



Information about ENIC and NARIC centres

ENIC and NARIC centres – Who are we?

Established by the Council of Europe and UNESCO Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region (the Lisbon Recognition Convention), the ENIC and NARIC Networks are primarily concerned with ensuring that there is a fair and consistent approach to the recognition of qualifications. On that basis the networks operate in an international legal framework supporting the implementation of the Lisbon Recognition Convention as well as the European Union Directives on professional recognition and developing recognition policy and practices for the recognition of qualifications in the European Region.

What do we look like?

No two centres are the same and not all offer the same services or guidance. Each centre has a unique name that may or may not include 'ENIC' or 'NARIC'. Some have a public office, while others are a small department within another organisation or the Ministry of Higher Education.

What do we do?

- On a general level ENIC / NARIC centres focus on higher education, but some have also broadened their focus to all ranges of education including primary, VET and professional qualifications. Our stakeholders are also varied and include professional associations, VET stakeholders, education policy groups, etc.
- Centres are heavily involved in policy development; including in relation to higher education policy, immigration policy, internationalisation agendas, and mobility and the transparency of qualifications. They are often involved in the development of national qualification frameworks.

To contact the ENIC-NARIC Networks or their members, please check the contact details listed on: <http://www.enic-naric.net/>



Information about ENIC and NARIC centres and what they can do for you - Competent Authorities

You might work with an ENIC NARIC...

- To seek guidance on recognition decisions
- As part of the process of application for potential international members
- To understand potential new markets for membership or training provision
- To inform and support any mutual recognition agreements for professional status and practice with another country's competent authority / government.

You might work with the ENIC-NARIC Networks...

- To explore how the Networks work to improve recognition of professional qualifications
- To understand the impact of the different Network-wide projects and their impact on supporting a fair and consistent approach to recognition of professional qualifications
- ENIC-NARIC centres are also able to provide access to other resources on recognition.

You might want to work with other networks...

- If you need information on professional recognition arrangements related to Directive 2005/36/EC, you may wish to contact your National Contact Point for professional recognition (some of which are situated alongside the NARIC centre in that country). A full list is available at: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/single-market/services/free-movement-professionals/index_en.htm
- If you want more general information on the use of the Europass CV, Certificate Supplement to describe VET qualifications, the Diploma Supplement to describe HE qualifications, and the Europass Mobility to describe periods of training or work experience within Europe, please contact your National Europass Centre
- If you need information on the referencing of the National Qualification Frameworks to the EQF, please refer to your national contact point.

