FAIR
Focus on Automatic Institutional Recognition

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Aim: Improve recognition practices HEIs by implementing elements of automatic recognition.

Objectives
✓ Identify essentials in recognition procedures of HEIs, develop practical guidelines and provide consultancy in streamlining these procedures;

✓ Gain commitment at policy level to effectuate the implementation of forms of automatic recognition in each participating country.

FAIR (2)

✓ KA3 Erasmus+ Policy Experimentation.

✓ Scientific:
- 2 Trials
- Evaluation Body (EUA)
- Peer Review (Danish NARIC)

✓ Representation high level bodies from 6 countries:
- MoE's + ENIC-NARIC's + 22 institutions (4x4 + 2x3) + ECA

✓ Croatia, Belgium (Flanders), Italy, Spain, Germany and The Netherlands

-> Upscaling of results to national and European level.

FAIR (3)

I - Planning 1/1/'15 – 1/3/'15	1 - Experimentation Protocol 2 - Legal arrangements 3 - Kick-off meeting
II – Field Trials 1/3/'15 – 1/10/'16	4 - Field trial 1: Baseline assessment recognition procedures 5 - Analysis Baseline assessment 6 - Project team meeting 7 - Implementation improved recognition procedures 8 - Field trial 2: Impact analysis
III – Evaluation 1/09/'16 – 1/1/'17	9 - Analysis of field trials & Recommendations
IV – Dissemination 1/1/'15 – 30/4/'17	10 – Dissemination of project results

Preliminary outcomes

Main outcome: A basis to implement Automatic Recognition in HEI's, in most cases not or only partly exists.

Recommendations to improve situation:

✓ Recognition infrastructure (national and institutional)

✓ Evaluation methods

✓ Quality Assurance

National Recognition Infrastructure

Some key recommendations:

✓ Develop a clear chart of procedures;

✓ Review national infrastructure on ability to apply LRC;

✓ Assure quality of all stakeholders in recognition process.

Institutional Recognition Infrastructure

Some key recommendations:

✓ Clear role division between central admissions office and faculties;

✓ Train all staff on LRC and good practice in recognition (continuous);

✓ Develop & publicize special procedures for:
  - ✓ Refugees without documentation
  - ✓ Recognition of Prior Learning
  - ✓ Appeals

Evaluation methods

Some key recommendations:

- ✓ Focus on 5 elements of qualification (level, learning outcomes, workload, quality, profile);

- ✓ Speed up the turnaround time (a.o. by introducing elements of automatic recognition);

- ✓ Clear communication to applicants, esp. when not or partly admitted.

Quality assurance

Some key recommendations:

✓ Familiarize HEI with ESG 1.4;

✓ Define KPI's to assess the quality of their admissions and recognition procedure (e.g. turn-around times, consistent decision making, success rate international students);

✓ Information management system;

Next

- 6 National Exploitation Meetings (mid Feb - mid March);

- Final report ready April 2017
    - National recommendations
    - European recommendations
    - Incl. specific recommendations for MoE, ENIC/NARIC and HEI

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