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DECISION OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE HELLENIC AUTHORITY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING No. 104/5-11-2026

Subject: "Approval of the Rules and Regulations for the Register of External Evaluators pursuant to Article 13A(1) of Law 4653/2020"

THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE HELLENIC AUTHORITY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Having regard to:

1. The provisions of:
   (a) Law 4653/2020, "*Hellenic Authority for Higher Education, Special Accounts for Research Funds of Higher Education Institutions, Research and Technological Bodies and other provisions*" (Government Gazette A' 12), and in particular Article 13A(1);
   (b) Law 5351/2026, *"Establishment and organisation of the legal entity governed by public law under the name 'Panhellenic Association of Psychologists' – Establishment of the National Observatory for Psychotherapy and Mental Health Counselling – Establishment of the National Observatory for Forensic Psychiatry – Practice of the nursing profession – Doctors and nurses of the National Health System – Health technologies – Medicinal products and other provisions"* (Government Gazette A' 178), and in particular Articles 88 to 93;
   (c) Law 5094/2024, "*Strengthening Public Universities – Framework for the operation of non-profit branches of foreign universities and other provisions"* (Government Gazette A' 39, as corrected in Government Gazette A' 54), and in particular Articles 130 to 155;
   (d) Law 4957/2022, "*New Horizons in Higher Education Institutions: Enhancing quality, functionality and the connection of HEIs with society and other provisions*" (Government Gazette A' 141);
   (e) Law 4622/2019, "*Executive State: Organisation, operation and transparency of the Government, government bodies and central public administration*" (Government Gazette A' 133).

2. Decision No. 15561/09-04-2020 of the President of HAHE, "Appointment of the four (4) members of the Supreme Council of the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education" (Government Gazette Y.O.D.D. 272), as amended and in force.
3. Decision No. 18135/Z1/7-2-2020 of the Minister of Education and Religious Affairs (Government Gazette Y.O.D.D. 94) concerning the appointment of the President of the Supreme Council of HAHE; Decision No. 16384/Z1/15-02-2024 of the Minister of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports (Government Gazette Y.O.D.D. 137) concerning the extension of the term of office of the President of the Supreme Council of HAHE; and Decision No. 88986/Z1/1-08-2024 of the Minister of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports (Government Gazette 846/Y.O.D.D./7-8-2024) concerning the renewal of the term of office of the President of the Supreme Council of HAHE, Professor Pericles A. Mitkas.
4. The fact that no expenditure is incurred against the regular budget of the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education.

HEREBY DECIDES

Sole Article

1. To approve the Rules and Regulations for the Register of External Evaluators referred to in Article 13A of Law 4653/2020, which forms an integral part of this Decision.
2. The Rules and Regulations for the Register of External Evaluators shall be published on the official website of the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education (HAHE), pursuant to Article 91(2) of Law 5351/2026, and on the "Diavgeia" Transparency Portal.
3. Upon publication of the Rules and Regulations for the Register of External Evaluators on the official website of HAHE, all other regulatory decisions of the Supreme Council and the Evaluation and Accreditation Council concerning the procedures for maintaining and updating the Register of Independent Experts, the Register of Students and the Register of Professionals shall cease to have effect.

Athens, 6 November 2026

The President

PERICLES A. MITKAS

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE REGISTER OF EXTERNAL EVALUATORS

OF THE HELLENIC AUTHORITY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

November 2026

Article 1

Purpose and Scope

1. These Rules and Regulations govern the requirements and procedures for registration and continued membership in the Register of External Evaluators of the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education, hereinafter referred to as "the Authority", the maintenance and updating of its Special Registers, as well as the suspension of membership status, the removal of members from the Register and the examination of related appeals.
2. The Register is used to select individuals for appointment to the External Evaluation and Accreditation Panels (EEAPs) referred to in Article 13 of Law 4653/2020, which conduct external evaluation and accreditation procedures for the Internal Quality Assurance Systems (IQAS) and the first-, second- and third-cycle study programmes of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and branches of University Legal Entities (ULEs), as well as procedures relating to thematic evaluations; evaluations of University Research and Innovation Centres (URICs) of HEIs; Centres for Training and Lifelong Learning (CTLLLs) of HEIs; lifelong learning programmes; distance education and e-learning programmes; University Research Institutes; other educational and research structures of HEIs and branches of ULEs; and cooperation programmes with other educational or research institutions in Greece or abroad.

