

Bologna Thematic Peer Group B on Key Commitment 2: National legislation and procedures compliant with the Lisbon Recognition Convention



TPG-LRC project Recognition in the European Higher Education Area: outlining the way forward 25th May 2021

9.30 – 12.30 Central European Summer Time (online)

After the <u>EHEA Ministerial Conference</u> hosted by Italy in November 2020, the Ministers of Education of the 49 countries members of the European Higher Education Area jointly signed the <u>Rome Communiqué</u>, setting the vision for the future of the EHEA in the coming years.

The Rome Communiqué affirms the willingness to strengthen the implementation of the Council of Europe/UNESCO Lisbon Recognition Convention (LRC). In line with the LRC principles, the Communiqué envisages a number of points relevant for recognition of qualifications, such as mobility of staff and students, quality education, ethics, transparency and integrity in education, flexible and open learning paths, including those leading to micro-credentials, digitalisation, qualification frameworks, automatic recognition of academic qualifications and periods of study within the EHEA, practices to ensure fair recognition of qualifications held by refugees, such as the European Qualifications Passport for Refugees.

Starting from the vision and contents outlined in the Communiqué, the online seminar consists of two main parts.

- The first part is a panel discussion of experts and stakeholders outlining a shared vision and the way forward for recognition in the EHEA.
- The second part presents an overview of tools, experiences and good practices to pursue the outlined vision. A special focus will be given to outcomes and reflections developed in the framework of the TPG-LRC project and other projects funded under the EHEA call as well in the framework of the Bologna Process.





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<u>Draft agenda</u>

9:00	Online platform is open for everyone to connect
9:30	Welcome addresses and presentation of the event
FIRST PART - OUTLINING A SHARED VISION AND WAY FORWARD	
9:45	Fair recognition of qualifications in the European Higher Education Area
	Panel discussion with experts and stakeholders involved in the recognition process
SECOND PART – TOOLS, EXPERIENCES AND GOOD PRACTICES	
10:30	LRC principles in practice: how-to-guides and tools
	TPG-LRC project main outcomes
	 Information provision on recognition of qualifications targeted to higher education institutions.
	 Golden rules on academic qualification recognition for students in the EHEA. Substantial differences in theory and in practice.
10:50	Coffee break
11:00	Flexible learning paths and micro-credentials: myth or reality?
	Highlights from the MICROBOL project
11:20	Digitalization, interoperability and automatic recognition: where do we stand?
	The <u>DEQAR CONNECT</u> project experience
11:40	Compliance with the LRC: the role of peer support
	The approach of the <u>TPG-LRC</u> and <u>I-Comply</u> projects
12:00	Recognition of refugee qualifications without documentation: is it possible?
	Evidence from the European Qualifications Passport for Refugees project
12:20	Concluding remarks
12:30	End of the meeting