

## AGENDA

### Removing obstacles to recognition of qualifications

**22-23 September 2014**

Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, Zagreb, Donje Svetice 38

**Organisers:** Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia (MSES); Education Reform Initiative of South Eastern Europe (ERI SEE), Regional Cooperation Council.

### 22 September 2014 (Monday)

#### Meeting of the Bologna Follow-up Regional SEE Working Group on Recognition of Qualifications

##### Objectives:

Follow-up to the meeting held in September 2013 in Dubrovnik, creating synergy between BFUG activities in the area of recognition of qualifications with activities of ERI SEE and other regional initiatives including Regional Platform for Benchmarking and Cooperation in Higher Education and Research.

**Participants:** Representatives of ministries of education participating in the activities of the Bologna Follow-up Group and representatives of ENIC offices.

<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b> (level -1)
<b>13:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Participants registration</b> (fourth floor)
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Introduction and presentation of the Final Report of the BFUG Path-finder Group on Automatic Recognition</b> Ana Tecilazić Goršić, BFUG member Croatia, MSES  <b>Discussion</b>  <b>Short overview of Draft Terms of Reference of the BFUG Regional SEE Working Group on Recognition of Qualifications and proposals for activities in 2015 taking into consideration SEE Strategy 2020</b> Loredana Maravić, MZOS

	<b>Tour de Table on proposals of activities in 2015</b>
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	<b>Tour de Table – continued</b>  <b>Conclusions</b>
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Dinner (for all participants)</b>

**23 September 2014 (Tuesday)**

**Seminar on Removing Obstacles to Recognition of Qualifications by Aligning National Legislation with UNESCO/Council of Europe/BFUG standards**

**Objectives:**

- To upgrade competencies for amending national legislative framework on recognition of qualifications in line with the UNESCO/CoE *Recommendation on the use of Qualification Frameworks in the recognition of foreign qualifications* (a subsidiary text to the Lisbon Convention) and the Bucharest Communiqué: 'We are determined to remove outstanding obstacles hindering effective and proper recognition and are willing to work together towards the automatic recognition of comparable academic degrees, building on the tools of the Bologna framework, as a long-term goal of the EHEA. We therefore commit to reviewing our national legislation to comply with the Lisbon Recognition Convention'.
- To provide a forum for discussing possible policy solutions.

**Participants:** Representatives of ministries of education, ENIC/NARIC offices, government agencies for education, Regional Cooperation Council, European Training Foundation.



<b>09:00-9:30</b>	<b>Participants registration</b> (ground floor)
<b>9:30 – 9:40</b>	<b>Welcome address</b> Prof. Ružica Beljo Lučić, Assistant Minister, MSES
<b>9:40 – 11:00</b>	<p><b>First session: National legislative framework on recognition: examples of good practice</b></p> <p>Moderator: Ana Tecilazić Goršić, MSES</p> <p><b>Presentation of national legislative framework on recognition</b> Country case: Slovenia Sabina Zajc, ENIC/NARIC, Ministry of Education, Science and Sports of the Republic of Slovenia.</p> <p><b>Review/comments</b> Nicolae Postavaru, President of the Romanian National Qualifications Authority</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
<b>11:00-12:00</b>	<p><b>Second session: Draft national legislative framework on recognition: example of reform initiative</b></p> <p>Moderator: Loredana Maravić, MSES</p> <p><b>Draft Proposal of the Act on Recognition of Foreign Education Qualifications in the Republic of Croatia</b> Ana Tecilazić Goršić, MSES</p> <p><b>Review/comments</b> Filippo Del-Ninno, European Training Foundation, Torino, Italy</p>
<b>12:00 – 13:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b> (level -1)
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<p><b>Third session: Evidence base for reform initiatives</b></p> <p>Moderator: Ana Tecilazić Goršić, MSES</p> <p><b>Evidence base for upgrading the recognition of qualifications in Serbia</b> Natalija Konjević, ENIC office, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology Development of the Republic of Serbia</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>



	<p><b>Evidence base for upgrading the recognition of qualifications in Kosovo</b> Atdhetare Kelmendi, NARIC Office, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Kosovo*</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
<b>14:30-14:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>14:45 – 15:30</b>	<p><b>Fourth session: Further activities</b></p> <p>Moderator: Ana Tecilazić Goršić, MSES</p> <p><b>Survey on recognition of degrees of other countries in the region (cross-recognition)</b> Sabina Zajc, ENIC/NARIC, Ministry of Education, Science and Sports of the Republic of Slovenia</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>

\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.