Article 2

Structure of the Register of External Evaluators – Competent Bodies

1. The Register of External Evaluators, hereinafter referred to as "the Register", shall be maintained exclusively in electronic form and shall consist of three (3) separate Special Registers: (a) the Special Register of Independent Experts, (b) the Special Register of Students and (c) the Special Register of Professionals.

2. The Evaluation and Accreditation Council, hereinafter referred to as "the EAC", shall be responsible for evaluating applications and verifying compliance with the registration requirements, accepting or rejecting applications for registration, suspending membership status in accordance with Article 10, removing members in accordance with Article 11 and examining appeals in accordance with Article 12.
3. The competent department of the Authority shall provide administrative support for the maintenance of the Register and shall perform duties including receiving and checking applications and supporting documents, requesting any additional information or documentation from applicants, entering applicants in the Register, drafting an administrative recommendation for the EAC concerning compliance with the requirements for registration, suspension or removal of a member, and implementing the EAC's decisions.

Article 3

Registration Procedure

1. Registration in the Register shall be effected by decision of the EAC following an application by the interested person, provided that the requirements and qualifications for registration in the relevant Special Register are met and that none of the grounds for disqualification or incompatibilities provided for in Article 8 apply. Interested persons may apply for registration in the Register in response to a public call published on the HAHE website, in accordance with Article 13.
2. Applications shall be submitted electronically through the relevant online application system of HAHE. Applicants shall select the Special Register in which they wish to be registered, complete the required fields and upload the supporting documents required for the relevant category. By submitting an application, applicants declare that the information provided is accurate and complete, that no grounds for disqualification or incompatibilities apply to them, and that they accept the obligations arising from these Rules and Regulations. Before final submission, applicants shall be provided with information concerning the processing of their personal data. Each application shall be assigned a system identification number, and an acknowledgement of receipt shall be sent to the applicant.
3. The competent department of the Authority shall check the completeness of the application by verifying that all mandatory fields have been completed and the required supporting documents have been uploaded. In case any omissions or ambiguities are

identified, the department shall invite the applicant in writing, by email, to provide the missing information or clarifications within fifteen (15) days. An extension of up to fifteen (15) days may be granted upon a reasoned request. If the applicant fails to respond, the application shall be forwarded to the EAC for assessment on the basis of the available information. In examining the application file, the Authority may verify the information declared, in accordance with applicable legislation. In case any information emerges that may justify rejection on grounds of inaccuracy, the applicant shall be invited to submit their views before the EAC issues its decision. Upon completion of the examination, the competent department shall forward the applications and supporting documents to the EAC, together with an administrative memorandum concerning compliance with the registration requirements. The EAC shall assess the applicant's formal and substantive qualifications in accordance with the specific provisions of these Rules and Regulations governing each Special Register and may request additional clarifications concerning particular elements of the application.

4. The EAC shall issue a reasoned decision accepting or rejecting the application within fifty (50) days of the submission of the application and the required supporting documents. Expiry of this period shall not constitute either acceptance or rejection of the application. The reference number of the EAC's decision approving or rejecting the application shall be entered in the relevant field of the online application system, and the decision shall be communicated electronically to the applicant at the email address provided for correspondence. In the event of rejection, the grounds for rejection shall be stated, together with information on the right to lodge an appeal, the applicable deadline and the body competent to examine it, in accordance with the relevant provisions of these Rules and Regulations.
5. An application shall be rejected in case a required condition or qualification is not met, a ground for disqualification or incompatibility exists, or the supporting documents necessary to establish compliance with the registration requirements have not been submitted.
6. Membership registration shall take effect from the date on which the EAC issues its decision of approval. The competent department shall activate the member's registration in the relevant Special Register and assign a unique registration number. Completion of an electronic profile or submission of an application shall not substitute for the EAC's registration decision.

