Key takeaways from the MAReN project: perspectives from the participating Higher Education Institutions

ARAQUA2
Tools of automatic recognition of Higher Education access qualifications

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MAReN project objectives

Mediterranean Automatic Recognition Network

1.

Create a **network of ENIC-NARIC centres** working on automatic recognition in the Mediterranean region

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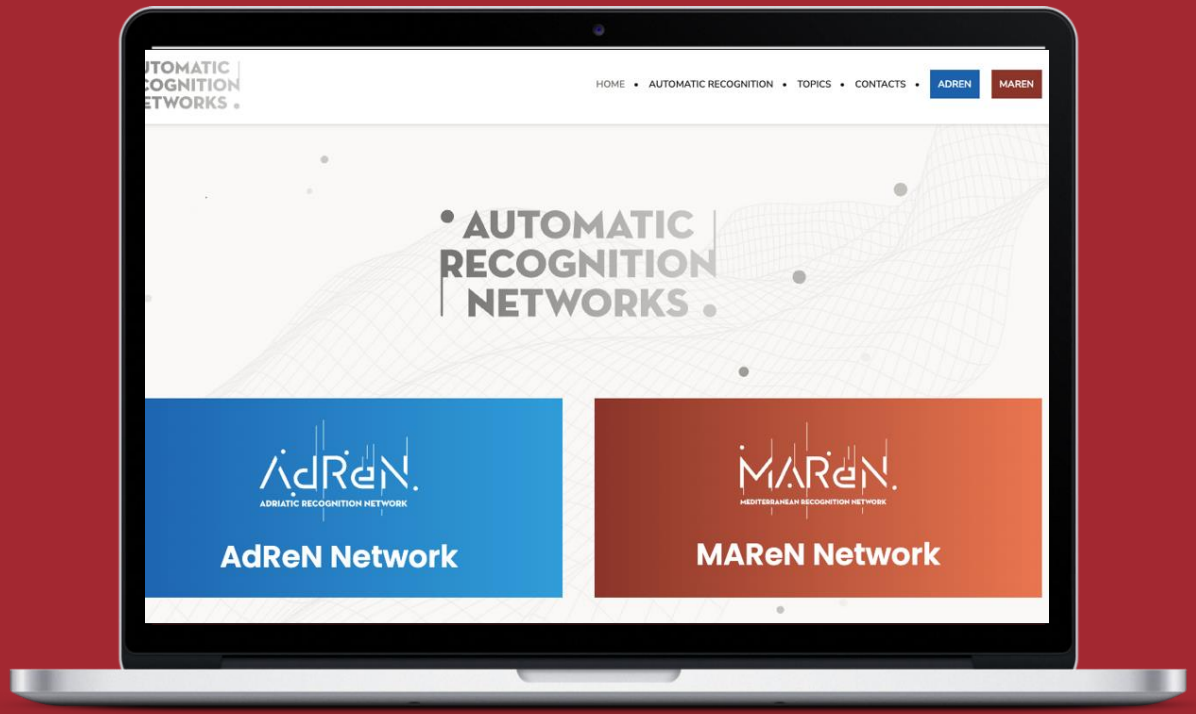
Develop **tools to support the daily work of credential evaluators**

3.

Establish **synergies with other initiatives related to automatic recogntion** in other regions (AdReN project)

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MAReN training course

May 2024: Implementation

The training course was developed with APICE* and was implemented (3 online lessons and 2-day in presence workshop, for the last 2 modules, for a total workload of **125 hours and 5 ECTS**)

*Italian Professional Association of Credential Evaluators

July 2024: Certification

Micro-credentials are awarded to participants





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MAReN training modules

Targeted to:

- **Higher education institutions**
- **Credential evaluators**

Working method:

- **3 training modules online**
- **2 training modules in person**

International and European policy context of automatic recognition

Automatic recognition in national contexts

Transnational education

Automatic recognition tools and database

Digitalisation for automatic recognition

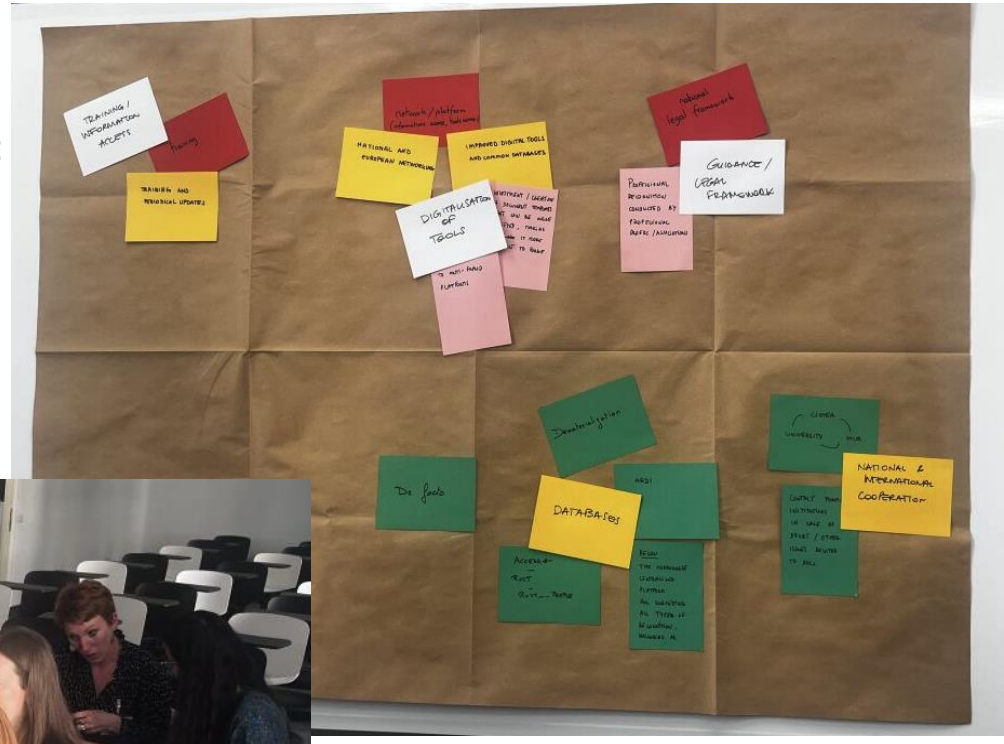
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MAReN training – in person modules

- 2 in person focus groups organised for the last two modules of the MAReN training:
  - 1 divided per country to delve into **national** processes on AR
  - 1 with heterogeneous groups to exchange national practices and knowledge





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Main takeaways from training participants

“An opportunity to share with our colleagues the main difficulties we all find in our admission offices, especially with pre-Bologna qualifications”

“Discovery of Digital Verification Tools: new digital verification tools were introduced, which I was previously unaware of, and I believe they can enhance the efficiency and accuracy of our work”

“Awareness of regulations on recognition practices within the Mediterranean region for different purposes”



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