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.
KA 3 - Experimentation & Pioneering
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✓ 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.
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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;
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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