7. Registration shall not confer any entitlement to participate in a particular EEAP, nor shall it impose any obligation on the Authority to assign work to the registered individual. The composition and appointment of EEAPs shall be governed by Article 13 and the Accreditation Guide issued pursuant to Article 13A(2) of Law 4653/2020.

Article 4

Requirements, Supporting Documents and Procedure for Registration in the Special Register of Independent Experts

1. Greek or foreign nationals who hold the status of teaching staff or researcher at a higher education institution or research organisation abroad shall be eligible for registration in the Special Register of Independent Experts. The mandatory requirements for registration in the Special Register of Independent Experts shall be: (a) possession of a doctoral degree, except where the applicant's academic field is of such a specialised nature that undertaking a doctoral dissertation is not possible or customary; (b) teaching or research activity in the declared scientific field; and (c) a very good command of the English language. As per the first (a) requirement, teaching staff and researchers shall include members of professorial and other academic staff at all ranks, irrespective of the designation of their positions in the relevant higher education system abroad; members of research staff at all ranks and postdoctoral researchers holding an active research position at research organisations abroad; and emeritus and retired professors or researchers, provided that their title permits them to retain the status of teaching staff or researcher at a higher education institution or research organisation abroad.
2. When submitting an electronic application for registration, applicants shall complete five (5) separate sections in the Authority's information system, as follows: (a) identification and contact details; (b) languages spoken and used for communication, including their mother tongue, and their level of proficiency; (c) academic qualifications; (d) information concerning their scientific profile, including scientific field(s) according to the UNESCO classification; and (e) professional experience at higher education institutions and/or research organisations during the preceding ten (10) years, including administrative experience and experience in evaluation procedures.

   Under point (d), applicants shall declare the scientific field(s) and areas of specialisation which they consider themselves qualified to cover, on the basis of their academic qualifications and overall teaching and research activity.

3. The following supporting documents shall be submitted electronically for registration in the Special Register of Independent Experts: (a) a detailed curriculum vitae, together with the corresponding URL; (b) the URL of the official website of the higher education institution or research organisation; (c) a solemn declaration submitted through the HAHE online application system, stating that the qualifications declared are accurate, that the applicant accepts the provisions of these Rules and Regulations and that none of the grounds for disqualification or incompatibilities referred to in Article 8 apply to them. This declaration shall have the legal effect of a solemn declaration under Article 8 of Law 1599/1986.
4. Verification of compliance with the requirements for registration in the Special Register of Independent Experts shall be carried out by the competent department of HAHE on the basis of the applicant's curriculum vitae. As part of this verification, the department shall cross-check the information concerning the applicant's academic or research status against the information published on the official website of the higher education institution or research organisation abroad indicated in the application. In case the available information is insufficient or discrepancies are identified, clarifications or additional documentation shall be requested from the applicant, or confirmation shall be sought from the relevant institution or organisation. The absence of relevant information from the official website shall not, in itself, constitute grounds for rejection of the application.
5. The EAC shall not be bound by the applicant's declaration concerning the selection of scientific field(s) and areas of specialisation. When evaluating the application and the applicant's overall teaching, academic and research activity, as evidenced by the supporting documents submitted, the EAC may modify the scientific fields applied for and the degree of relevance to those fields. In such cases, the EAC's decision shall specify the scientific field(s) and the degree of relevance for which the application has been accepted and shall provide reasons for any scientific fields rejected or any changes made to the degree of relevance.

Article 5

Requirements, Supporting Documents and Procedure for Registration in the Special Register of Students

1. Natural persons who hold student status in a first-, second- or third-cycle study programme at a Greek Higher Education Institution or a branch of a University Legal Entity

shall be eligible for registration in the Special Register of Students. The mandatory requirements for registration in the Special Register of Students shall be: (a) holding the student status within the maximum permitted duration of studies provided for in Article 76 of Law 4957/2022 for first-cycle students at Greek HEIs, or within the maximum duration of studies applicable at the branch of the ULE; or holding the student status within the maximum duration of studies established by the relevant regulatory framework for second- and third-cycle study programmes at Greek HEIs and branches of ULEs; and (b) a very good command of the English language (level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

