

Towards an Automatic recognition

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The European Education Area by 2025

A Union where young people receive the best education and training and can study and find jobs across the continent



- ❖ **Spending time abroad** to study and learn is the standard
- ❖ School and higher education **diplomas are automatically recognised** across the EU
- ❖ **Speaking two languages, in addition to one's mother tongue**, is the norm
- ❖ **Educational excellence** is a reality for all, irrespective of people's **socio-economic background**
- ❖ People have a strong **sense of their identity as Europeans** and of Europe's cultural heritage and its diversity.

European Universities Initiative



- ✓ First Erasmus+ call launched in 2018
- ✓ Funding duration: 3 years
- ✓ EUR 60 million available for 12 alliances
- ✓ Deadline for submission 28 February 2019:
 - **54 applications**
 - **more than 300 HEIs involved, from all Member States**
- ✓ Evaluation procedure ongoing, results to be published end June
- ✓ High Level Conference on 7 November 2019
- ✓ Next Call published in Autumn 2019

Automatic Mutual Recognition

The Council Recommendation calls for establishing, by 2025, the steps necessary to achieve automatic mutual recognition of academic qualifications and outcomes of learning periods abroad for the purpose of further learning and without having to go through a separate recognition procedure.

Higher education institutions will remain free to make independent decisions on admission to their programs.

What is automatic recognition?

Automatic mutual recognition of a qualification: "the right for holders of a qualification of a certain level that has been issued by one Member State to be considered for entry to a higher education programme in the next level in any other Member State, **without having to go through any separate recognition procedure**. This shall not prejudice the right of a higher education institution or the competent authorities to set specific evaluation and admission criteria for a specific programme. It does not prejudice the right to check if the qualification is authentic."

What is automatic recognition?

Automatic mutual recognition of the outcomes of a learning period abroad: "the right to have the learning outcomes of a learning period recognised, as agreed beforehand in a learning agreement and confirmed in the Transcript of Records, in line with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). Concretely, it means applying the rule set out in the 2015 ECTS Users' Guide that state that all credits gained during the period of study abroad or during the virtual mobility – as agreed in the learning agreement and confirmed by the Transcript of records - should be transferred without delay and counted towards the students' degree **without any additional work or assessment** of the student."



How to get there

- Improved transparency and trust: quality assurance, qualifications frameworks, Bologna structure, course catalogues
- Main Commission actions:
 - 1) mutual learning and exchange
 - 2) development of digital tools
 - 3) synergies between EU transparency tools;
 - 4) European sources of funding

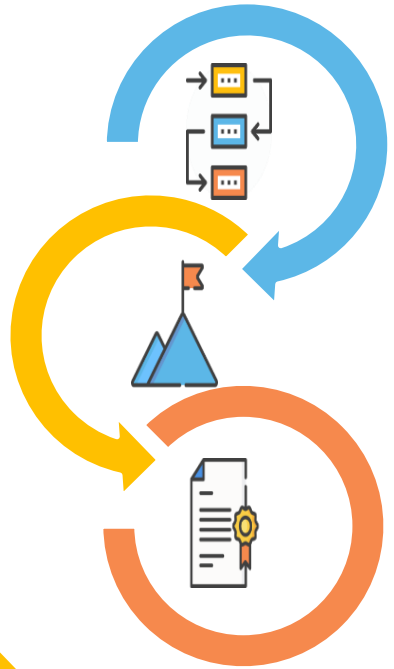


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Steps to be done by Member States

- ✓ ***Development of national guidance***
- ✓ ***Capacity building of NARICs***
- ✓ ***Communication and dissemination***
- ✓ ***Monitoring of automatic recognition of learning periods abroad and of qualifications***

Erasmus Charter for Higher Education



- ✓ A quality label for Erasmus
- ✓ Underlines principles that HEIs must respect to take part in Erasmus
- ✓ Adapted to reflect the changes in the new Erasmus programme:
 - Supporting automatic recognition of learning outcomes abroad;
 - Encouraging HEIs to support students in finding accommodation;
 - Making the programme more digitally- and environmentally-friendly



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