

BOLOGNA BOARD

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REPORT ON NATIONAL ACTION PLANS FOR RECOGNITION

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In the London Communiqué, Ministers stated (in para. 2.6):

There has been progress in the implementation of the Lisbon Recognition Convention (LRC), ECTS and diploma supplements, but the range of national and institutional approaches to recognition needs to be more coherent. To improve recognition practices, we therefore ask the Bologna Follow-up Group (BFUG) to arrange for the ENIC/NARIC networks to analyse our national action plans and spread good practice.

The ENIC Bureau and the NARIC Advisory Board have now appointed a working group to undertake this task. The working group includes representatives of the ENICs/NARICs of Armenia, Austria, Cyprus, Finland, France and Italy as well as the Chair of the Bologna Stocktaking Group (Latvia). In order to provide a broader perspective on the discussions, the European Student Union as well as a representative of New Zealand (the education representative of the New Zealand mission in Bruxelles) are members of the group, for which the Council of Europe provides the Secretariat. The European Commission and UNESCO/CEPES also participate in the work.

The Working Party held its first meeting on December 5, 2007. It decided to analyze the national action plans on recognition submitted by (almost) all members of the Bologna Process in 2007 with a view to identifying:

- common points in the action plans;
- important issues on which action plans may diverge;
- points inadequately covered by the action plans;
- measures the ENIC and NARIC Networks may take to help with the implementation of the national action plans.

At its first meeting, the Working Party asked the Council of Europe Secretariat and the Chair of the Bologna Stocktaking Group to deepen the preliminary analysis undertaken so far. The Working Party will meet again on April 3.

The Working Party aims to present a preliminary report at the joint ENIC/NARIC meeting in Malta on June 15 – 17, 2008 and to submit its final report to the BFUG by the end of 2008.