2. When submitting an electronic application for registration, applicants shall complete three (3) separate sections in the Authority's information system, as follows: (a) identification and contact details; (b) languages spoken and used for communication, including their mother tongue, and their level of proficiency; (c) details of the study programme in which they are enrolled, as well as any higher education qualifications they hold from HEIs or branches of ULEs.
3. The following supporting documents shall be submitted for registration in the Special Register of Students: (a) a detailed curriculum vitae; (b) a certificate issued by the higher education institution or branch of the ULE confirming student status, issued within three (3) months preceding submission of the application; (c) evidence of language proficiency for the languages declared; and (d) a solemn declaration submitted through the HAHE online application system, stating that the applicant accepts the provisions of these Rules and Regulations and that none of the grounds for disqualification or incompatibilities referred to in Article 8 apply to them. This declaration shall have the legal effect of a solemn declaration under Article 8 of Law 1599/1986.

Article 6

Requirements, Supporting Documents and Procedure for Registration in the Special Register of Professionals

1. Natural persons who practise a regulated profession within the meaning of Article 3(1)(a) of Presidential Decree 38/2010 (Government Gazette A' 78) shall be eligible for registration in the Special Register of Professionals. The mandatory requirements for registration in the Special Register of Professionals shall be: (a) practice of the regulated profession for at least ten (10) years; and (b) a very good command of the English language (level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

2. When submitting an electronic application for registration, applicants shall complete four (4) separate sections in the Authority's information system, as follows: (a) identification and contact details; (b) languages spoken and used for communication, including their mother tongue, and their level of proficiency; (c) academic qualifications held; and (d) professional experience covering at least the preceding ten (10) years.
3. The following supporting documents shall be submitted for registration in the Special Register of Professionals: (a) a detailed curriculum vitae, together with the corresponding URL, where available; (b) a certificate issued by the competent professional body, association or chamber confirming the applicant's registration in that body and the duration of practice of the regulated profession, issued within three (3) months preceding the date of submission of the application, or other legally valid evidence of the right to practise the regulated profession, where provided for by applicable legislation; (c) evidence of language proficiency for the languages declared; and (d) a solemn declaration submitted through the HAHE online application system, stating that the applicant accepts the provisions of these Rules and Regulations and that none of the grounds for disqualification or incompatibilities referred to in Article 8 apply to them. This declaration shall have the legal effect of a solemn declaration under Article 8 of Law 1599/1986.

   The actual duration of practice of the regulated profession shall be evidenced by the certificate issued by the competent professional body, association or chamber and, where this is insufficient, by additional supporting documents.

Article 7

Procedure for Maintaining and Updating Register Records

1. The Authority shall maintain an electronic record (file) for each member, containing the application, the supporting documents submitted, the reference number of the EAC's decision accepting or rejecting the application for registration, and any decisions of the EAC concerning suspension of membership status or removal from the Register.
2. Members may update the information recorded in the relevant Special Register at any time, submitting the corresponding supporting documents where required. To ensure the proper and accurate maintenance and updating of the Register, members shall be required to update their information periodically, as follows:
   (a) Members of the Special Register of Independent Experts shall update their information every three (3) years by submitting an updated curriculum vitae

and a solemn declaration confirming that they have not lost the status on the basis of which they were registered in the Special Register.

(b) Members of the Special Register of Students shall update their information every two (2) years by submitting an updated curriculum vitae and a recent certificate from the higher education institution at which they are studying.

(c) Members of the Special Register of Professionals shall update their information every two (2) years by submitting an updated curriculum vitae and a solemn declaration confirming that they have not lost the status on the basis of which they were registered in the Special Register.

Where additional information has changed since the initial registration or the most recent update, members shall update the relevant Special Register records and submit the supporting documents required in each case.

