

MAIN ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DURING 2024



UNIVERSITY QUALITY ASSURANCE AREA

A.

UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMES



1. EVALUATION OF NEW BACHELOR'S, MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL DEGREE COURSES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025 BY THE UNIVERSITIES OF THE REGION OF VALENCIA.

In accordance with the provisions of **article 13 of Order 86/2010**, of 15 November 2010, which establishes the procedure for the implementation of official bachelor's, master's and doctorate courses at the universities of the Valencian Community (DOCV no. 6405, of 25 November 2010). There were **40 applications** for the implementation of new official bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes for the **academic year 2024-2025** submitted by Valencian universities.

RESULT	BACHELOR'S	DOCTORAL	MASTER'S
Favourable	8	6	26
Unfavourable	0	0	0
TOTAL	8	6	26

2. MONITORING OF OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTED IN THE REGION OF VALENCIA

By **Resolution of 13 November 2023**, of the President of the Valencian Agency for Assessment and Foresight (Agència Valenciana d'Avaluació i Prospectiva), the call for evaluation for the year 2023 for the monitoring of **official bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes** in the Valencian Region was approved (DOGV 29 November 2023), establishing the deadlines, the documentation to be provided and the procedure to be followed.

The universities of the Valencian Region have submitted a total of **16 programmes for assessment in this call**.

UNIVERSITY	PROGRAMMES NUMBER
UV	2
UPV	3
UA	NO PRESENTATION
UJI	NO PRESENTATION
UMH	1
UCH - CEU	NO PRESENTATION
UCV	NO PRESENTATION
UEV	7
VIU	3
TOTAL	16

3. RENEWAL OF THE ACCREDITATION OF OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMES OF THE VALENCIAN REGION

UNIVERSITY	APPLICATIONS FOR PROGRAMMES			
	MASTER	DOCTORATES	BACHELOR	TOTAL
Universitat de València - Estudi General	7	0	2	9
Universitat Politècnica de València	11	0	3	14
Universitat d'Alacant	0	1	3	4
Universitat Jaume I de Castelló	0	1	0	1
Universitat Miguel Hernández d'Elx	5	0	3	8
Universidad Cardenal Herrera	0	0	2	2
Universidad Católica de Valencia	0	0	0	0
Universidad Europea de Valencia	3	0	0	3
Universitat Internacional Valenciana-VIU	1	0	2	3
ISEAC	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	27	2	15	44

4. VERIFICATION AND MODIFICATIONS OF SYLLABI OF OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMES IN THE VALENCIAN REGION

In April 2024, AVAP began the **programmes for the verification and modification of syllabi** in the Valencian university system. The applications received during the year 2024 registered the following figures:

DOCTORATE PROGRAMMES

UNIVERSITY	TOTAL APPLICATIONS
Universitat de València - Estudi General	1
Universitat Politècnica de València	0
Universitat d'Alacant	0
Universitat Jaume I de Castelló	3
Universitat Miguel Hernández d'Elx	6
Universidad Cardenal Herrera	2
Universidad Católica de Valencia	0
Universidad Europea de Valencia	0
Universitat Internacional Valenciana-VIU	1
TOTALS	13
Total Applications	13
Verification	5
Substantial Modification	8

MASTER

UNIVERSITY	TOTAL APPLICATIONS
Universitat de València - Estudi General	6
Universitat Politècnica de València	8
Universitat d'Alacant	6
Universitat Jaume I de Castelló	12
Universitat Miguel Hernández d'Elx	3
Universidad Cardenal Herrera	2
Universidad Católica de Valencia	4
Universidad Europea de Valencia	9
Universitat Internacional Valenciana-VIU	11
TOTALES	61
Total Applications	61
Verification	18
Substantial Modification	43

BACHELOR

UNIVERSITY	TOTAL APPLICATIONS
Universitat de València - Estudi General	1
Universitat Politècnica de València	7
Universitat d'Alacant	0
Universitat Jaume I de Castelló	3
Universitat Miguel Hernández d'Elx	0
Universidad Cardenal Herrera	3
Universidad Católica de Valencia	2
Universidad Europea de Valencia	5
Universitat Internacional Valenciana-VIU	9
TOTALES	30
Total Applications	30
Verification	21
Substantial Modification	9

B.

