

Bologna Thematic Peer Group B on Key Commitment 2: National legislation and procedures compliant with the Lisbon Recognition Convention



2nd TPG B on LRC meeting Online meeting - 18th January 2022 Preparatory note

Objective

The meeting is aimed at sharing experiences to optimise the use of digital technology and the **Diploma Supplement for the recognition agenda**. The meeting offers an opportunity to gain knowledge about initiatives and practices carried out at international level as well as to share practices implemented at national level in smaller working groups.

Background information

Data from the survey among the TPG B members and consultative members distributed in June 2021¹ shows that the interest of the group is mainly focused on the development of digital platforms for secure data exchange, digital credentials and online recognition services.



Figure 1: Key words included in the survey.

Starting from the results of the survey and from the discussion occurred during the <u>first TPG B</u> <u>meeting</u> (14th of September 2021) three different dimensions of digitalisation are addressed:

- i. Secure, trusted, and transparent data provision.
- ii. Platforms for credential sharing.
- iii. Criteria and principles of the LRC applied to the digitisation of the recognition process.

¹ The questionnaire was sent to the TPG B members on 24th June 2021, the first deadline to submit it was on 23rd July 2021 and then extended until 3rd September 2021.



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Contents of the meeting

The meeting is divided into two main sessions:

- Plenary discussion to provide an overview of the latest developments in the field. For each of the three dimensions of digitalisation, experts directly involved in initiatives implemented at international level present their hands-on experience: (i) the DEQAR database; (ii) Europass and EBSI initiatives; (iii) DigiNet and DigiRec projects.
- **Working groups** to share the main challenges and solutions for the implementation of the three dimensions of digitalisation at national level.

Working groups

As stated above, the specific goal of the working groups is to share the main challenges and solutions for the implementation of the three dimensions of digitalisation at national level.

Participants are divided into **three working groups**, addressing the dimensions of digitalisation, on the basis of the preference indicated in the registration form.

In each group reflection will be guided by the following questions:

Group 1 on platforms for credential sharing

- What are the main challenges when it comes to storing, managing and sharing verifiable, trusted and unchangeable educational credentials using digital systems?
- What are possible solutions to overcome the mentioned challenges?

Group 2 and 3 on criteria and principles of the LRC applied to the digitisation of the recognition process

- What are the main challenges related to the digitisation of the recognition process?
- What are possible solutions to overcome the mentioned challenges?