3. Failure to update membership information within the prescribed period shall not constitute grounds for removal from the relevant Special Register but shall constitute grounds for suspension of membership status and exclusion from participation in EEAPs until the information has been updated. Where a member fails to fulfil the obligation to update their information despite a written invitation from the Authority and the expiry of the deadline specified therein, their membership status shall be suspended by a reasoned decision of the EAC, in accordance with Article 10.
4. Members shall immediately notify the Authority of any loss of the status on the basis of which they were registered in a Special Register, namely: the termination, in any manner, of their relationship with a higher education institution or research organisation abroad, in the case of members of the Special Register of Independent Experts; the loss of student status, in the case of members of the Special Register of Students; and the revocation of the licence to practise a profession or removal from the competent professional body, association or chamber, as applicable, in the case of members of the Special Register of Professionals.
5. For the purposes of maintaining and monitoring the status of members of the Register, one of the following status indicators shall be recorded in each member's electronic file: (a) “Pending”; (b) “Active”; (c) “Suspended”; (d) “Not Approved”; (e) “Removed”, in accordance with the records maintained by the Authority. The status indicator “Pending” shall be used to describe the status of an application for registration in the Register.

Article 8

Grounds for Disqualification and Incompatibilities

1. Members of the Supreme Council and the Evaluation and Accreditation Council, as well as specialised scientific staff employed by the Authority under any form of employment relationship, shall be prohibited from registering as members of the Register. Natural persons who previously held the status of member of the Supreme Council, member of the Evaluation and Accreditation Council or specialised scientific staff of the Authority may apply for registration in the Register after at least one (1) year has elapsed since they ceased to hold that status. By way of exception to the preceding sentence, students who previously served as members of the Evaluation and Accreditation Council may register in the Special Register of Students immediately after completing their one-year term of office, provided that they meet the necessary requirements. Holding a position as a member of academic faculty, special educational staff or laboratory teaching staff at a Greek HEI, or as teaching staff at a ULE, shall constitute an incompatibility preventing registration in the Register.
2. The existence of a relationship with entities under evaluation by HAHE (HEIs, branches of ULEs or their parent institutions) shall not constitute a general ground for disqualification from registration or continued membership in the Register. However, such a relationship shall constitute ground for exclusion from participation in an EEAP assigned to carry out evaluation and accreditation work concerning the specific entity under evaluation, in accordance with the Accreditation Guide and the Code of Ethics.

Article 9

Obligations of Members

Members of the Register shall have the following obligations:

(a) to comply with applicable legislation and the Authority's regulatory framework, in particular these Rules and Regulations, the Accreditation Guide issued pursuant to Article 13A(2), the Code of Ethics and the Authority's applicable accreditation standards;

(b) to ensure that the information contained in their individual electronic records is accurate, complete and up to date;

(c) to notify the Authority without delay of any loss or suspension of the status required for registration, or the existence of any ground for disqualification or incompatibility;

(d) to submit the prescribed declaration of independence and absence of conflicts of interest, in accordance with the Code of Ethics referred to in Article 13A(3) of Law 4653/2020, if appointed as members of an EEAP.

Article 10

Grounds and Procedure for Suspension of Membership Status and Lifting of Suspension

1. Membership status in the Register of External Evaluators shall be temporarily suspended by a reasoned decision of the EAC on the following grounds:
   (a) failure to update information in accordance with Article 7;
   (b) suspension of the status on the basis of which registration in the relevant Special Register was granted (suspension of teaching or research status at a higher education institution or research organisation abroad, suspension of student status, or suspension of the right to practise the relevant regulated profession);
   (c) breach of the obligations set out in Article 9.

   Suspension of membership status in the Register of External Evaluators shall be exclusively temporary in nature, shall not prejudge removal from the Register and shall not be based solely on an anonymous complaint or disagreement with the content of a scientific assessment.

2. Before issuing the decision referred to in paragraph 1, the EAC shall invite the member to a hearing in accordance with Article 6 of the Code of Administrative Procedure (ratified by Law 2690/1999). Notice of the hearing shall be served at least five (5) full days before the hearing, and access to the relevant evidence in the case shall be provided.
3. The duration of suspension in the cases referred to in points (a) and (b) shall depend on the circumstances of the case. Where the grounds for suspension cease to exist, the suspension of membership status shall be lifted by a decision of the EAC, which shall be communicated to the member. Specifically, in the case referred to in point (c), the duration of suspension shall not exceed six (6) months. Within the period specified above, the EAC shall decide either to lift the suspension or to remove the member from the Register, provided that lawful grounds for removal exist in accordance with Article 11.
4. During the period in which a member of the Register is suspended, the Authority shall not appoint that member to an EEAP. Where a member of the Register is suspended while serving on an EEAP, the EAC shall reconstitute the EEAP by replacing that member.

