

Recognition of joint programmes – reflections based on projects: JOQAR (Joint programmes: Quality Assurance and Recognition of degrees awarded) and EAR (European Area of Recognition)

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ENIC-NARIC Networks

ENIC European Network of National Information Centres on academic recognition and mobility

- established by the Council of Europe and UNESCO
- provides information on the recognition of foreign qualifications, education systems, opportunities for studying abroad

NARIC National Academic Recognition Information Centres

- established by the European Commission
- aims at improving the academic recognition of qualifications and periods of study in the Member States of the EU, EEA and associated countries
- component of the Lifelong Learning programme

55 centres ENIC-NARIC centres

www.enic-naric.net

European Area of Recognition (EAR)

- Practical implementation of LRC based on existing good practice
- ENIC-NARIC networks
- Interest other regions (Asia Pacific, Africa)
- Included as recommendation in Bologna Bucharest Communiqué 2012
- www.eurorecognition.eu

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- **Content EAR Manual:**
- Schematic outline
- 16 practical chapters:
 - Flowchart
 - Introduction
 - Recommendation
 - Examples

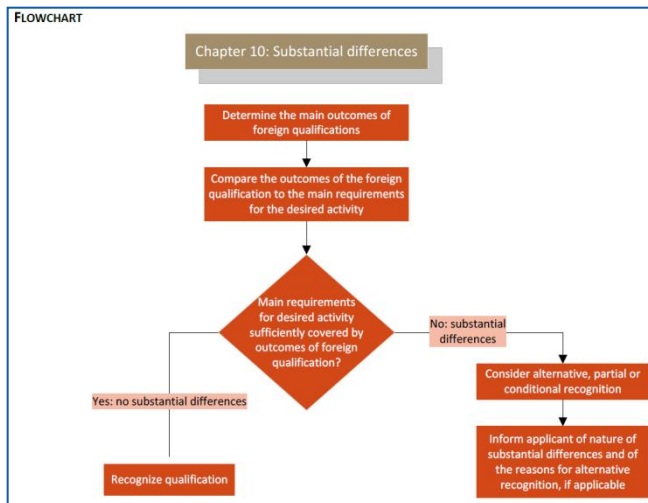


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Recognition process

- 1 Information and receipt
- 2 Verification completeness file
- 3 Verification institution and/or programme
- 4 Verification documents
- 5 Assessment qualifications
- 6 Outcome of assessment
- 7 Communication result procedure



Is the institution/programme recognised and authorized to award qualifications?

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General recommendations:

- Qualifications awarded by joint programmes should be assessed and recognised like any other degrees.
- Qualifications awarded by joint programmes should be recognised if there is a sufficient proof of quality.

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Specific recommendations:

- Check if all institutions involved in the joint programme were recognized and/or accredited in their home systems;
- Check if the joint programme was recognised by all participating institutions;
- Check what were the legal regulations regarding joint programmes in the countries involved in the joint programme / awarding of the joint degree.

JOQAR - project

- Partners: 4 ENIC/NARICs, 10 accreditation agencies
- **Overall aim:**
 - to ensure that joint programmes are facilitated in two specific areas: accreditation and recognition
- **Action lines:**
 - Cross-border quality assurance of joint programmes
 - Recognition of degrees awarded by joint programmes
- <http://www.ecaconsortium.net/main/projects/joqar>
- Dissemination conference 20-21 June, Madrid
www.ecaconsortium.net

- Consortium
- Joint programme
- Joint degree
- (joint) Diploma Supplement
- Other (joint) explanatory documentation
- Clarifying examples

Guidelines for Good Practice when Awarding Joint Degrees



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- Joint programme consortium
 - Legal issues
 - Institutional entitlement
- Institutions awarding joint degrees
 - Multiple degrees
 - Cover degrees
- Joint programme
 - Joint programme recognition
- Joint degree
 - Joint degree recognition

Framework for
Fair Recognition
of Joint Degrees

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Thank you for your attention!
Questions?

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