14th Joint Meeting of the ENIC and NARIC Networks
17 – 19 June 2007
Hotel Hilton Athénée Palace Bucharest
Bucureşti

DRAFT AGENDA

Directorate General IV: Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport (Directorate of School, Out-of-School and Higher Education – Higher Education and Research Division) of the Council of Europe, UNESCO European Centre for Higher Education (UNESCO-CEPES) and Directorate Life Long Learning: Education and Training, Programmes and Actions, Unit B4 Erasmus – Jean Monnet of the European Commission

ITEM 2

Document available on http://www.enic-naric.net/restricted
The 14th Joint Meeting of the ENIC and NARIC Networks will be held in București at Hotel Hilton, on 17 – 19 June 2007. The events related to the ENIC/NARIC meeting will start in the afternoon of Sunday, 17 June 2007, with a presentation of the higher education system in Romania. The business meeting will begin on Monday 18 June, at 09.00 and end around 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 19 June 2007. It will be followed in the afternoon of 19 June 2007 by the 4th Session of the Intergovernmental Committee of the Lisbon Recognition Convention (see Timetable attached). The ENIC/NARIC meeting will be chaired by Mr. Yves Beaudin (Canadian ENIC), President of the ENIC Network, and Mr. Ruard Wallis de Vries, European Commission, DGEAC/B4.

Introductory items

ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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Action: Adoption


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The Secretariats will provide brief reports on activities of relevance to the ENIC and NARIC Networks.

Action: Taking note

Recognition issues within the European Region

ITEM 4: SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES

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Action: advice to the Working Party and the Secretariats
The participants in the meeting of ENIC Bureau and NARIC Advisory Board held in December 2006 agreed on the development of an approach to the issue of substantial differences based on the sharing of experiences of credential evaluation. In this respect, there will be elaborated a series of four case studies for credential evaluation that would be relevant for eventual substantial differences. The fictitious cases may be related to real cases, but any concrete references are excluded. The cases will be presented to the Networks, allowing for sharing experiences and giving advice to the Working Party on the future work. Four working groups will be ad-hoc established for analyzing each case. The solutions emerging out of the group analysis will circulate from one group to the other. The outcomes of such an analysis will be finally presented in the plenary session.

**Action:** if appropriate, advice to the ENIC Bureau, the NARIC Advisory Board and the working group on further activities

**ITEM 5: RECOGNITION ISSUES IN THE EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION AREA**

**Document:** London Communiqué


**Speakers:** Mr Sjur Bergan, Council of Europe
Mr Andrejs Rauhvargers, Secretary-General, Latvian Rectors’ Council and Chair of the Stocktaking Working Group 2005-2007

Under this item, the Networks are invited to review developments within the Bologna Process of relevance to recognition issues particularly in the context of the follow-up of the Bologna Conference on “New challenges in recognition” (Riga, 26-27 January 2007) and of the London Communiqué, with a view to considering future action and activities.

**Action:** take note and advice to the ENIC Bureau, the NARIC Advisory Board and national centres.

**ITEM 6: THE VALUE OF COMPETENCES FOR CROSS-BORDER RECOGNITION: PRESENTATION OF PROJECT RESULTS**
The Dutch NARIC and UK-NARIC have jointly carried out in 2006/2007 a project called *Competences in Education and Cross-border Recognition (CoRe)*. The goal of this project was to investigate whether the degree profiles and learning outcomes, as being developed in the TUNING-project, are relevant to the recognition practice of the ENIC/NARIC networks. In short, the TUNING-project aimed at making study programmes comparable and compatible, at facilitating transparency and academic recognition at European level and at building trust between institutions, by offering a methodology to assure and enhance the quality of study programmes.

During the CoRe-project, a practical exercise of credential evaluation has been performed in order to get a realistic insight in the usability of the degree profiles as formulated by TUNING. The profiles of a number of Bachelor and Master programmes from different countries and from the subject areas History, Chemistry, Business Administration and Nursing have been evaluated. The design, results and recommendations of the CoRe-project will be presented.

**Action:** take note

**ITEM 7: DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT**

Following the proposals made by Bureau of the Lisbon Recognition Convention Committee at its November 2006 meeting, further analysed by the ENIC Bureau and NARIC Advisory Board, proposals were formulated with regard to the modification of the Explanatory Notes to the Diploma Supplement - notably with regard to the developments of qualifications frameworks, joint degrees transnational education and quality assurance. The proposed changes in the Explanatory Notes are presented in the attached track-changes document. The ENIC Network is invited to consider these proposals in its role as a preparatory body for the Lisbon Recognition Convention.

