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NACID – National Centre for Information and Documentation

OCTRA – Online course catalogues and databases for transparency and recognition

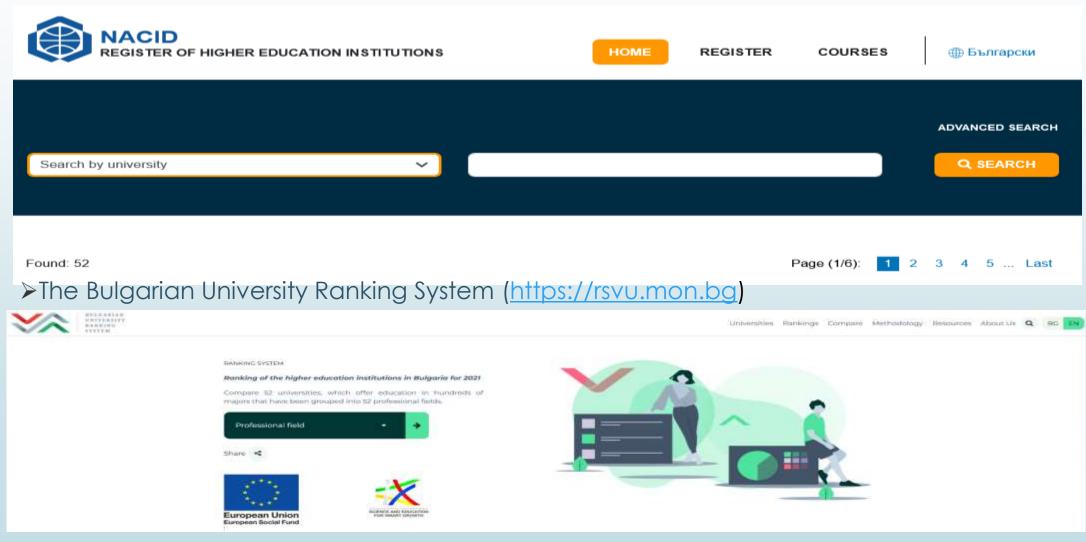
Peer-Learning Seminar "Guidelines for facilitating transparency and recognition through online course catalogues and databases"

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In Bulgaria there are two registers that aim at facilitating the informed choice of university applicants and they are:

> The Register of Higher Education Institutions (https://rvu.nacid.bg)



The Register of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs):

- ✓ created by the Ministry of Education and Science and it is now being maintained by the National Centre for Information and Documentation (NACID)
- ✓ contains information about the institutional and program accreditation of all 52 Bulgarian HEIs and thousands of individual programs/courses that are offered by them
- ✓ each new individual program is approved by the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency within an existing program accreditation after an evaluation review which is a significant prerequisite for quality

assurance

- updated on a current basis jointly by authorized representatives of the HEI and NEAA with the assistance of NACID
- ✓ bilingual (in Bulgarian and English) which makes it much more easily accessible to the foreign stakeholders



The Register of Higher Education Institutions offers different search options, such as a search by: 1. University:

□ Substructures
(a list of all existing structural units such as
branches/faculties at the chosen HEI)
☐ Specialities: detailed information about the
chosen speciality
the accredited professional field to which
belongs the course program
the final degree
the form of study
the duration
□ Doctoral programs
(the same detailed information as in the
previous section of Specialities)
☐ Institutional Accreditation:
publicly accessible information about the
current period of the institutional
accreditation
the procedure status (positive/negative)
the final evaluation and capacity (maximum

number of students allowed to be admitted)

Accredited professional fields: the name of the professional field the procedure status (positive/negative) the evaluation the period of accreditation □ Accredited specialities from regulated professions: the speciality/course the final degree the procedure status the evaluation and the period of accreditation □ Accredited doctoral programs: a list of all accredited doctoral programs the final degree the procedure status the evaluation and the period of accreditation Post-Accreditation Monitoring and Control (the Accreditation Council's decision, the date it was taken and the number of its protocol) **Map** – (the exact location of the chosen university)



