

# Thematic Peer Group B on the implementation of the Lisbon Recognition Convention

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# Overview of the presentation



TPG B Work Plan



Main activities carried out



Next steps

# TPG B Work Plan

## 01

### General information

- Introduction and mandate of the TPG B on LRC
- Thematic orientations
- Working methodology
- Monitoring/outcomes
- Timeframe
- Composition of the Peer Group

## 02

### Country Profiles

- Description of the situation in the key commitment 2
- Progress to be achieved by 2024
- Concrete actions to be undertaken

# Thematic orientation

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6 thematic  
priorities for  
the TPG B

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

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Recognition of alternative pathways.

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Achieving automatic recognition.

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Establishing the distribution of work and responsibilities.

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Ensuring the fair recognition of qualifications held by refugees.

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Establishing the legal framework to allow the implementation of the LRC.

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# Methodology and monitoring

## Working methodology

- Peer support approach
- Mix of panel meetings and smaller group activities

## Monitoring of the outcomes

- Based on the country profiles
- 2 questionnaires (summer 2022 and at the end of the working period)

# Main activities

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7 TPG B  
meetings

Sharing of achievements reached so far and further steps.

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3 public  
seminars

Facilitating stakeholder engagement and improving cooperation

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Ad hoc peer  
support and  
staff mobility

Based on the needs expressed by the TPG B members

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# TPG B on LRC - Composition (2021-2024)

## Co-chairs (3)

- Albania, France, Italy

## Members (47 – 39 countries; 7 consultative members; EC)

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

# Country Profiles (i)

## 38 Completed Country Profiles

Albania	Czech Republic
Armenia	Denmark
Austria	Estonia
Azerbaijan	France
Belarus	Georgia
Belgium Flemish Community	Germany
Belgium French Community	Greece
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Holy See
Bulgaria	Ireland
Croatia	Italy



## Country Profiles (ii)

### 38 Completed Country Profiles

Kazakhstan

Poland

Latvia

Portugal

Lithuania

Romania

Luxembourg

Russian Federation

Malta

Serbia

Montenegro

Slovenia

the Netherlands

Spain

North Macedonia

Switzerland

Norway

Ukraine

# 1<sup>th</sup> TPG B meeting

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## **Date:**

14 September 2021 (online)

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## **Participants:**

51 (28 countries and 6  
consultative members)

# Objective and contents of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting



## Defining the work plan of the group



2 main sessions

**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 Work Plan.**

[Relevant materials and agenda](#)

# 2<sup>th</sup> TPG B meeting

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## **Date:**

18 January 2022 (online)

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## **Participants:**

52 (28 countries, 5 consultative members and EC)

# Objective and contents of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting



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.**

# Website updated

## Thematic Peer Group B on the Lisbon Recognition Convention (TPG B on LRC)

In September 2018, the BFUG formally established this **Thematic Peer Group B on the Lisbon Recognition Convention (TPG B on LRC)** - more specifically on Key Commitment 2 (national legislation and procedures compliant with the **Lisbon Recognition Convention**) - based on the interests and needs indicated by the BFUG members and Consultative members in a survey conducted during the summer of 2018.

Specific thematic indications include topics such as:

- establishing the legal framework to allow the implementation of the LRC,
- establishing the distribution of work and responsibilities among the competent institutions that have the right knowledge and capacity to carry out recognition procedures,
- achieving automatic recognition,
- recognition of alternative pathways,
- qualifications held by refugees,
- optimising the potential of digital technology for the recognition agenda and the Diploma Supplement.

[Action plan of the Thematic Peer Group B on the Lisbon Recognition Convention \(last update 28.01.2022\)](#)

### TPG B on LRC Meetings

[TPG B on LRC Meetings 2021-2024](#)

[TPG B on LRC Meetings 2018-2020](#)

### COMPOSITION (2021-2024)

#### Co-chairs

- Albania
- France
- Italy

#### Members

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

### Recognition

[READ MORE](#)

Workplan updated on 28.01.2022

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the page [www.ehea.info/page-TPG-B-on-LRC-Meetings-2021-2024](http://www.ehea.info/page-TPG-B-on-LRC-Meetings-2021-2024). The page features a navigation menu with 'HOME', 'TPG B ON LRC MEETINGS 2021-2024', 'EHEA', 'TOPICS', and 'EVENTS'. The main content area is titled 'TPG B on LRC Meetings 2021-2024' and contains the following information:

### 1. First Meeting of the TPG B on LRC, online, 14 September 2021

In this first meeting of the group members were introduced and discussed the Bologna Key Commitment 2 on national legislation and procedures compliant with the Lisbon Recognition Convention seen from various viewpoints. The outcomes of the survey among TPG B members were shared, followed by a discussion on the upcoming 2021-2024 work plan.