TEACHER EVALUATION



1. EVALUATION OF THE RESEARCH ACTIVITY OF CONTRACTED TEACHING AND RESEARCH STAFF

In 2024, AVAP, through its committees of experts, evaluated the research activity of the contracted teaching staff of **Miguel Hernández University of Elche (33 files)**. This evaluation is carried out by applying a procedure and evaluation criteria comparable to those used by the CNEAI to evaluate teaching staff belonging to university teaching bodies.

A total of **33 applications** have been evaluated this year.

2. ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL REMUNERATION FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHING STAFF

In accordance with the provisions of **Decree 174/2002 of the Valencian Government** and the **Resolution of 21 January 2011** of the presidency of AVAP, AVAP is responsible for the assessment of individual merits for the establishment of additional remuneration linked to individual teaching, research and management merits of civil servant teaching and research staff, regulated by Decree 174/2002 of 15 October 2002 of the Valencian Government.

AVAP evaluates **the mobility component**, indicating the classification in three different levels of quality.

In 2024, **115 applications were assessed** for the qualification of university teaching staff mobility:

QUALITY LEVEL ACHIEVED

UNIVERSITY	LEVEL A	LEVEL B	LEVEL C
Univ. València – Estudi General	44	10	9
Universitat Jaume I	17	5	2
Universitat d'Alacant	11	1	7
Universitat Miguel Hernández	4	2	3
Univ. Politècnica de València	0	0	0
TOTAL	76	18	21

C.

R&D EVALUATION AREA



1. CALLS FOR R&D BY THE REGIONAL MINISTRY OF INNOVATION, UNIVERSITIES, SCIENCE AND DIGITAL SOCIETY

In accordance with the provisions of Order 19/2020, of 1 October, of the Regional Ministry for Innovation, Universities, Science and the Digital Society, which approves the regulatory bases for the awarding of grants under the **Programme for the Promotion of Scientific Research, Technological Development and Innovation** in the Valencian Community, AVAP has been asked to collaborate in the evaluation of a total of **2566 applications** distributed among the following calls for applications:

ACRONYM	PROGRAMME	APPLICATIONS NUMBER
GRISOLÍA	Grants Programme <i>Santiago Grisolia</i>	211
APOTI	Grants for the recruitment of support staff linked to a technology transfer project	32
APOSTD	Grants for the recruitment of post-doctoral research staff	351
BEFPI	Grants for pre-doctoral research stays in research centres outside the Valencian Region	158
BEST	Grants for doctoral research personnel stays in research centres located outside the Valencian Region	240
GE	Grants to emerging research groups	213
ACIF	Grants for the recruitment of pre-doctoral research staff	374
AORG	Grants for the organisation and dissemination of international scientific, technological, humanistic or artistic congresses, conferences and meetings.	158
PPC	Grants for the promotion and dynamisation of science parks	10
AEST	Grants for doctoral research staff to carry out research stays in enterprises in the Valencian Community Region	100
APE	Grants for attracting European projects or other programmes of an international nature	31
TOTAL		2566

1.2 OTHER CALLS FOR THE EVALUATION OF R&D&I

In 2024, AVAP also carried out the evaluation process for calls for research grants requested by the following organisations:

- ✓ Conselleria de Economía Sostenible, Sectores Productivos, Comercio y Trabajo: Call for grants for public economics research projects (5 applications).
- ✓ Universidad del País Vasco/Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea (UPV/EHU): Call for grants for research projects (60 applications).
- ✓ Universitat Jaume I de Castellón (25 applications).
- ✓ CSIC:
Fullbright (38 applications), i-Link (45 applications), i-Coop (72 applications).

