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To  
Prof. Jaume Fortuny  
University of Barcelona

**Subject:** Letter of commitment of necessary resources for the implementation and sustainability of the outcome of the Erasmus + funded EQUAMBI project

**Reference:** Project Meeting of EQUAMBI held online on May 14, 2021

Dear Mr. Fortuny,

At the outset, we are happy to have been one of the partners of the Erasmus + funded EQUAMBI project. Through the updates and reports submitted by our representatives - Dr. Bhama Venkataramani, Dr. S. Vijayakumar Bharathi and Ms. Swati Sahasrabudde, we understand that the project has been very active and has included several activities and training sessions. Throughout the period of this project, our representatives have been engaged in conducting surveys, disseminating and sharing their findings, undergoing training in quality assurance and benchmarking, data management and understanding best practices. They were also mentored by ANECA to create a Quality Management and Benchmarking (QMB) toolkit that would specifically suit the requirement of our University.

As a result, we are glad to share with you that our University has now established a Quality Management and Benchmarking Department (expanding the scope of our Internal Quality Assurance Cell) that has been duly approved by the Board of Management of the University. As such, this department will now be one of the service departments of SIU with a committed budgetary provision and necessary resources. Now, as a full-fledged department of the University, it will oversee the quality assurance and benchmarking practices across the university. This department will also have a unit to collect and analyse data for effective decision-making. The QMB will regularly report to the Board of Management of our University the impact of the overall quality assurance processes followed across the constituents and departments of the University. This will help us ensure that the activities of the University are periodically monitored, achieved and sustained.

This department will also adopt and operationalize the QMB toolkit by establishing necessary structures and processes to foster a sustainable quality culture across all activities of the University.

You will also be delighted to note that the University has gone beyond the framework of the tool-kit and has expanded its scope to include 'Health and Wellbeing' as the twelfth parameter to make it relevant to us as a Health Promoting University.





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As such, we are committed to strengthening these two initiatives during this academic year. However, in the context of the ongoing COVID pandemic, we foresee that there will be delays in the implementation. Notwithstanding such circumstances, we will deploy the necessary resources for the same.

The overall experience of participating in the EQUAMBI project has been very enriching and has positively impacted the quality assurance conversations among the stakeholders of the university.

In conclusion, we thank you for this opportunity and acknowledge the collegial forum that it provided to learn from each other thus fostering a healthy learning environment among all project partners. We do hope that these difficult times will end soon and there will be more opportunities for us to collaborate in future.

Until then, do take care and stay safe.

Thank You

Best regards,

Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar  
Pro- Chancellor



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