

The work of the Thematic Peer Group B on the implementation of the Lisbon Recognition Convention

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TPG B on LRC - Composition (2021-2024)

Co-chairs (3)

- Albania, France, Italy

Members (45 – 39 countries; 7 consultative members; EC)

- Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium Flemish Community, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Council of Europe, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, EI - ETUCE, EQAR, Estonia, ESU - European Students' Union, EUA, EURASHE, European Commission, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, The Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, UNESCO, United Kingdom

Thematic orientation

6 thematic
priorities for
the TPG B

Optimising the potential of digital technology for the recognition
agenda and the Diploma Supplement

Recognition of alternative pathways

Achieving automatic recognition

Establishing the distribution of work and responsibilities

Ensuring the fair recognition of qualifications held by refugees

Establishing the legal framework to allow the implementation of
the LRC

Main activities



Survey among TPG B members	Gaining a picture of the current state of play (June-September 2021)
7 TPG B meetings	Sharing of achievements reached so far and further steps
3 public seminars	Facilitating stakeholder engagement and improving cooperation. Topics: recognition of alternative pathways; automatic recognition; digitalisation
Ad hoc peer support and staff mobility	Based on the needs expressed by the TPG B members

Monitoring

2 questionnaires aimed at:

- highlighting the actions undertaken by each member towards the implementation of the key commitment 2.
- measuring to what extent the work done within the TPG B has contributed to the implementation of the key commitment 2.
- First questionnaire: Winter 2022 (16 respondents). Results presented during the 4th TPG B meeting (January 2023).
- Second questionnaire: at the end of the working period.

1st meeting - 14 September 2021 (online)

Participants: 47 (28 countries, 5 consultative members, EC)



Defining the workplan of the group

1. Plenary: the implementation of the Bologna key commitment 2 from different angles:

- the 2020 Bologna Implementation Report
- the monitoring of the implementation of the Lisbon Recognition Convention
- the Bologna with student eyes 2020

Presentation of the **results of the survey** distributed among the TPG B members

2. Working groups on the TPG B Workplan



2 main sessions

2nd meeting - 18 January 2022 (online)

Participants: 55 (27 countries, 4 consultative members, EC)



Sharing experiences on **digital technology** and the **Diploma Supplement** for the recognition agenda



2 main sessions

1. **Plenary:** developments and practices in the three dimensions of digitalisation

- Secure, trusted, and transparent data provision
 - Database of External Quality Assurance Results (DEQAR)
- Platforms for credential sharing
 - Europass
 - European Blockchain Services Infrastructure (EBSI)
- Criteria and principles of the LRC applied to the digitisation of the recognition process
 - Digital Innovations in Credential Evaluation and the Networks (DigiNet) and Digital Student Data & Recognition (DigiRec)

2. **Working groups** on the **dimensions of digitalisation**

3rd meeting and peer support activity

9-10 June 2022, Sèvres (France)

Participants: 33 (22 countries, 5 consultative members)



TPG B
meeting

1. **Plenary:** present practices, tools and normative instruments to support recognition of qualifications from Ukraine. Updates on the TPG A and TPG C as well as on the EU funded project TPG-LRC CoRE



Peer
support

2. **Peer support activity**

- Peer support activity 1 on digitalisation for the recognition agenda
- Peer support activity 2 on recognition of alternative pathways

Public seminar - recognition of alternative pathways

Date:

9 June 2022, Sèvres (France)

Participants:

60

Main topics:

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL),
recognition of non-traditional learning and
micro-credentials

4th meeting - 24 January 2023 (online)

Participants: 46 (26 countries, 4 consultative members, EC)



Sharing experiences on the distribution of work and responsibilities and on the state of art of the EU funded project TPG-LRC CoRE



2 main
sessions

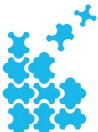
1. Plenary:

- Panel discussion on distribution of work and responsibilities among the competent institutions that carry out recognition procedures
- Research and publications within the TPG-LRC CoRE project:
 - Micro-credentials: practical guidance to develop, assess, quality assure and issue them
 - Digital technology and recognition: tools and standards at our disposal
 - Quality as a trust-enhancing tool enabling recognition

2. Working groups on **Micro-credentials**, **Digital technology** for the recognition agenda, **Quality of recognition**



bologna
process



EUROPEAN
Higher Education Area

5th meeting and peer support activity

27 April 2024, Tirana (Albania)

Participants: 39 (22 countries, 6 consultative members)



Sharing experiences on establishing the legal framework to allow the implementation of the LRC



TPG B
meeting

1. Plenary

- Monitoring the implementation of the Lisbon Recognition Convention
- Open discussion on the 2022 monitoring report on the implementation of the Lisbon Recognition Convention
- Matchmaking activity on the staff mobility



Peer
support

2. Peer support activity

Peer support activity on the distribution of work and responsibilities among the competent authorities that carry out recognition procedures.

