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2016-2020 Strategic Plan: HCERES starts work on renewing its evaluation system.

The French High Council for Evaluation of Research and Higher Education (HCERES) is publishing its 2016-2020 Strategic Plan today, after adoption by the Board on 6 June 2016.

Michel Cosnard, President of HCERES, hopes to “strengthen our country’s confidence in the evaluation of its higher education and research system” through the Strategic Plan 2016-2020, which reaffirms the principles of independence, transparency and impartiality that underpin ethical evaluation.

The strategic plan was drawn up in consultation with members of the HCERES Board, administrative staff and scientific delegates. It is intentionally short and is structured around 9 areas:

- strengthen the commitment of HCERES to serving evaluated entities;
- promote ethical and high-quality evaluation and consolidate peer-review system;
- ensure the independence of HCERES and its position among other evaluation stakeholders;
- conduct integrated evaluation for site policies;
- implement the validation of evaluation procedures;
- simplify evaluation processes;
- raise the European and international profile of HCERES;
- fully utilise the skills of OST;
- implement an internal organisational structure adapted to integrated evaluation.

This plan marks the starting point for changes to HCERES evaluation systems, with the aim of bringing its practices into line with the new provisions of the French Act of 22 July 2013 on higher education and research.

To this end, two other founding texts have also been adopted by the Board:

- the new evaluation charter;
- principles for HCERES validation of the procedures for evaluations carried out by other bodies.

These new provisions will apply to the Group D evaluation campaign which will be launched shortly.

Find out more

HCERES was established by the French Act dated 22 July 2013 on higher education and research. Its organisational structure and operating methods are set out in Decree no. 2014-1365 dated 14 November 2014. <http://www.hceres.com/Agency/HCERES-Board>