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New legal provisions
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Draft Act on Recognition of Foreign Education Qualifications

EPER project

Revision of legislation (in Croatia):

- Proposal of a new legal framework for recognition of foreign education qualifications in Croatia (draft Act on Recognition of Foreign Education Qualifications)
- Enhancement of procedures for academic recognition
- Encouraging development of internal and external quality assurance in recognition procedures



Draft Act on Recognition of Foreign Education Qualifications

Objective of the Draft Act:

- Improve the policy of recognition of foreign education qualifications in line with EU trends
- Remove the weaknesses of the existing legal and institutional framework



Draft Act on Recognition of Foreign Education Qualifications

The objective of the Draft Act:

- **Improve the recognition procedure** by enhancing the quality of information provision on foreign education qualifications, increasing transparency of recognition procedures, removing administrative barriers and providing the availability of information to citizens and institutions in Croatia



Draft Act on Recognition of Foreign Education Qualifications

- In line with the provisions of the "Council recommendation of 26 November 2018 on promoting automatic mutual recognition of higher education and upper secondary education and training qualifications and the outcomes of learning periods abroad."
- Aligned with Article VII of the Lisbon Recognition Convention



The Draft Act on Recognition of Foreign Education Qualifications

The Act on Recognition of Foreign Education Qualifications (Official Gazette No 158/03, 198/03, 138/06, 45/11)

- when it comes to the procedure of recognition of foreign education qualifications of the first cycle with the purpose of access to the second cycle, the double procedures take place
- recognition procedure is carried out at the central level (Offices for academic recognition) while the admission procedure is devolved to the components
- an administratively complex procedure, takes time so the applicant may not meet the conditions regarding the deadline for admission



New legal provisions for academic recognition

Draft Act on Recognition of Foreign Education Qualifications will:

- make the administrative procedures more coherent, simpler and more efficient
- merge the procedures of recognition and admission, to avoid double procedures related to academic recognition



New legal provisions for academic recognition:

Draft Act on Recognition of Foreign Education Qualifications:

- stipulates that the recognition of a foreign education qualification for the purpose of continuation of education should be carried out within the admission procedure
- introduces the possibility of automatic recognition
- contains a provision stipulating recognition of qualifications of refugees and displaced persons



New legal provisions for academic recognition:

1) Recognition of periods of study:

- is carried out at the HEI at which the applicant wishes to continue education
- recognition procedure will be carried out in line with the provisions of the Act on recognition of foreign education qualifications, legislation in the area of higher education and internal regulations of the HEI



New legal provisions for academic recognition:

2) Recognition for the purpose of continuation of education:

- recognition of a foreign education qualification attesting the completion of secondary education, for the purpose of enrolment in the study programme is carried out by the Central Applications Office (SPU)
- recognition of a foreign higher education qualification for the purpose of continuation of education is carried out by the HEI within the enrolment procedure or Central Applications Office with the advisory support of ENIC/NARIC



New legal provisions for academic recognition:

Automatic recognition:

The Central Applications Office (SPU) and HEIs will automatically recognize, within the application or enrolment procedure, the level of foreign education qualification acquired:

- in the country in which the national qualifications framework or systems are referenced to the European Qualifications Framework and Qualification Framework of the European Higher Education Area
- at the HEI where external quality assurance is carried out by an independent quality assurance agency registered with the European Quality Assurance Register (EQAR)



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