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**LIREQA:**

**Linking  
Academic Recognition and  
Quality Assurance**

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## RATIONALE

Ministers of Education in Yerevan in May 2015 endorsed the revised Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European of Higher Education Area (ESG), and within ESG 1.4 there is a clear expectation to align institutional recognition with principles of the LRC, and to foster cooperation with other institutions, quality assurance agencies, national ENIC/NARIC centres.

## AIM

Project aims at contributing to fair recognition of qualifications by developing recommendations to relate academic recognition and both internal and external quality assurance.

### **NARIC partners:**

- AIC (which also acts as external QA agency) [Latvia]
- EP-Nuffic [The Netherlands]
- NOKUT (which also acts as external QA agency) [Norway]
- SKVC (which also acts as external QA agency) [Lithuania] - coordinator

### **Non-NARIC partners:**

- ANECA (National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation of Spain, Madrid)
- AQU Catalunya (Catalan University Quality Assurance Agency, Barcelona)
- CTI (Commission des Titres d'Ingénieur, which is a quality agency for engineering education in France)
- ENQA (European Association for Quality Assurance of Higher Education, Belgium)

### **Advisory Group:**

- President of Intergovernmental Lisbon Recognition Convention Committee (LRC) Committee
- Representative of ESU
- Representative of higher education institutions, coming from EUA
- External expert, former member of NARIC Advisory Board.

- **Desk research** on linkages between academic recognition and QA.
- **Mapping of practices and exploring expectations:**
  - **survey of ENIC/NARIC** centers regarding potential on cooperation with QA agencies and how they can contribute toward linking QA and recognition;
  - **survey of QA agencies** on currently implemented external QA mechanisms and how they (will) cover new expectations under European Standards and Guidelines for QA in EHEA (ESG) 1.4 to align institutional practices for recognition to LRC and develop cooperation with ENIC/NARIC centres;
  - **survey of HEIs** to explore the level of inclusion of recognition activities into internal QA systems and best practice in the field.
- **Developing recommendations** for ensuring fair recognition via QA and promoting best practice:
  - for ENIC/NARIC centres how they can contribute toward quality assurance of recognition activities and use their results,
  - for QA agencies to address recognition via external quality assurance mechanisms,
  - proposals for HEIs for their internal QA of recognition services,
- **Validation and dissemination** within ENIC/NARIC networks and centers, QA network and centres, HEIs – both on European level and within countries of project partners.

## Work in the project + finances

### distance

- Work, according to the Activity plan, days for each partner indicated
  
- Three meetings planned:
  - the kick-off in Vilnius (March 17th, 2017) - 2 days of travel, daily subsistence costs per person in Lithuania are 183 eur; allocated amount for travel per return journey is 430 eur
  - a partner meeting in Spain (between Dec 2017 – Jan 2018) - 2 days of travel, daily subsistence costs per person in Spain are 212 eur, budgeted price per return journey is 430 eur
  - the final conference in Vilnius (Oct – Nov 2018) - 2 days of travel, daily subsistence costs per person in Lithuania is 183 eur, price per return journey is 430 eur.

### Face to face

***We are building our work on***



**ENQA working group  
on QA and recognition**

**FAIR project  
(Focus on Automatic Institutional  
Recognition)**

**Other sources as indentified in the  
desktop research**

*Our today's work mostly should focus on*

**Survey of  
QA agencies**

**Survey of  
HEIs**

**Survey of  
ENIC/NARIC  
centres**



**Good luck to us all!**