**Action:** advice to the Lisbon Recognition Convention Committee.
Recognition issues between the European Region and other parts of the world

ITEM 8: WAYS AND AREAS OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN ENIC/NARIC NETWORKS AND OTHER UNESCO REGIONS

Item 8.1: Cooperation with the Mediterranean Region (MERIC)

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Speaker: Ms Nedžada Faginović, President of the MERIC Network, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bureau and Advisory Board are invited to consider cooperation with the MERIC network, including its relationship to the ENIC-NARIC list server.

Action: advice to the Secretariats

Item 8.2: Relations between the ENIC/NARIC Networks and other UNESCO Regions

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Chairperson: - Mr Sjur Bergan, Council of Europe

Speakers:
- Mrs Stamenka Uvalić-Trumbić, ED/HED/RIQ, UNESCO
- Prof. Sherif Kansouh, Supreme Council of Universities, Egypt
- Ms Molly Lee, Coordinator APEID, UNESCO Bangkok, Thailand
- Dr. Ramzi Salamé, Senior Specialist, UNESCO Beirut Office, Lebanon
- Ms Mary Finlay, Department of Education, Science and Training, Australia

Through the UNESCO Regional Committees, the ENIC and NARIC Networks interact with recognition specialists in other parts of the world. Representatives of UNESCO Committees on Recognition Conventions will be invited to presents the developments in their regions and to further consider improving the cooperation with the Europe Region.

Action: advice to the ENIC Bureau, the NARIC Advisory Board and the Secretariats.
**ITEM 9: ELECTRONIC PROVISION OF INFORMATION**

**Item 9.1 ELCORE**

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*Speaker:* Mr Eric Schwartz, Chairperson ELCORE, Canada

Further to the adoption of the coordination model for the ENIC-NARIC website and to the offer made by UNESCO-CEPES to host and ensure the technical maintenance, development and design of the site, the ELCORE group met in December 2006 and March 2007 to draw the agenda for further activities. A report will be presented to the Networks with regard to the progress made on various sections of the website and the possible involvement of some national centres in the electronic provision of information on recognition.

*Action:* advice to the ENIC Bureau, the NARIC Advisory Board, the ELCORE Working Party and the Secretariats.

**Item 9.2 Electronic Resources for Evaluation**

*Document:* None

*Speaker:* Ms Nina Kowalewska, Member of the ENIC Bureau, Sweden

Use of Internet has become indispensable for everyone who has to evaluate a foreign credential. What can you find on the Internet? Is the information reliable? The presentation will show practically how you can get access to new resources, with a special focus on finding the formal status of institutions of higher education.

**Item 9.3: UNESCO Portal on Recognized Higher Education Institutions**

*Documents:* Pilot Project presentation

*Speaker:* Mrs Stamenka Uvalić-Trumbić, Chief of Section ED/HED/RIQ, UNESCO Paris

Further to the elaboration of the UNESCO/OECD *Guidelines on Quality Provision in Cross-Border Higher Education*, UNESCO proposes to launch, in partnership with OECD Member States and other interested partners, a “pilot project” on an international portal on recognized higher education institutions.
aimed at increasing the transparency of quality provision in cross-border higher education. The first meeting of the steering committee of the project was held in Paris on 13-14 November 2006.

The ENIC and NARIC Networks are invited to take stock of the UNESCO’s initiative on the Portal on Recognized Higher Education Institutions and identify ways of cooperation in the field.

*Action:* advice to the UNESCO Secretariat, if appropriate

**ITEM 10: RECOGNITION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE**

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*Speakers:* Ms Françoise Profit, Head of French NARIC
Mr Fabrice Henard, AERES, France

Following the discussions at the 2006 Networks meeting, cooperation between ENIC/NARIC Networks and ENQA are to be materialized in future joint activities focused on information provision, transnational education and the Diploma Supplement. The Networks will be informed on these developments.

*Action:* Taking note, advice to the ENIC Bureau and NARIC Advisory Board and the Secretariats, if appropriate.

**Closing items**

**ITEM 11: ELECTION OF THE NARIC ADVISORY BOARD**

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The NARIC Network is invited to elect the three members of the NARIC Advisory Board for the period 2007 – 2008.

*Action:* Election

**ITEM 12: ELECTION OF THE ENIC BUREAU**

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The ENIC Network is invited to elect its President and two Vice-Presidents for the period June 2007 - June 2008. The Secretariat background document outlines the rules and procedures for the election.

Action: Election

ITEM 13: EU COMMISSION INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS 2007

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Speaker: Mr Ruard Wallis de Vries, European Commission

ITEM 14: THE 2008 ENIC/NARIC MEETING

Document: none

The 15th Joint Meeting of the ENIC and NARIC Networks, to be held in 2008, will be hosted by Malta. Brief information on the organization of the meeting will be provided.

Action: Taking note; if appropriate, advice to the organizers, the ENIC Bureau, the NARIC Advisory Board and the Secretariats

ITEM 15: ANY OTHER BUSINESS