



Linking Academic Recognition and Quality Assurance

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Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the EHEA (ESG-2015)

ESG 1.4 Student admission, progression, recognition and certification

Fair recognition of higher education qualifications, periods of study and prior learning, including the recognition of non-formal and informal learning, are essential components for ensuring the students' progress in their studies, while promoting mobility. Appropriate recognition procedures rely on

- institutional practice for recognition being in line with the principles of the Lisbon Recognition Convention;
- cooperation with other institutions, quality assurance agencies and the national ENIC/NARIC centre with a view to ensuring coherent recognition across the country.

definitions

Academic recognition refers to a formal acknowledgment by a competent authority of the value of a foreign educational qualification with a view to access to educational activities. [LRC]

Quality assurance – an all embracing term referring to an ongoing, continuous process of evaluating (assessing, monitoring, guaranteeing, maintaining, and improving) the quality of a higher education system, institutions, or programmes. [UNESCO]

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**RECOMMENDATIONS
TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION
INSTITUTIONS**



- **Policies and Procedures**
- **Monitoring, Review, Acting Upon Feedback**
- **Set criteria and Indicators**
- **Promotion and Communication**
- **Consistency within a set infrastructure**
- **Liaising with ENIC/NARIC**
- **Sharing and learning**



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**RECOMMENDATIONS
TO
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ASSURANCE
AGENCIES**

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- **Recognition within EQA**
- **Criteria for inclusion in IQA**
- **Capacity of peers and consultation with specialists**
- **Thematic analysis**
- **Dialogue**

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENIC/NARIC CENTRES

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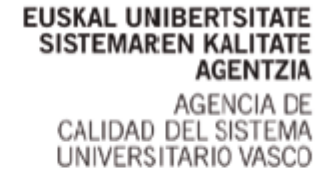
- **Streamlining of procedures and structures**
- **Information provision, tools, documents and training**
- **Development of services**
- **Collaboration with QA agencies**

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STAKEHOLDERS

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- **Awareness**
- **Transparency of systems**
- **Review and amendment of internationalisation codes**
- **Revision of frameworks**
- **Support for fair recognition**



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