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Michel Cosnard decides to appoint an expert from the research support staff for the evaluation of each mixed research unit (UMR)

From 7 December 2015, a research support staff expert (engineer, technician, administrator) will be appointed to the expert committees that have not yet been filled for evaluation of mixed research units (UMR) (Group B – 2015-2016). This will be extended to all research units for the next evaluation campaign (Group C – 2016-2017).

The expert could be chosen from among the research support staff put forward by staff evaluation bodies in the institutions supervising the research unit, and his/her expenses shall be covered by HCERES. Members of the HCERES Board were informed of this decision at the meeting on 14 December 2015.

Furthermore, if staff evaluation bodies wish, they may all choose to be represented by an observer during the on-site inspection. The observer will attend all public meetings other than closed-door expert committee meetings. Expenses shall then be covered by the supervising institutions.

Find out more

The French High Council for Evaluation of Research and Higher Education (HCERES), created by French Act no. 2013-660 dated 22 July 2013 pertaining to higher education and research, replaced AERES on 17 November 2014. Its organisational structure and operation are governed by Decree no 2014-1365 dated 14 November 2014.

In accordance with Article 10 of the Decree, expert committees evaluating research units must include an expert proposed by the staff evaluation body for each of the institutions which oversee the evaluated unit.