



EUROPEAN QUALIFICATIONS PASSPORT FOR REFUGEES

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AIMS

- Provide refugees with an assessment of qualifications that cannot be fully documented
- Have the assessment accepted across borders
- Help implement the Lisbon Recognition Convention (Council of Europe/UNESCO)
- Create a virtuous rather than a vicious circle

PARTNERS

- Financial support
 - Belgium (fl), Georgia, Greece, Italy, Monaco Norway,
- ENICs (national recognition centers)
 - Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, United Kingdom
- International organizations
 - Council of Europe
 - UNHCR
- Higher education institutions
 - Conference of University Rectors of Italy

THE EQPR IN NUMBERS

- Interviews conducted: 649
 - Face to face: 349
 - Online: 300
- EQPRs delivered: 543
- Success rate: 83,66 %

– Figures as of April 29, 2021

EXAMPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE

- Involve refugees in disseminating information about the EQPR
- Involve universities and the Rectors' Conference in interview sessions
- Help EQPR holders find work commensurate with their qualifications
- Enable EQPR holders with health-related qualifications to help their host communities respond to the COVID pandemic under the supervision of licensed health professionals

THE GOAL: A TESTED SYSTEM FOR FUTURE CRISES

- A European system: not the responsibility of “first reception” countries alone
- A methodology and a format accepted throughout Europe
- A pool of qualified credentials evaluators
- Online interviews and safe storage of information