D.
AVAP COMMUNICATION
AREA



Throughout 2024, AVAP has disseminated a total of **16 news items** reflecting the most relevant and current activities and events that are most relevant and topical for the Agency.

In this report we have compiled the most significant ones.

1. OUTSTANDING EVENTS

AVAP Director General attends the presentation of the CYD 2023 Report in Madrid.

The Director General of the Valencian Agency for Evaluation and Foresight (AVAP), Javier Oliver, took part in two important events in Madrid linked to higher education.

At the meeting of the Spanish Network of **University Quality Agencies (REACU)**, key issues for the continuous improvement of university quality were discussed.

Afterwards, Oliver attended the **presentation of the CYD 2023 Report**, a reference document drawn up by the CYD Foundation that analyses the state of the Spanish university, identifying challenges such as the irruption of artificial intelligence and environmental sustainability, and proposes lines of action for its contribution to economic and social development.

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Javier Oliver, Director General of AVAP, attends the pioneering 'Emplea 2024' programme at the UPV

AVAP's Director General participated in the launch of the **UPV's 'Emplea 2024' programme**, which helps students and graduates to find a position in organisations. This innovative project will **select 40 participants** who will be mentored by leaders in different industries. The programme has demonstrated a positive impact on employability, with a high percentage of participants entering qualified jobs or continuing their training in prestigious institutions.

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AVAP joins the presentation of the National Chapter Spain of CoARA

AVAP participated in the presentation of **the National Chapter Spain**, a key initiative to reform research evaluation processes in Spain. The event, organised by the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities together with ANECA, CRUE and CSIC, brought together **84 national institutions** committed to developing criteria and tools to promote more innovative and collaborative evaluation.

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Javier Oliver participates in the conference on New methods of scientific evaluation, organised by the State Agency for Research

Javier Oliver participated in the conference on **New Methods of Scientific Evaluation**, organised by the **State Research Agency (AEI) with the collaboration of the 'la Caixa' Foundation**. The event, held in Madrid, brought together leading experts to explore how artificial intelligence can transform scientific evaluation systems, improving their efficiency and quality.

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AVAP organises a meeting with Valencian universities to unify criteria on online teaching in the planning of new programmes

Valencian Agency for Assessment and Foresight (AVAP), in collaboration with Valencian International University (VIU), **organised a meeting at BioHub Valencia** to unify criteria on online education in the planning of new university programmes. Representatives from Valencian universities worked together to develop a common framework to guarantee the quality and legitimacy of online education.

This initiative responds to the challenges posed by the **digital transformation in higher education**, reinforcing the institutions' commitment to an academic offer adapted to current and future needs.

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Javier Oliver, participates in ENQA 2024 Members Forum in Hannover

AVAP's Director General attended the ENQA 2024 Members' Forum, which was held in **Hannover, Germany, from 17-19 April**. This event has been an essential platform to discuss developments and challenges in quality assurance in the European Higher Education Area.

During the forum, topics related to quality assurance were addressed, including the importance of time as a neglected dimension in quality assurance activities, as well as recent developments in quality assurance in **transnational education and micro-credentials**.

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AVAP participates in the ENQA Quality Assurance Fit for the Future (QA-FIT) working group

AVAP, represented by its director general, participated **on 13 and 14 May in the working group** of the 'Quality Assurance Fit for the Future (QA-FIT)' project **in Brussels**. This meeting, organised by the **European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA)**, brought together experts to analyse and improve quality assurance practices in higher education.

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Conference at the UA on the internal quality assurance system for lifelong learning courses

On **19 June**, the University of Alicante (UA) hosted a conference dedicated to the **internal quality assurance system for lifelong learning studies**, with the participation of quality managers from the universities of the Valencian Community. The event was inaugurated by **Francisco José Torres**, vice-rector of the UA; **Teresa Torregrosa**, director of the UA's Lifelong Learning Centre; and **Javier Oliver**, general director of AVAP.

