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Automatic recognition in Kazakhstan

National focus group results

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Key challenges

- Centralised recognition system limits institutional autonomy
- Difficulties verifying foreign diplomas and accreditation
- Risks of fraudulent documents
- Administrative barriers (IIN, EDS, SIM requirements)
- Inconsistent practices across service centres

Key benefits

- Facilitates international student mobility
- Speeds up admission procedures
- Reduces administrative burden for universities
- Improves transparency and predictability
- Strengthens international trust and cooperation
- Effective in academic mobility (Learning agreements)
- Requires regulatory clarity and digital tools

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Netherlands: focus group on Automatic Recognition

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Challenges at Dutch HEI

AR is only known by admissions officers;	Difficult to reach policy makers, professors, examination committees at own institution;	Binary system of Dutch HE is less transparant for many applicants;	Automated procedures for foreign qualifications not yet well-developed.

Benefits of AR at Dutch HEI

- Consolidation of many years of de facto AR;
- Consistency, transparency and efficiency;
- NL being part of the multilateral agreement on AR;
- Extension of the multilateral agreement with more countries.

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San Marino: focus group and Automatic Recognition

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Automatic Recognition in San Marino

Automatic Recognition *ex lege*

- Agreement on the mutual recognition of university degrees issued in the Republic of San Marino and the Italian Republic for the purpose of continuing studies (ratified in San Marino through Council Decree of 20/11/2011, n. 145 and in Italy through Law 07/02/2013 n. 15

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Automatic Recognition in San Marino

Automatic Recognition *de facto*

- In the presence of complete documentation (diploma and diploma supplement), all academic qualifications awarded by a recognised higher education institution and belonging to a national higher education system within the European Higher Education Area are usually considered valid for the continuation of studies in San Marino.

N.B.

- Recognition is not admission
- Recognition prior verification of authenticity

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Recognition through application

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The validation or recognition of foreign studies and degrees for purposes related to:

- **the labour market or**
- **regulated professions**

is conducted through the assessment of documentation submitted by the applicant, attesting to the qualifications they have obtained

Main challenges and benefits

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Benefits

Facilitate mobility

Strengthen mutual trust

Challenges

Differences in national qualifications frameworks among the member states of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA)

Future Developments

CoE Automatic Recognition of Qualifications

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Ukraine: national focus group and Automatic Recognition

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Ukrainian National Focus Group

5 HEIs (public and private), different regions of Ukraine:

Benefits

- simplified procedures for applicants (students)
- more streamlined workflow for credential evaluators
- time and human resource savings
- reduced bureaucracy

Challenges

- differences between education systems
- lack of information
- lack of trust in foreign qualifications
- the need to develop digital tools

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