Good practice example of automatic recognition in the Baltic region

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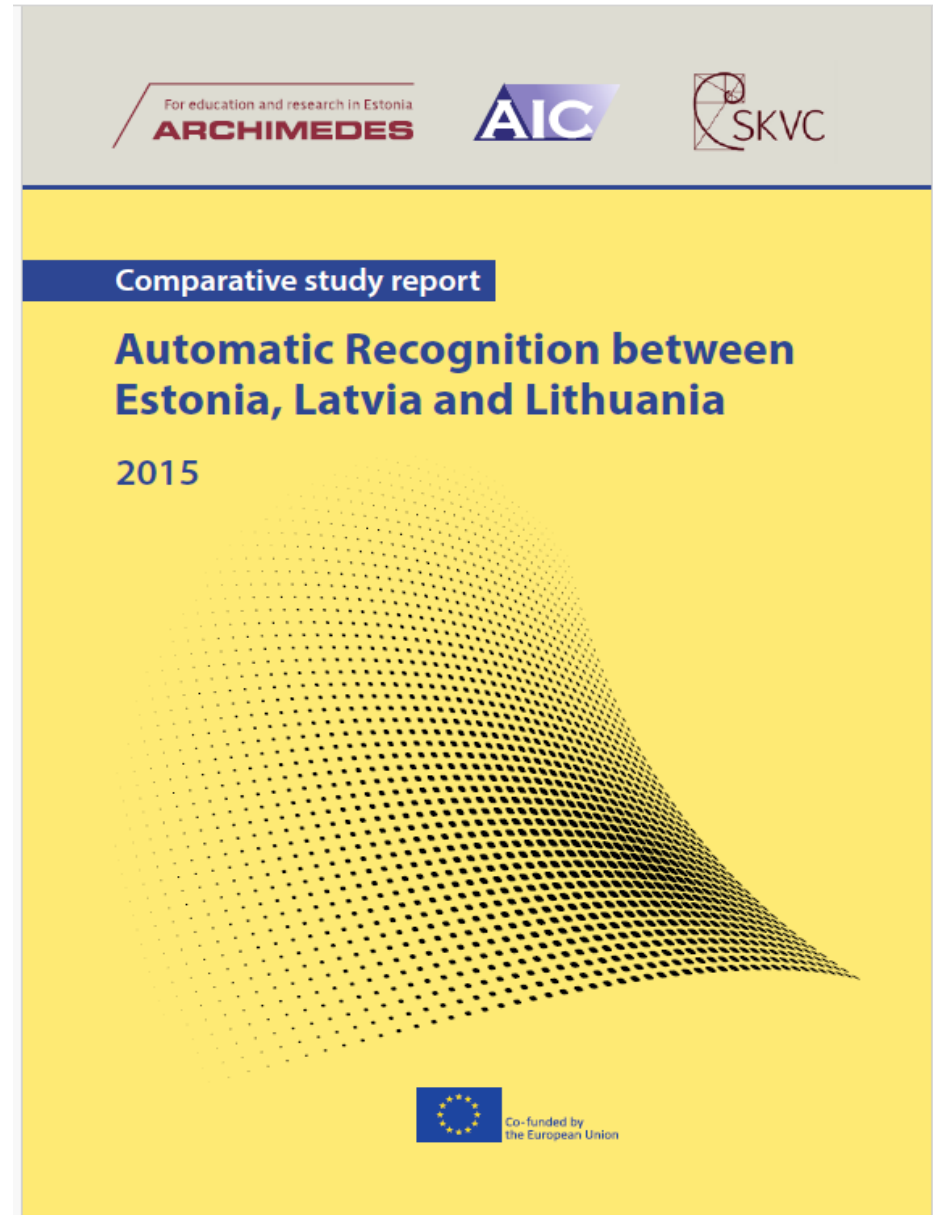29 February 2024, Bucharest

Chronology:

- **Agreement** among the Government of the Republic of Latvia, the Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, on the creation of a **common educational space in general upper secondary education and vocational (up to higher education level) education** within the Baltic States
  - Signed on 10.07.1998, entered into force on 16.07.2000

- **AURBELL** (2014-2016) – NARIC project «Automatic Recognition between Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania»
  - The aim of the project was to elaborate proposals for the revision of the previous agreement and develop guidelines for the automatic recognition in the Baltic States for HE qualifications and HE access qualifications

- **Agreement** among the Government of the Republic of Estonia, the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania **on the automatic academic recognition of qualifications concerning higher education**
  - Signed on 08.06.2018, entered into force on 07.01.2019

A comparative study report was developed within the framework of the AURBELL project

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Comparative study report

Automatic Recognition between Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