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AVAP attends the investiture of professors Pedro Castro and Francisco Michavila as honorary doctorates from the University of Alicante

AVAP's Director General attended **the investiture ceremony** of two honorary doctorates in the auditorium of the University of Alicante. This event was in recognition of the outstanding academic careers of Professors **Pedro Castro Borges** and **Francisco Michavila Pitarch**.

The ceremony was presided over by the Rector of the University of Alicante, **Amparo Navarro**, who highlighted the contributions of the honorees to the common good through their academic and research careers.

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AVAP participates in the graduation of the Joint Master's Programme in Marine Biotechnology at the Catholic University of Valencia

On 12 July, Javier Oliver participated in the **first graduation of the UCV's Joint Master in Marine Biotechnology**, developed under the **EU-CONEXUS and Erasmus Mundus alliance**. This programme, which brings together eight European universities, stands out for its focus on coastal sustainability and innovation, training professionals prepared for the environmental challenges of the future.

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AVAP present at the opening of the 2024-2025 academic year at Valencian universities

The Agència Valenciana d'Avaluació i Prospectiva has actively participated in the **opening ceremonies of the 2024-2025 academic year** in the public universities of the Valencian Community. Its presence reaffirms the institution's commitment to promoting quality university education, focused on academic and social development.

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AVAP attends ENQA General Assembly, 23-25 October, St. Julian's (Malta)

AVAP attended the ENQA General Assembly in **Saint Julian's, Malta**, where the new members of the ENQA Board were elected and the vice-presidents were re-elected. The members present also supported the Council's decision to renew the affiliate status of **ACQAHE (Montenegro)** and **HKCAAVQ (Hong Kong)**, as well as securing the affiliation of **EATDA (Azerbaijan)** and **PAASCU (Philippines)**.

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2.CORPORATE COMMUNICATION

AVAP strengthens its structure and functions with the adoption of updated regulations

Valencian Evaluation and Foresight Agency (AVAP) has reinforced its structure and functions following the approval of a **regulatory update** by the Valencian Regional Government on 9 January. This change responds to the growing demands of the educational environment and the responsibility to guarantee the quality of higher education in the Valencian Region, with a key reorganisation of its services and governing bodies.

The main new features include the creation of **four specialised services**, which include areas such as internationalisation, employability and research, as well as the incorporation of consultative bodies such as the Advisory Council and the Student Commission. These changes position AVAP to take on its new responsibilities, following its **inclusion in the EQAR list**, and to continue promoting educational excellence in the region.

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AVAP increases its competences in higher education enhancement with the verification and modification programmes

Since April, AVAP has begun to implement the procedure for the verification and modification of university programmes, consolidating its key role in the **improvement of the quality of education** in the Valencian Community.

This progress has been made possible thanks to its incorporation into the Register of **Quality Assurance Agencies in the European Higher Education Area (EQAR)**, which reinforces its capacity to directly influence academic excellence in the region.

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ED-AFFICHE boosts European programme with wide support

The ED-AFFICHE consortium, with the support of **51 institutions and six university alliances** such as EU-CONEXUS, has asked the European Commission to play a more active role in consolidating the European programme. This initiative seeks to **overcome legislative and administrative barriers**, promoting transnational joint programmes and fostering more inclusive education in Europe.

Javier Oliver, director general of AVAP, underlined the progress towards this goal, highlighting the positive impact that the European programme will have on students, allowing them to access joint and transnational academic studies that reinforce **educational cooperation at European level**.

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New call for applications for contracted teaching holder of a PhD staff

This year, 2024, AVAP published a new call for applications for the recruitment of contracted **PhD lecturers at Valencian universities**. The deadline for submission of applications, initially scheduled until 8 November, was extended until **21 November due to the DANA** that affected the Valencian Community.

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