



Road to Automatic Recognition of Higher Education Access Qualifications 2

The role of information transparency and qualification databases in automatic recognition

Baltic – Benelux case

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Regional agreements on AR in force in Latvia

Agreement among **Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania** on the automatic academic recognition of qualifications concerning higher education

in force since
07.01.2019

➤ AR refers to EQF levels 4, 6-8, awarded after 7 January 2019

• Treaty on the automatic recognition of higher education qualifications between the **Belgium, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands**

in force since
01.05.2024

➤ AR refers to EQF levels 5-8



Erasmus+ NARIC project «Digital Tools for Implementation of Automatic Recognition» (DIGI-AR) 2023-2025

Aim and objective:

To develop a user-friendly **digital tool**, which would provide information on the qualifications falling under the treaty

Results:

launched online platform (2025)

Project partners

NARICs from:

Lithuania (coordinator)

Latvia

Netherlands

Belgium (2 institutions)



Countries - Parties of Automatic Recognition Treaty



BE French Community



BE Flemish Community



BE German-speaking Community



Estonia



Latvia



Lithuania



Luxembourg



Netherlands

Country
education
profiles

Comparability Tool of Automatic Recognition

Easily compare your higher education qualification to qualifications from other countries participating in the Baltic-Benelux automatic recognition agreement. The comparison is based on the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) and includes key details to aid automatic recognition.

Where have you received your qualification?

Choose country



Where will you use your qualification?

Choose country



Compare

Comparison
tool

Example – description of education system

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Latvia



General Education



Vocational Education and Training



Higher Education



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Comparability Tool of Automatic Recognition



Select the country where you have obtained your qualification and the country where you intend to use it. After choosing the relevant countries, pick the particular qualification from the list below which you wish to compare to an equivalent credential from another system of education.

Where have you received your qualification?

 x ▼

Where will you use your qualification?

 x ▼

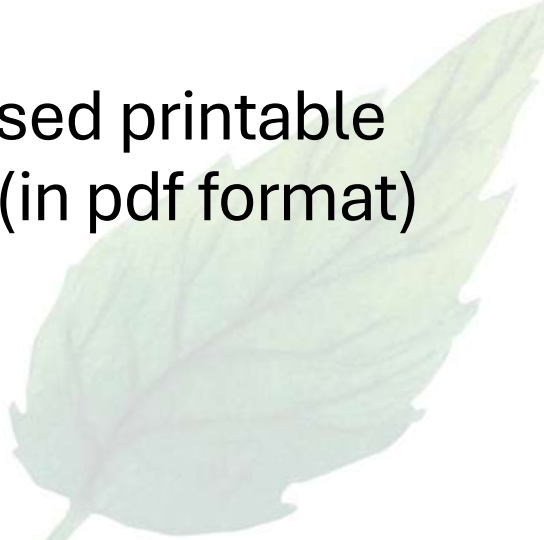
	 Latvia <input type="button" value="Country education profile"/>	 Netherlands <input type="button" value="Country education profile"/>
EQF Level 8	Doktora diploms; Profesionālā doktora diploms mākslās	EngD; PhD
EQF Level 7	Maģistra diploms; Profesionālā maģistra diploms; Profesionālās augstākās izglītības diploms, augstākās profesionālās kvalifikācijas diploms	Master (HBO); Master (WO)
EQF Level 6	Bakalaura diploms; Profesionālā bakalaura diploms; Profesionālās augstākās izglītības diploms, augstākās profesionālās kvalifikācijas diploms	Bachelor diploma (HBO); Bachelor diploma (WO)
EQF Level 5	Pirmā līmeņa profesionālās augstākās izglītības diploms	Associate Degree





Automatic Academic Recognition: Comparability Statement


The purpose of this statement is to provide information on the comparability and automatic recognition status of a qualification obtained within one of the signatory countries of the Baltic-Benelux Automatic recognition treaty.

Standardised printable
statement (in pdf format)




	 Latvia	 Netherlands
Qualification	Bakalaura diploms; Profesionālā bakalaura diploms; Profesionālās augstākās izglītības diploms, augstākās profesionālās kvalifikācijas diploms	Bachelor diploma (HBO); Bachelor diploma (WO)

Description	<p>Academic qualification:</p> <p><i>Academic higher education is oriented towards fundamental and applied sciences. The academic education is aimed at ensuring the acquisition of theoretical knowledge and research skills, preparing for independent research activity in particular branch of sciences</i></p> <p>Bakalaura diploms / Bachelor's diploma</p> <p>Mandatory structure of the study programme:</p>	<p>HBO bachelo programmes students for a profession. U applied scien (hogeschooler professional (hoger beroe HBO) is more oriented than consists of 7 economics, h agriculture, e and commun and technolo can enroll in various study</p>
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According to the Baltic-Benelux Automatic Recognition Treaty and the information provided by the ENIC-NARIC centres of the signatory countries, the qualification listed in the left column of the comparability table is considered to be automatically recognized as equivalent to the qualification listed in the right column.

Please note that this statement does not confirm the authenticity of any educational credentials or that they have been indeed awarded to the person in question.



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Project “Digital Tools and Quality assurance for Automatic Recognition” (DIGI-REQA)

1 August 2025 – 31 July 2027

Main objectives:

- Promote a common and general understanding and practice of automatic recognition among the Contracting Parties to the Agreement and a possible extension of the Agreement
- Develop communication on more effective automatic recognition
- Explore a path towards automatic recognition of secondary school qualifications
- Explore options for tools developed at European level
- Promote recognition opportunities through internal and external quality assurance systems

Project partners:

- **NARICs** from Lithuania (coordinator), Italy, Poland, Netherlands, Latvia
 - **QA agencies** – Austria, Catalonia, Netherlands and Flanders, {Latvia}
 - **HE organisations** – European Higher Education Area and Bologna Process (ENQA), European University Association (EUA), The European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR)
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