



# The Swedish Higher Education Authority

# Status report Sweden

- New minister for Higher education and research - but no significant initiatives from the government
- Statement on distance education
- Autonomy for HEI – the universities want to replace their status as government agencies
- The budget for the agency is reduced

# ENQA review

- Started early this year
- Site visit in May
- First draft and fact check in August
- We expect the validation from Agency Review Committee (ARC) in some month and the final decision by the end of the year

# Priorities

- Assignment to the department of Quality Assurance: one quality assurance system, focus on european developments
- More focus on research at the agency
- How can we the reduce the administrative burden at the HEI – further work after report
- New rating scale – HEI reviews from 2026

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## Change of the rating scale:

- Today: **approve** the quality assurance processes, to **approve the quality assurance processes with reservations** or to decide that the quality assurance processes at **the HEI will be under review**.
- From 2026 “approve the quality assurance processes with reservations” will be removed and a “special mention” when good examples are recognized will be added