Introducing the Recognition of Prior Learning to Croatia to Support the Social Dimension

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What?

Recognition of prior learning = recognition of previous formal, informal and non-formal learning
- as defined by the COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION of 20 December 2012

...on the validation of non-formal and informal learning and Croatian legislation (HE and CROQF)

2. include, as appropriate, the following elements in arrangements for the validation of non-formal and informal learning, whilst allowing each individual to take advantage of any of these, either separately or in combination, in accordance with his/her needs:

(a) IDENTIFICATION of an individual’s learning outcomes acquired through non-formal and informal learning;
(b) DOCUMENTATION of an individual’s learning outcomes acquired through non-formal and informal learning;
(c) ASSESSMENT of an individual’s learning outcomes acquired through non-formal and informal learning;
(d) CERTIFICATION of the results of the assessment of an individual’s learning outcomes acquired through non-formal and informal learning in the form of a qualification, or credits leading to a qualification, or in another form, as appropriate;
Why?

- ‘Non-traditional’ students: mature students and students who volunteer/work

- Opening HE to other under-represented groups

- Making HE more flexible, student-centred and responsive to community needs

- Implementing the EHEA and EU objectives and policies
When?

- In Croatia, first steps by HEIs and NGOs already in 00s
- Legal framework fully developed by amendments in 2013 and 2018
- Erasmus+ projects, RPLinPractice and SIDERAL, launched in 2018
Who?

- Institutions, autonomously, within their QA systems

- RPLinPractice partner HEIs: University of Rijeka and University College Algebra

- RPL working group: UNIRI, Algebra, University of Zagreb, University of Split, Zagreb Polytechnic

- Additional 30+ HEIs participated in events and drafted ordinances (a new survey to be launched)
How?

- Pilot procedures, existing ordinances and peer-support → draft Guidelines to support HEIs (awaiting completion and publication)
- Workshops and events
- Peer network
- New National Plan; peer support
- From 2024: European Social Fund support for RPL, updating curricula and digitalisation
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