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SUBJECT
Executive Board's response to research accreditation ABEL

Dear Research Quality Evaluation Committee,

End of June 2021 we received the assessment report from the evaluation committee who visited and reviewed the Academy for Built Environment and Logistics (ABEL) against the Branch protocol quality care research. At BUAs, the academies are regarded as research units. Together the professorships within the academy constitute the research unit. This letter is a response to the report and the evaluation of the review committee.

We are satisfied with the quality of the review committee and the course of the assessment process, and we would like to thank the committee for their efforts, evaluation, and recommendations. The judgements of the review committee are weighed with regard to the five standards and the assessment guidelines as described in the Sector Protocol for Research Quality Assurance 2016-2022. Overall, the evaluation committee assesses the quality of the research unit Built Environment and Logistics from Breda University of Applied Sciences as **'Good'**. For one of the five standards the research unit scored **'excellent'**, namely for standard 4: *'Results and Impact'*. For two other standards the research unit scored **'good'**, namely for the standards 2 and 3: (2) *'Preconditions: organisation, use of people and resources and networks/alliances'* and (3) *'(Methodical) quality of the research'*. The standards 1 and 5 received the evaluation **'satisfactory'**: (1) *'Research profile and research programme'* and (5) *'Quality assurance'*.

The Executive Board is pleased with the evaluation of this research unit. We recognise the short lines within ABEL and the availability of good researchers who play a role in the education of good students, develop extensive networks and attract large amounts of funding. We agree with the committee that the development of learning communities is an interesting and promising addition to the already strong interaction between research, education and industry.

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The main recommendations of the committee to the academy concern clear KPIs and thresholds to define the desired quality of research and to further develop the learning community concept. The academy director, together with the RBI Manager and professors within the academy, have indicated in writing to the Executive Board (EB) how these recommendations will be approached. This reaction was discussed and agreed with the EB on 20-12-2021 (please see attached Improvement Plan for Research - Academy for Built Environment & Logistics). The measures to be taken will be included in and monitored via the regular P&C cycle.

Yours sincerely,



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President of the Executive Board

Appendices:

- NQA report 'Research accreditation Academy for Built Environment & Logistics'
- Improvement Plan for Research - Academy for Built Environment & Logistics