

Digitizing credential evaluation in line with the LRC

Findings from the DigiNet and DigiRec projects

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Starting point

- Digitization is happening (input, throughput, output)
- Digitization <u>does not equal</u> fair and smooth recognition



DigiRec & DigiNet projects

- **DigiRec** (2018 2020)
 - → relationship between **digital student data** & LRC-compliant **credential evaluation**
- **DigiNet** (2020 2022)
 - practical implementation of LRC-compliant digital solutions
 - o ENIC-NARICs of NL, CA, DE, EE, FR, IT, PL & SE
 - Steering Group: IAU, GDN, EMREX



practical guidelines report (TPB 2022)



LRC principles & the potential of digitalization

Digitizing learner data & recognition workflows can support:

- convenience of access;
- fair, transparent and consistent procedures through smart and interoperable databases;
- secure and verifiable authenticity;
- **automatic recognition** through trusted sources
- (turnaround) time and cost-efficiency;
- data-control (for both learner & ENIC-NARIC);

... if implemented in line with LRC/EAR-manual good practices.



Towards tapping the full potential: implementation

Input

(data received)

- Prepare to cater for different (authorized) data sources, data standards and data maturity levels
- Aim to advance the data maturity level; e.g. paper →
 PDF → structured data

Throughput

(processing & evaluation)

- Develop smart, interoperable and privacy-protected systems
- Integrate trusted sources to support automation
- Support developments for standardization
- Review processes against LRC and include in QA



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Output

(recognition statement)

- Deliver digital output that supports the digital learner data ecosystem:
 - multi-format delivery
 - security and privacy-compliant
 - verifiable and revocable
- Aim for learner-centred datamodels (e.g., self-service options)
- Foster a "digital culture" among stakeholders to increase acceptance



Thank you!

• Discuss in the working group,

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The project Digital Innovations in Credential Evaluation and the Networks (DigiNet) aims to support the implementation of efficient and transparent digitization strategies for credential evaluation. This will lead to faster and more consistent recognition practices, automatic recognition and less paperwork for applicants.



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