



# Recognition in the European Higher Education Area: outlining the way forward

25 May 2021



The Final Conference of the TPG-LRC project “**Recognition in the European Higher Education Area: outlining the way forward**” will be held online on 25 May 2021 from 9:30 to 12:45 (CEST).

## Objective

To identify possible ways forward for recognition in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) starting from a reflection on the Rome Communiqué with the main stakeholders involved in the field and exploiting experiences and tools developed in projects supported by the Erasmus+ programme as well as in the framework of the Bologna Process.

## Content and agenda

After the **EHEA Ministerial Conference** hosted by Italy in November 2020, the Ministers of Education of the 49 countries members of the European Higher Education Area jointly signed the **Rome Communiqué**, 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 virtual Final Conference of the project TPG-LRC 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 topic is treated chorally to bring out diverse perspectives on the legal framework of the principles of the Lisbon Recognition Convention and on their implementation thanks to the presence of different stakeholders involved, coming from the Lisbon Recognition Convention Committee Bureau, the ENIC-NARIC networks, the European Student Union and the European University Association.
- 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 Erasmus+ programme as well in the framework of the Bologna Process: information provision for higher education institutions and students, substantial differences, micro-credentials, digitalisation and automatic recognition, recognition of qualifications held by refugees. Special attention will be given to the peer support method, which has proven to be crucial to supporting quality and cooperation in the field of recognition.

Please find this conference's agenda at the following link:

[http://www.ehea.info/Upload/TPG\\_LRC\\_Final\\_Conference\\_Draft\\_Agenda.pdf](http://www.ehea.info/Upload/TPG_LRC_Final_Conference_Draft_Agenda.pdf)

## Who can participate?

The seminar is **free of charge** and open to all those involved in the recognition of qualifications. The working language is **English**.

## Registration

To **participate in this virtual conference**, please complete the following **registration form** <https://forms.gle/sEi3e6obUsveD6xMA> by **21 May 2021**. All the participants will receive the link to the zoom meeting one day before the conference (on 24 May).

For further information, please contact: [eventi@cimea.it](mailto:eventi@cimea.it)



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