The work of the Thematic Peer Group B on the implementation of the Lisbon Recognition Convention

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4th TPG B on LRC meeting
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TPG B on LRC - Composition (2021-2024)

Co-chairs (3)

- Albania, France, Italy

Members (44 – 37 countries; 7 consultative members; EC)

- Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium Flemish Community, Bulgaria, Council of Europe, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, EI - ETUCE, EQAR, Estonia, ESU - European Students' Union, EUA, 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, San Marino, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, UNESCO, United Kingdom

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Thematic orientation

6 thematic priorities for the TPG B	Optimising the potential of digital technology for the recognition agenda and the Diploma Supplement.
	Recognition of alternative pathways.
	Achieving automatic recognition.
	Establishing the distribution of work and responsibilities.
	Ensuring the fair recognition of qualifications held by refugees.
	Establishing the legal framework to allow the implementation of the LRC.

Main activities

Survey among TPG B members	Gaining a picture of the current state of play (June-September 2021)
7 TPG B meetings	Sharing of achievements reached so far and further steps.
3 public seminars	Facilitating stakeholder engagement and improving cooperation. Topics: recognition of alternative pathways; automatic recognition; digitalisation
Ad hoc peer support and staff mobility	Based on the needs expressed by the TPG B members

1st meeting - 14 September 2021 (online)
Participants: 51 (28 countries and 6 consultative members)

Defining **the work plan of the group**

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**.

2 main sessions

Relevant materials and agenda

2ⁿᵈ meeting - 18 January 2022 (online)

Participants: 52 (28 countries and 5 consultative members)

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**.

3rd meeting and peer support activity

9-10 June 2022, Sèvres (France)

Participants: 52 (28 countries and 5 consultative members)

TPG B meeting

1. **Plenary**: present practices, tools and normative instruments to support recognition of qualifications from Ukraine. Updates on the TPG A and TPG C as well as on the EU funded project TPG-LRC CoRE.

Peer support

2. **Peer support activity**

- Peer support activity 1 on digitalisation for the recognition agenda

- Peer support activity 2 on recognition of alternative pathways:

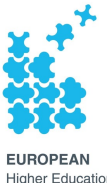# Public seminar - recognition of alternative pathways

Date:

9 June 2022, Sèvres (France)

Participants:

60

Main topics:

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), recognition of non-traditional learning and micro-credentials

TPG B – ongoing and planned actions (1)

TPG B meetings
- 4° TPG B meeting – 24 January 2023 (online)
- 5° TPG B meeting – 27-28 April 2023 (Albania)
- 6° TPG B meeting – January 2024 (online)
- 7° TPG B meeting – May 2024 (TBD according to the Ministerial conference)

Public seminars - in conjunction with the face-to-face meetings
- Seminar on automatic recognition (27-28 April 2023)
- Seminar on digitalisation

Ad-hoc peer support activity and staff mobility
- Staff mobility (questionnaire + matchmaking activity at the spring 2023 meeting)
- Further activities based on the needs expressed by the TPG members

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Umbrella project (co-funded by Erasmus+)

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

Partners

Work packages

	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

WP1. Support to the organisation of the TPG B meetings

WP2. Organisation of public seminars (on alternative pathways, digitalisation and automatic recognition)

WP3. Research and publications

WP4. Transnational peer support activities

WP5. Project management, quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation

WP6. Dissemination and sustainability

TPG B – ongoing and planned actions (2)

Research and publications

- 4 Working groups established
    - WG1 on micro-credentials (EUA, IT, NL)
    - WG2 on digitalisation (EQAR, IT, NL)
    - WG3 on quality of recognition (EE, EQAR, ESU, EUA, NL)
    - WG4 on European Degree (EE, EQAR, EUA, CIMEA, SE) start working at a later stage

The WGs will work on documents/studies focused on the mentioned topics

Questionnaire on the monitoring of the Action Plan of the TPG B

Most useful activities carried out in the TPG B for the implementation of Key Commitment 2 at national level

- Discussion improved on:
    - automatic recognition,
    - digitalisation,
    - micro-credentials
    - qualifications held by refugees
    - optimising the potential of digital technology for the recognition agenda and the Diploma Supplement.

- Practice sharing and networking

- Stakeholders engagement

Questionnaire on the monitoring of the Action Plan of the TPG B

Suggestion to improve the work of the TPG B

- Gathering precise information on the LRC implementation status going directly into the analysis of national legislation and practices of ENICs-NARICs

- Sthrenghtening the dialogue with competent authorities

- Enhancing cooperation with non-EU countries and their NICs

Thanks!