Article 11

Grounds and Procedure for Removal from the Special Registers

1. A member shall be removed from the relevant Special Register by a reasoned decision of the EAC on the following grounds:
   (a) at the member's request;
   (b) in the event of death;
   (c) loss of the required status or permanent revocation of the right to practise a profession;
   (d) where it is established that registration was based on materially false or forged information;
   (e) a proven serious or repeated breach of the obligations set out in Article 9 or of the Code of Ethics referred to in Article 13A(3) of Law 4653/2020.

In the case referred to in point (e), the EAC shall take into account the seriousness and consequences of the breach, the degree of culpability and any recurrence.

2. Refusal to participate in an EEAP or an unfavourable technical assessment by an entity under evaluation shall not constitute grounds for removal from the Register.
3. Before issuing a decision to remove a member from the Register, except in the cases referred to in points (a) and (b) of paragraph 1, the EAC shall invite the member to a hearing in accordance with Article 6 of the Code of Administrative Procedure. Notice of the hearing shall be served at least five (5) full days before the hearing, and access to the relevant evidence in the case shall be provided.
4. Appointment or election to a position at another higher education institution or research organisation abroad shall not constitute grounds for removal under paragraph 1(c) in the case of members of the Special Register of Independent Experts.

Article 12

Right to Lodge an Appeal – Procedure – Competent Body

1. Any interested person may lodge an appeal against a decision of the EAC rejecting an application for registration in the Register or imposing suspension or removal, within ten (10) calendar days of notification of the decision. The EAC shall be the competent body for examining and deciding on appeals.
2. Appeals shall be submitted electronically to the Authority and shall identify the contested decision, the grounds on which it is challenged and the remedy sought. Supporting

evidence may also be submitted. Lodging an appeal shall not suspend the implementation of the contested decision.

3. The EAC shall examine both the legality and the merits of the case, may request clarifications and invite the person lodging the appeal to a hearing, and shall issue a reasoned decision within sixty (60) days of submission of the appeal. If an appeal is upheld, the EAC shall annul or amend the contested decision. The decision on the appeal shall be communicated to the person who lodged it.

Article 13

Procedure for Issuing Public Calls to Attract New Members

1. By decision of the EAC, a public call for expressions of interest may be issued to attract new members to each Special Register referred to in Article 2(1). The public call may cover either all scientific fields or specific scientific fields for which a need for further recruitment has been identified due to an insufficient number of members available to adequately staff the EEAPs. The call shall include, at a minimum, the following information: (a) its purpose and the scientific fields covered; (b) the categories of eligible applicants, the requirements and the qualifications required; (c) the supporting documents and the method of submitting applications; (d) the evaluation procedure and the competent body; (e) the principal obligations of registered members and information concerning the processing of their personal data; and (f) the deadline for submitting applications, where applicable. The call shall not introduce additional registration requirements, qualifications or grounds for disqualification that are not provided for by law or by these Rules and Regulations.
2. The call shall be published on the “Diavgeia” Transparency Portal and on the Authority's website. To attract new members to the Register more effectively, the Authority may take additional measures to ensure wider dissemination of the call through the websites of other organisations, such as higher education institutions and research organisations in Greece and abroad, quality assurance agencies in higher education and international scientific networks. In particular, where a call concerns the recruitment of new members to the Special Register of Professionals, the Authority may communicate the call to the competent professional body, association, union or chamber, as appropriate, requesting that it be published on its website and circulated to its members.
3. Any nomination of prospective members by a higher education institution, research organisation or other body shall not substitute for an individual application and shall not

be taken into consideration unless the interested person submits an individual application, which shall be examined in accordance with Articles 3 to 6.