[Minutes of this meeting](#)

Presentations and documents of this meeting

- [Agenda of the Meeting](#)
- [Preparatory Note](#)
- [Introduction to the Peer Support approach and composition of the TPG B on LRC](#)
- [Current trends in recognition: the view from the Bologna Process Implementation Report, 2020](#)
- [Monitoring the implementation of the Lisbon Recognition Convention](#)
- [Outcomes of the survey on interests and priorities of the TPG B](#)

### 2. Second Meeting of the TPG B on LRC, online, 18 January 2022

The meeting was aimed at sharing experiences to optimise the use of digital technology and the Diploma Supplement for the recognition agenda. It offered 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.

[Minutes of this meeting](#)

Presentations and documents of this meeting

- [Agenda of the Meeting](#)
- [Preparatory Note](#)
- [Objectives of the meeting](#)
- [Overview of the TPG B Work Plan: main objectives, outcomes, and monitoring mechanism](#)
- [EBSI Diploma Use case: the decentralized way](#)
- [Digitising credential evaluation in line with the LRC. Findings from the DigNet and Dig@Rec projects](#)

# 3<sup>rd</sup> TPG B meeting / 1

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## Date:

8-9-10 June 2022 (in presence;  
seminar in hybrid form)

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8/06 Consortium meeting TPG-  
LRC CoRE

9/06 TPGB meeting

10/06 Public seminar on  
RPL/validation of non formal  
learning

# 3<sup>rd</sup> TPG B meeting / 2

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Need and offer from each country (matchmaking also in the view of staff mobility)

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Peer support activities on the 6 thematic indications (starting with countries' experiences and practices according to the survey and the WPs)

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Presentation of the umbrella project (and of other projects relevant for recognition?)

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Input from co-chairs of the other TPGs on WP/topics of interest for recognition

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Update from the BICG



# Public seminar

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Recognition of alternative pathways

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Validation of non-formal learning

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Recognition of Prior learning

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Recognition of non traditional learning

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Recognition of micro-credentials

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Alternate panel with smaller groups work

# Umbrella project

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

Duration: 36 months

**Objective:** supporting the implementation of the Bologna Process focusing on the **key commitment 2 on national legislation and procedures compliant with the Lisbon Recognition Convention** in the countries being part of the Thematic Peer Group B (TPG B).

## 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
- WP3. Research and publications
- WP4. Transnational peer support activities
- WP5. Project management, quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation
- WP6. Dissemination and sustainability

# Umbrella project

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

WP1. Support to the organisation of the TPG B meetings: in line with the BICG guidelines, 2 TPGB meetings per year will be organised for a total of **5 meetings** (3 online and 2 face to face events).

WP2. Organisation of public seminars: 3 public seminars on the sub-topics identified by the TPG B as the most relevant ones within each thematic indication:

- Alternative pathways with a focus on: micro-credentials, recognition of Prior Learning and stand-alone qualifications and recognition of non-formal and informal learning [The topic of micro-credentials will be addressed transversally by the three TPGs and the contents will be built on the recommendations from the MICROBOL project].
- Digital technology and recognition with a focus on sharing good practices and tools employed by the group members.
- Achieving automatic recognition with a focus on: I) quality of recognition and the implementation of the ESG 1.4. II) the European degree.

WP3. Research and publications: micro-credentials for HEIs

WP4. Transnational peer support activities: staff mobility activity (20 participants selected through a call for application will spend 5 days in a partner institution of their choice). Uncertainty of the situation due to the COVID-19: peer support activities and PLAs an alternative activity

WP5. Project management, quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation

WP6. Dissemination and sustainability

Thanks!

