

Press Release

Accreditation Council Holds Its 130th Meeting at the Bauhaus University Weimar

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The Accreditation Council convened for its 130th meeting on September 23–24, 2026. At the invitation of its chair, Professor Dr.-Ing. Bargstädt, the meeting took place at the Bauhaus University Weimar. “I was very pleased to welcome the Accreditation Council to Weimar. Our meetings thrive on intensive professional exchange, but also on personal encounters. This made it all the more wonderful to be able to share some of the cultural diversity of the city and its two universities. In particular, the welcoming remarks by Peter Benz, President of the Bauhaus University, on the freedom of teaching and research in an international context provided important inspiration and set the tone for our working sessions,” says Bargstädt.

The Accreditation Council has adopted a resolution titled [“Strategy 2030,”](#) in which it aims to streamline, simplify, and increase the efficiency of its procedures as a foundation for its strategic work planning for the current term, which runs through the end of 2029.

“Good quality assurance is not measured by the complexity of a procedure. What matters is that it is reliable and gains acceptance. Accreditation is intended to ensure the quality of study programs and teaching while simultaneously giving universities the space to experiment and develop. We also want to continue to evolve, question established routines, and—where possible—streamline them.”

The Vice Chair of the Accreditation Council, Prof. Dr. Ulrich Bartosch, Vice President for Teaching, Academic Programs, and Teacher Education at the HRK, elaborates: “Our goal is to reliably promote quality development while simultaneously strengthening institutional autonomy. We are pursuing this in collaboration with higher education institutions, federal states, and agencies.”

In addition, the Accreditation Council has approved a new FAQ on “AI in Accreditation,” which will be published shortly on the Accreditation Council Foundation’s website. It supplements the [statement on AI](#) recently published by the AR Executive Board.

The Accreditation Council received 12 applications for system accreditation. It granted ten institutions of higher education the authority to independently accredit their degree programs for eight years following the initial or reaccreditation of their internal quality assurance systems. For two applications for system accreditation, it confirmed that the institution had successfully implemented improvement measures in accordance with the requirements.

Another 198 applications were for program accreditation and covered 495 degree programs. One application was rejected, and another was deferred. The Accreditation Council certified that all other degree programs met a high standard of quality.

The Accreditation Council is the central decision-making body of the Accreditation Council Foundation (formerly the Foundation for the Accreditation of Degree Programs in Germany). The foundation, based in Bonn, was established by the 16 federal states and tasked with organizing the German accreditation system. Since the State Treaty came into effect on January 1, 2018, its main task has been to make decisions regarding program and system accreditations as well as alternative procedures.

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