Article 14

Personal Data, Access and Public Disclosure

1. The Authority shall be the controller of the personal data contained in the Register. Data processing shall be carried out for the performance of the Authority's statutory responsibilities and the management of evaluation and accreditation procedures, in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and national legislation.
2. Only data necessary for identification, verification of qualifications and grounds for disqualification, communication, selection and documentation of administrative actions shall be collected. Access shall be granted exclusively to authorised persons to the extent necessary, with access and modification logs maintained and appropriate technical and organisational security measures implemented.
3. The Register in its entirety and individual members' files shall not be made publicly available. This shall be without prejudice to the publication, as required by law, of decisions appointing EEAPs on the “Diavgeia” Transparency Portal. Contact details, supporting documents or other data shall not be disclosed beyond what is necessary for the specific lawful purpose.
4. Before data collection, information shall be provided concerning the purposes and legal basis of processing, recipients, retention periods or the criteria used to determine them, the rights of data subjects and the contact details of the Data Protection Officer. Processing necessary for the lawful operation of the Register shall not be dependent on consent.
5. Data shall be retained for as long as necessary for the operation of the Register and, following removal from the Register, only to the extent necessary to fulfil record-keeping, audit and legal protection obligations. Before implementing these Rules and Regulations, the Authority shall establish and document, with the assistance of the Data Protection Officer, a specific retention schedule for each category of records, in accordance with applicable legislation. Upon expiry of the retention period, data shall be securely deleted or anonymised.

Article 15

Transitional Provisions

1. Members registered in the Register of Independent Experts and the Register of Students referred to in Article 13 of Law 4653/2020, as it stood before its amendment by Article 89 of Law 5351/2026, who wish to be transferred to the Special Register of Independent Experts and the Special Register of Students, respectively, may submit a solemn declaration stating that they meet the requirements for registration in the relevant Special Register and accept the provisions of these Rules and Regulations, within one (1) year of the issuance of these Rules and Regulations. The aforementioned solemn declaration shall be submitted through the HAHE online application system. This declaration shall have the legal effect of a solemn declaration under Article 8 of Law 1599/1986. In such cases, no new application for registration or submission of the supporting documents prescribed in Articles 4 and 5 for new registrations shall be required. The EAC shall verify compliance with the requirements of these Rules and Regulations on the basis of the registered member's individual electronic file and the supporting documents already held by the Authority. Registration of the members referred to in this paragraph in the relevant Special Register shall be approved by decision of the EAC.
2. The Authority shall take all necessary measures to inform members registered in the Register of Independent Experts and the Register of Students referred to in Article 13 of Law 4653/2020, as it stood before its amendment by Article 89 of Law 5351/2026, of the possibility of registration in the Special Registers referred to in Article 2(1) and the procedure to be followed, providing all necessary clarifications to interested persons. For this purpose, the Authority shall communicate these Rules and Regulations and relevant instructions to all registered members concerning their right to submit the solemn declaration and the deadline for its submission.
3. Members registered in the Special Registers shall be required to update their information within one (1) year of the date on which the EAC's decision concerning their registration in the relevant Special Register is communicated to them, by way of derogation from the provisions of Article 7.
4. Members of the Register of Independent Experts and the Register of Students referred to in Article 13 of Law 4653/2020, as it stood before its amendment by Article 89 of Law 5351/2026, who fail to submit the required solemn declaration within the deadline specified in paragraph 1 shall be removed by decision of the EAC, without a prior hearing

being required, provided that they have been informed in accordance with paragraph 2. Should they subsequently wish to register again in the Register referred to in Article 2(1), the procedure for registering a new member shall apply, in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.

5. EEAPs that were constituted but had not completed their work before the entry into force of Law 5351/2026 may continue their work, provided that all their members have been registered in the relevant Special Register in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 1. Where it is established that members of such EEAPs have not been registered in the relevant Special Register in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 1, a new EEAP shall be constituted by a reasoned decision of the EAC, in accordance with Article 13 of Law 4653/2020. The newly constituted EEAP shall be reassigned the external evaluation and accreditation work originally assigned to the previously constituted EEAP.

Article 16

Entry into Force

These Rules and Regulations shall enter into force upon its publication on the HAHE website.