Guidelines For National Online Information Systems

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Each Party of the LRC shall

Article III.4

 ensure, in order to facilitate the recognition of qualifications, that adequate and clear information on its education system is provided.

Article VIII.1

 provide adequate information on an institution belonging to its HE system, and on any programme operated by these institutions.

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Joint ENIC-NARIC
Charter, LRCC
09.06.2004

ELCORE Group, 1999

Code of Good Practice in Provision of Information on Recognition. ENIC-NARIC, June 2004

EAR Manual, 2012 endorsed by EHEA

- Detailed the tasks and activities of national information centres and reinforced their role in the provision of information
- Forum for facilitating the development, use and improvement of ENIC/ NARIC Networks' information systems and strategic communication
- Guidance to national information centres in properly fulfilling this task. Given the rapid technological developments, there is a need for revision of the code
- Guidelines of the recognition of foreign qualifications

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Recommendation to the LRCC

 Most of the countries (50 Parties answered, 3 no answers) have online information on the education system (5 Parties do not websites)

 Information provided varies in terms of quality, level of detail and structure, and is sometimes available in the national language only

To set minimum requirements for national online information systems Outline of the Guidelines

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- Introduction
- Purpose, structure of information
- National ENIC/NARIC information systems: Purpose, content and technical platform
- Other important considerations

Purpose, structure of information

- **Ensure** development and maintenance of information systems to improve recognition of qualifications, facilitate mobility and internationalization.
- **Facilitate** exchange of information and advice among countries.
- Improve quality of information.
- Accessible in terms of the technological platform, content, language and style, be accurate and up to date.
- Based on competent sources.
- **Clear** messaging, user friendly and straightforward construction, especially for website navigation.
- **Targeted** to graduates and students, HEIs, employers, national recognition authorities, QA agencies, professional organisations, and others.

General information about ENIC/NARICs

National ENIC/NARIC information systems. Purpose, content and technical platform (I)

- Mission and main functions.
- Legal status and competences of the national information centre and its place in structure of the governance of national education system.
- Contact details (e.g. location, telephone number, e-mail, social networking account if applicable).

Purpose, content and technical platform (II)

Information on the recognition of qualifications

- LRC and subsidiary texts to the Convention.
- National legislation on recognition and information on general procedures and criteria for the assessment of foreign qualifications.
- Information on application procedures, application forms, required documentation and translation requirements, expecting case processing time.
- Appeal procedures.
- Academic and professional recognition.
- National regulations for regulated professions, list of regulated professions and competent recognition bodies and/or national assistance centres for EU Directive 2005/36/EC.
- Links and references wherever needed.

Purpose, content and technical platform (III)

Information on education systems and HEIs

- Legal regulatory framework for HE system.
- Types of HEIs and programmes.
- National and/or sub-national QFs.
- Types of awarded qualifications including joint degrees.
- Diploma Supplement or similar documents.
- Types of access qualifications and access requirements.
- Education pathways for each level.
- Credit system(s) and grading system(s).
- Quality assurance system.
- List of recognized HEIs and programmes (if relevant).
- List of international providers.

Purpose, content and technical platform (IV)

Other important considerations

- Accessible to targeted audience.
- New technological solutions enhancing quality efficiency of services. Best practice examples:
 - Online electronic application system for assessment.
 - Electronic payment system for services (if fees are applied).
 - Internal databases to compile and search for previously assessed qualifications, decisions, education systems, etc.
 - Internal customer relationship management (CRM) system to track and respond to enquiries from applicants.
- Social networking (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.).
- New innovative approaches for ENIC/NARIC centres in dissemination of information, data collection, its processing and storing.

Thank you!

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