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University



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- > Specialities
- > Doctoral programmes
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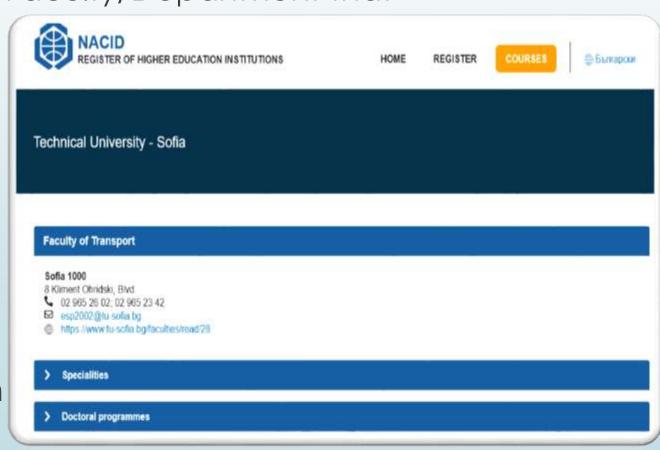
2. Course (Bachelor & Master):

- ☐ A list of all HEIs which offer the course searched
- ☐ A university to be chosen with the Faculty/Department that

offers this course

3. Specialties/courses

- 4. **Doctoral Programs**:
- ☐ The doctoral program
- ☐ The accredited professional field
- to which it belongs
- ☐ The final degree
- ☐ The form of study and the duration



The Bulgarian University Ranking System has 5 sections.

Universities

(information about all accredited universities in Bulgaria)

2. Rankings:

- Predefined Rankings by preselected indicators
- indicators
- 3. **Compare** – (comparisons among different professional fields or individual courses) average unemployment rate average income of the graduate
- the most common professions among graduates from 4. Personal Rankings – by custom different professional fields and universities in Bulgaria
 - Comparison possible:
 - at national level
 - by universities

- Methodology Resources
- FAQ
- ii. Information and Analyses
- Documents and Links



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In conclusion:



The Bulgarian University Ranking System

- Publicly accessible and transparent
- Bilingual (Bulgarian & English)
- Updated on a current basis jointly by authorized representatives of the HEI and NEAA with the assistance of NACID
- Primary information about the institutional and program accreditation of all 52 Bulgarian HEIs and thousands of individual programs/courses that are offered by them
- Helps future students to orient themselves in the vast diversity of opportunities and make an informed choice for their future education. Also useful for employers and other stakeholders
- It is more academically oriented

- Publicly accessible and transparent
- Bilingual (Bulgarian & English)
- Updated annually on a project basis via the Operational programs of EU in Bulgaria
- Secondary information about past accreditations of Bulgarian HEIs and courses, offered by them
- Helpful to a wide range of stakeholders and purposes, yet with careful usage taking to account its nature, especially by students in the process of taking informed life-long educational choices and decisions
- > It is more business oriented

National Register of Qualifications in Bulgaria

(2017, restricted access only)



- Developed to allow linking the Learning Opportunities and Qualifications in Europe portal (PLOTEUS) and at a later stage to the electronic platform for skills/competences, qualifications and professions (European Skills, Competences and Occupations - ESCO)
- Not only HE, but also LLL vocational courses
- Designed to incorporate diverse raw data from different national sources
- Significant internal data granularity due to the different nature and structure of the sources used
- Currently with restricted access only

The Register of HEIs



- ✓ currently updated with thousands HE courses offered
- ✓ publicly available, contributing to comparability and transparency
- ✓ easily accessible
- √ bilingual
- ✓ best suited for students and recognition authorities
- ✓ academically oriented
- ✓ closest to the concept of a national qualifications register of HE













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Thank you for your attention!