Public seminar – automatic recognition

Date:

28 April 2023, Tirana (Albania)

Participants:

87

Main topics:

Setting the context on automatic recognition;
Different approaches to automatic recognition;
Transversal solution to support automatic
recognition

Participation in TPG B meetings

Country	First TPG B meeting	Second TPG B meeting	Third TPG B meeting	Fourth TPG B meeting	Fifth TPG B meeting
Albania	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Armenia	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Austria	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Azerbaijan	Yes	No	No	No	No
Belgium Flemish Community	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Bosnia and Herzegovina	No	No	No	No	No
Bulgaria	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Council of Europe	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Croatia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cyprus	No	No	No	Yes	No
Czech Republic	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Denmark	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
EI-ETUCE	No	No	No	No	No
EQAR	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Country	First TPG B meeting	Second TPG B meeting	Third TPG B meeting	Fourth TPG B meeting	Fifth TPG B meeting
Estonia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ESU	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
EUA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
EURASHE	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
European Commission	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
France	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Georgia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Germany	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greece	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Holy See	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Hungary	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Ireland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Italy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kazakhstan	Yes	No	No	No	No
Latvia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lithuania	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

Country	First TPG B meeting	Second TPG B meeting	Third TPG B meeting	Fourth TPG B meeting	Fifth TPG B meeting
Malta	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Moldova	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
The Netherlands	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
North Macedonia	No	No	No	No	No
Norway	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Poland	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Portugal	No	No	No	No	No
Romania	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Marino	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Slovak Republic	No	No	Yes	No	No
Spain	No	No	No	No	No
Sweden	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Switzerland	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Ukraine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
UNESCO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
United Kingdom	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes

TPG B – ongoing and planned actions

TPG B meetings

- 6th TPG B meeting – 1 February 2024 (online)
- 7th TPG B meeting – tentative date 24 April 2024 (according to the Ministerial conference)
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Public seminars (in conjunction with the face-to-face meetings)

- Seminar on digitalisation
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Ad-hoc peer support activity and staff mobility

- Staff mobility
- Series of three Peer Learning Activities (PLAs) on digital solutions for the recognition agenda
- Further activities based on the needs expressed by the TPG members
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Cooperation among the three TPGs

- Updates from the TPGs co-Chairs during the TPG meetings
- Joint document on micro-credentials

Staff mobility - participating countries

Country	Matched Country chosen
Ireland	Sweden
Romania	Lithuania
Lithuania	Italy
Georgia	Italy
Armenia	Italy
France	Italy
Italy	France
San Marino	Greece
Albania	Norway
Azerbaijan	Norway
Austria	Ongoing
Croatia	Ongoing

2 calls for application:

- 1st deadline 15 June 2023
- 2nd deadline 15 September 2023

To be organised

- by 31 January 2024

Duration

- max 5 days

Output required

- report of the main outcomes

Financing

- within the umbrella project
TPG-LRC CoRE

PLAs on digital solutions for recognition agenda

Three PLAs : input, throughput and output phases of the recognition process

- First PLA input 18 September 2023 (24 participants)
- Second PLA throuput 18 October 2023
- Third PLA output 21 November 2023

Umbrella project (co-funded by Erasmus+)



TPG-LRC Constructing Recognition in the EHEA (TPG-LRC CoRE)

Partners

	Country	Institution
1	Italy	CIMEA
2	Albania	Associated partner
3	Estonia	HARNO
4	France	FEI
5	Netherlands	Nuffic
6	Sweden	Swedish Council for Higher Education
7	International	ESU
8	International	EQAR
9	International	EUA

Work packages

- WP1. Support to the organisation of the TPG B meetings
- WP2. Organisation of public seminars (on alternative pathways, digitalisation and automatic recognition)
- WP3. Research and publications
- WP4. Transnational peer support activities
- WP5. Project management, quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation
- WP6. Dissemination and sustainability

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TPG-LRC Constructing Recognition in the EHEA (TPG-LRC CoRE)

Research and publications

4 Working groups established:

WG1 on micro-credentials (EUA, IT, NL)

Deliverable – Publication on micro-credential and recognition targeted to HEIs.

Online meetings on: - 21 September 2022

- 24 October 2022
- 20 November 2022
- 11 January 2023
- 14 July 2023

WG2 on digitalisation (EQAR, IT, NL)

Deliverable – Document focused on digital technology for the recognition agenda and the Diploma Supplement.

Online meetings on: - 23 September 2022

- 28 October 2022
- 19 December 2022
- 24 February 2023



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TPG-LRC Constructing Recognition in the EHEA (TPG-LRC CoRE)

Research and publications

4 Working groups established:

WG3 on quality of recognition (EE, EQAR, ESU, EUA, NL)

Deliverable – Report identifying potential gaps and containing recommendations for higher education institutions to improve the quality of their recognition processes.

Online meetings on: - 28 September 2022

- 6 December 2022

- 25 January 2023

WG4 on European Degree (EE, EQAR, EUA, IT)

Deliverable – Document on the European degree from the recognition perspective.

The WG will start working on a later stage.



Thanks!

