, please contact the Accounting Department at (+357) 22800779.**

**Procedures:**

Basic procedures are described in the above mentioned [Laws](http://www.dipae.ac.cy/archeia/nomothesia/nomothesia_2015_agency_quality_assurance_en.pdf), as well as in the “[Guidelines for Members of the External Evaluation Committees](http://www.dipae.ac.cy/archeia/entypa/600_1_Guidelines_2.pdf)”. Additional directives on procedures and other relevant details will be discussed by the committees in consultation with the Council of the CYQAA, as required. Procedures include examining applications submitted by the applicant(s) and onsite visits to the institution(s) concerned.

Statutory deadlines are adhered for the following actions:

* Drafting of the report by the EEC
* Forwarding of the report to the institution by CYQAA
* Response on the report provided by the institution
* Forwarding of the institution’s response to the EEC when deemed necessary by the Council
* Feedback provided by the EEC on the institution’s response.

***All of the above actions are core requirements of the external evaluation and the terms of reference.***

**Association with the institution(s) under evaluation:**

This Short-Term Assignment Offer is valid only when the person contacted for participation in the EEC never had or has any financial, professional and/or personal association with the institution(s) under evaluation as indicated in the **Statutory Declaration Confirming the Absence of any Conflict of Interest of the members of the External Evaluation Committees** ([Doc. Number: 600.3](http://www.dipae.ac.cy/archeia/experts/600_3_Declaration_Of_Conflict_Of_Interest)**)** signed by EEC members.

**Please note that, no social contact between the EEC members and the leadership and/or the staff of the higher education institution under evaluation is permitted**.

**Conclusion of the Agreement:**

This agreement can only be concluded if:

1. The offer with its terms and conditions is accepted by the responding person and a letter of acceptance is sent to the Council.
2. The **Statutory Declaration Confirming the Absence of any Conflict of Interest of the members of the External Evaluation Committees**(Doc. Number: **600.3)** is signed by the responding person and sent to the Council.

**Personal Data Processing:**

By signing this contract, you acknowledge that CYQAA’s mission is to safeguard quality higher education for the society, which involves informing the public about the experts involved in external evaluation. Therefore, you agree to have your name, institution, and rank published in the External Evaluation Report on the Agency’s website.

Additionally, by signing this contract, you provide your consent to have your name, email address, professional profile, expertise, and external evaluation history recorded and maintained in CYQAA’s registry of experts.

Furthermore, the following documents will be required for the conduct of financial transactions (payments):

1. Permanent mailing address
2. Bank document, which contains the IBAN number, SWIFT code and the bank’s logo

(It is understood that no personal data such as transactions etc. should be displayed on the document)

1. Copy of identification card or passport.

The documents will be used strictly and with duly confidentiality for payment purposes alone.

**CYQAA reserves the right to request, and the Chair/Members of the External Evaluation Committee agree to provide the Council of the CYQAA with additional feedback, information and/or clarifications with no additional remuneration.**

**On the basis of the relevant legislation CYQAA reserves the right to publish the External Evaluation Report on its website and the Chair/Members of the External Evaluation Committee provide their consent.**

Your early response to this offer will be much appreciated

 Prof. Mary Koutselini - Ioannidou

 Chair of the Council

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| **To:** | **The Council of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education** |

***I agree with the abovementioned terms and conditions.***

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