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European Qualifications Passport for Refugees

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Launching event – new phase

Athens, March 28, 2018

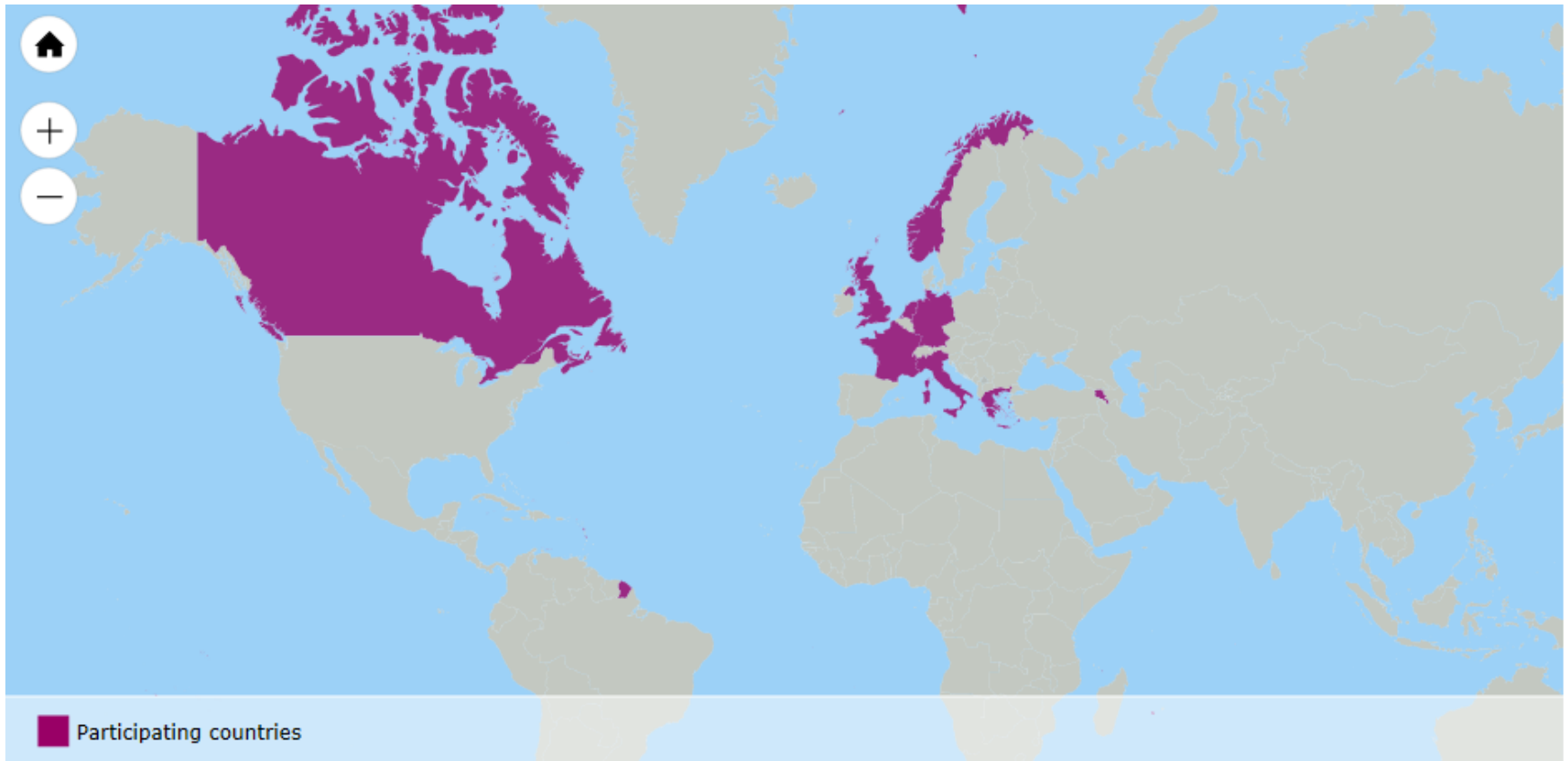
2018-2020

Build upon results of piloting in 2017 – credible and fair methodology



- 1) Enlarge and upscale:** More countries and partners, more evaluations
- 2) Access to methodology and data:** Secure on-line platform
- 3) Advocacy:** among refugees and new communities, universities, ENIC/NARICS

9 participating countries



Armenia, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway and the United Kingdom

Evaluations



- Greece, Italy and the Netherlands, also outside of capitals
- Secondary level, sub-Saharan Africa (Italy)
- On-line interviews
- Training pool of evaluators from ENIC/NARICS

On-line platform – one-stop site



- All documents for evaluators in several languages
- On-line questionnaire (mobile-friendly website)
- Info about holders of EQPR stored securely (advice from UNHCR)
- Restricted access to employers, universities

Alumni network of holders of EQPR



- Created by and for refugees
- Involve refugees – lesson learned
- Support each other in new communities

Visibility and advocacy

- Council of Europe
- ENIC/NARICS
- Universities
- UNHCR
- Communities
- Refugees
- Press

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European Qualifications Passport for Refugees No 0123¹
Assessment Part

Issued: **14.03.2017**
Valid through: **14.03.2022**

Personal information

Surname: **Nasry** Given names: **Ahmad**
Father's name: **Alawy** Mother's name: **Rabaa**
Date of birth: **28.08.1983** Place of birth: **Deir Ez-Zor, Syria**
Nationality: **Syrian**

Assessed qualifications
Highest achieved qualification: **{2011} Bachelor in Electrical Engineering, University of Damascus, Syria²**

Additional relevant information from the applicant
Languages: **Arabic** (native speaker), **Arabic** (language of instruction), **English** (language course)
Work experience: **5 years of teaching experience in Syria³**

Interview and documentation assessment is conducted by credential evaluators from D.O.A.T.A.P., CIMEA, NOKUT and UK NARIC.

On behalf of the project Evaluation coordinator
Signature

Evaluator 1 Evaluator 2
Signature Signature

For more information about the status of this document: <http://www.coe.int/en/web/education/recognition-of-refugees-qualifications>

¹ The European Qualifications Passport for Refugees is neither a legal document nor replacement for the national recognition schemes, but a statement intended to be of help in connection with applications for employment/internships or studies. The evaluation is based on available documentation and a structured interview with a professional credential evaluator. This document is only valid together with the explanatory part.
² No available documentation
³ No available documentation

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What the Council of Europe can do:

- Main CoE website Focus item with a link to the joint Council of Europe/UNHCR press release - also on UNHCR Global site
- CoE Human Rights Channel, FB, Twitter
- Office of the SRSG on Migration and Refugees – statement on 3 April
- Congress for Local and Regional Authorities, INGO conference

World Economic Forum supported by UNHCR



Promoting use of the Qualifications Passport in universities - UK

“Institutions may want to consider if the European Qualifications Passport for Refugees might form part of their strategic approach to admissions for students from displaced communities...

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 - Belgium
 - Greece
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 - Norway
 - **More countries welcome!**
- Council of Europe Education budget
- CoE Action Plans
 - Protecting Migrant and Refugee Children in Europe
 - Building Inclusive Societies

Thank you!
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