2015

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EQF level	Republic of Estonia			Republic of Latvia			Republic of Lithuania	
	Title of qualification	EstQF		Title of qualification	LQF		Title of qualification	LTQF
4	Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus; Kutsekeskhariduse lõputunnistus	4		Atestāts par vispārējo vidējo izglītību; Diploms par profesionālo vidējo izglītību	4		Secondary education attested by Brandos atestatas	4
6	Rakenduskõrghariduse diplom	6		Profesionālā bakalaura diploms un augstākās profesionālās kvalifikācijas diploms	6		Profesinis bakalauras	6
6	Bakalaureus;	6		Bakalaura diploms;	6		Bakalauras	6
7	Magister; Arstikraad; Hambaarstikraad; Farmaatsiamagister; Loomaarstikraad; Arhitektuurimagister; Tehnikateaduse magister; Haridusteaduse magister	7		Maǵistra diploms; Profesionālā maǵistra diploms; Profesionālās augstākās izglītības diploms un augstākās profesionālās kvalifikācijas diploms (ārsta, zobārsta, farmaceita un veterinārārsta profesionālā kvalifikācija)	7		Magistras	7
8	Doktor	8		Doktora diploms	8		Mokslo daktaras Meno daktaras	8

Statistics of evaluated credentials from other Baltic States by the Latvian ENIC/NARIC
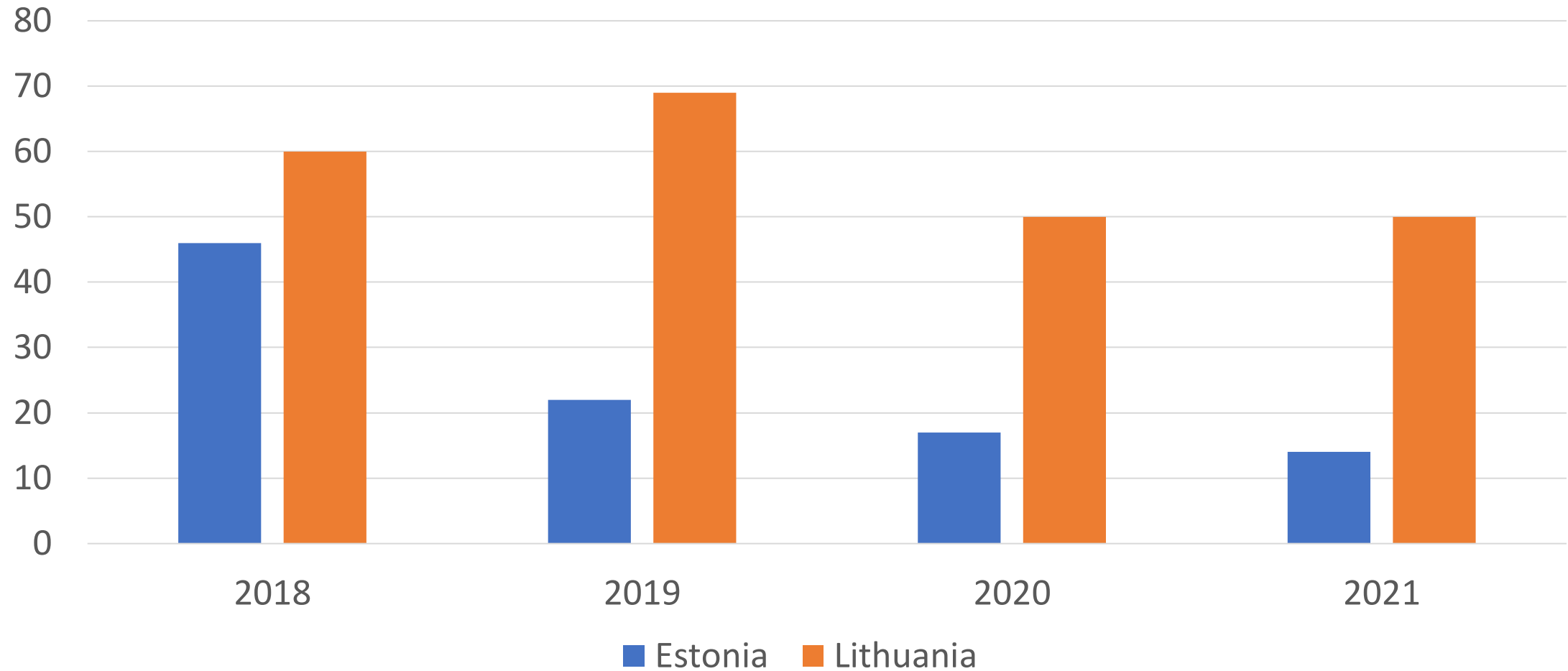
Estonia ■ Lithuania

Challenges faced by AIC after the agreement entered in force

- Higher education institutions were confused which credentials issued in Estonia and Lithuania have to be sent to AIC for evaluation

- Private individuals were not widely informed about the existence of the agreement

- The credential evaluators themselves also had to consider whether the issued document should be accepted for recognition

- In cases when the credential was issued after 07.01.2019, the applicant is informed about the automatic recognition between Baltic States

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(2019)

- https://likumi.lv/ta/en/starptautiskie-ligumi/id/1764-agreement-among-the-government-of-the-republic-of-estonia-the-government-of-the-republic-of-latvia-and-the-government-of-the-republic

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Thank you for attention!