

EOQ ExB statement, unanimously approved on June 24, 2022 by the EOQ General Assembly :

EOQ is a non-political professional non-profit organization registered in Belgium and operated in accordance with Belgium law and member priorities. EOQ will relate to current decisions from members regarding this conflict and EU sanctions.

Quality has always been the unifying topic for all of us, that can bring together people and countries in all the times, even the tough ones. Our cooperation from the beginning has always been based on common mission of improving society through the promotion of quality in its broadest sense.

At the heart of the EOQ are the National Representative organizations from different European countries, thus EOQ can play a great role in keeping the ties and supporting the dialogue, basing on its own vision to extend its sphere of influence through entire Europe and beyond. We think that EOQ in such a challenging time should make every effort to harmonize relations, help professionals, bring countries and quality leaders together, help fight xenophobia, segregation, and discrimination of people by ethnicity or nationality. Moreover, it is dictated by the first of the EOQ values - togetherness, where all parts of the business, everyone counts, everyone contributes.

We respect the positions of other organizations that are obliged to follow the national policy of their countries in terms of sanctions, restrictions, etc. Also, we understand that holding the Congress 2022 in Russia is difficult in the current situation. Nevertheless, we consider as being important to maintain international cooperation for the exchange of experience, better understanding of each other and building a sustainable future for our children.

At present, we do not consider it appropriate to develop further relations with a partner/member organization from Russia. We will take a reserved position regarding further cooperation during the ongoing invasion until it is appropriate to resume relations.

EOQ does not see that it is possible to participate in the planned EOQ Congress 2022 in Moscow later this year and will try to relocate the organization of the EOQ Congress to another EOQ National Representative organization.