ARAQUA 2

Road to Automatic Recognition of Higher Education Access Qualifications 2

Peer-Learning Activity
Tools of automatic recognition of Higher Education access qualifications

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Background note

The ARAQUA2 project – *Road to Automatic Recognition of Higher Education Access Qualifications 2* has the general objective of supporting the automatic recognition of qualifications in upper secondary education and training. In this light, the project has three specific objectives:

- to map higher education (HE) access qualifications in the project partner countries according to the criteria set in the ARAQUA project (2022-2024) to evaluate their correspondence to automatic recognition;
- to facilitate the use of recommendations for NARIC centres and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) about the automatic recognition of HE access qualifications developed in the ARAQUA project and explore other tools for the automatic recognition of HE access qualifications;
- to strengthen discussion among ENIC-NARIC centres and HEIs about the procedures and criteria for automatic recognition of HE access qualifications.

The project activities will contribute to the promotion of automatic mutual recognition of upper secondary education also involving ENICs from third countries to enhance mutual understanding about automatic recognition.

Objectives of the meeting

Against this background, this one-day Peer Learning Activity (PLA) will contribute to practical support to the implementation of automatic recognition of HE access qualifications in the project partner countries, as well as explore how different online tools as the Q-Entry database can enhance the transparency and accessibility of information related to HE access qualifications, making it easier for ENIC-NARIC centres, HEIs and other authorities to recognise and validate credentials from different countries. The event will be organised by following a practical approach entailing the dialogue among different actors in the field, namely ENIC-NARIC centres, higher education institutions and competent authorities. By leveraging on previous experiences and projects on the topic of automatic recognition, this PLA will lay the ground to identify what's still needed in terms of policy support, implementation pathways and instruments to enhance and apply automatic recognition.

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Agenda

Time	Topic
09:30 – 10:00	**Registration**
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome addresses *CIMEA and AIC*
10:05 – 10:15	Objectives of the meeting *AIC*
10:15 – 10:45	Keynote on the Italian and international legal frameworks for Automatic Recognition of qualifications *Prof. Luca Lantero, Director General CIMEA* Q & A
10:45 – 11:05	Key takeaways from the MAReN project: perspective from the participating Higher Education Institutions
11:05 – 11:35	Key takeaways from the TPG LRC Plus project: perspective from the Italian Higher Education Institutions *Panel discussion*
11:35 – 11:55	**Networking coffee & informal exchange**
11:55 – 12:10	Relation between quality assurance procedures and automatic recognition *Simone Via, National agency for the evaluation of universities and research (ANVUR)* Q&A
12:10 – 12:40	Monitoring the implementation of Automatic Recognition from supranational and institutional perspectives. *Baiba Ramina, Chairperson of the AIC Board* *Chiara Finocchietti, President of the ENIC Network* *Elisa Petrucci, Rapporteur of the LRC Bureau* Q&A
12:40 – 13:40	**Lunch**

13:40 – 14:00	Digitalisation and Automatic Recognition: tools and databases (e.g. Q-Entry) for the Networks Q&A
14:00 – 14:55	Practical implementation of Automatic Recognition: policy support, implementation pathways and instruments *Working groups*
14:55- 15:15	**Networking coffee & informal exchange**
15:15 – 15:45	Reporting from the working groups Q&A
15:45 – 16:00	Summary of the peer-learning activity and evaluation
16:00	**End of the meeting**

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