

# Reposnses to the DS questionnaire

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# I. Updates from the 2015 Bologna Process implementation report

1. Is the Diploma Supplement cited in national legislation?

- ▶ Yes, it is (5)

2. *Is the Diploma Supplement issued to all Bachelor Degree graduates?*

- ▶ Yes, it is (4)
- ▶ *IN SOME CASES IT IS ISSUED ONLY ON REQUEST*

3. *Is the Diploma Supplement issued to all Master Degree graduates?*

- ▶ Yes, it is (4)
- ▶ *IN SOME CASES IT IS ISSUED ONLY ON REQUEST*

#### ***4. Is the Diploma Supplement issued for other types of undergraduate or postgraduate higher education qualifications?***

- ▶ *NO (2)*
- ▶ Diploma Supplement is also issued for the postgraduate HE studies
- ▶ Diploma Supplement is issued for the “Executive Master” which belongs to the third cycle of studies.

#### ***5. Is the Diploma Supplement issued to all PhD graduates?***

- ▶ *No, it is not (3)*
- ▶ *IN A FEW CASES (1)*

#### ***6. Is the Diploma Supplement issued automatically?***

- ▶ *Yes, it is (4)*
- ▶ *NOT ALWAYS (1)*

#### ***7. Is the Diploma Supplement issued free of charge?***

- ▶ *Yes, it is (5)*

#### ***8. Is the Diploma Supplement issued also in a widely spoken European language?***

- ▶ *Yes, it is (5) - English*

## II. Monitoring

**1. Does your country monitor how higher education institutions use the Diploma Supplement? (If yes, please provide details of this monitoring and most recent findings)**

- ▶ SURVEY IN COLLABORATION WITH THE EUROPASS NATIONAL CENTRE (IT)
- ▶ There is no established monitoring system at national level (AL, AM, AT, RO).

**2. Does your country monitor how employers use the Diploma Supplement? (If yes, please provide details of this monitoring and most recent findings)**

- ▶ NO (5)
- ▶ One country is planning to do so

**3. Does your country produce a “user guide” or other form of guidelines (for HEIs, employers, etc.) on how the DS should be used? (If yes, please provide more details)**

- ▶ There are no guidelines (3)
- ▶ YES, WE HAVE PRODUCED GUIDELINES AND EXAMPLES FOR HEIs (1)
- ▶ *User’s Guide developed on the basis of DS Explanatory notes and Founding principles and general guidelines for those producing supplements. However, it is not widely used by the HEIs. (1)*

#### **4. What type of information is usually introduced in the “Additional information” area of the Diploma Supplement?**

- ▶ Official website of the HEI (2),
- ▶ the HEI’s Performance Book,
- ▶ Ministry of Education’s website,
- ▶ information on mobility
- ▶ studies taken abroad in the frame of double degree or joint program.
- ▶ *all extra-curricular activities carried out by the graduate, with or without credits*
- ▶ information on the case of transferred studies from another HEI, or within a HEI,
- ▶ Information on the previous studies in case of studies completion,
- ▶ other information regarding previous HE studies

#### **5. Is there any document (regulatory act or by law) that regulates the diploma supplement release by HEIs?**

- ▶ Yes (5)

**6. Is the information provided in the section 5.2 standardized (based on national list of professions or other documents) or it is provided case by case by HEIs?**

- ▶ *standardized - based on national list of professions/NQF/Specialties and specializations (2)*
- ▶ *+HEIs also state what the qualification holder is capable to do at the labor market (1)*
- ▶ **GENERAL GUIDELINES ARE PROVIDED (1)**
- ▶ This information is standardized only for regulated professions only, referring to the relevant legislation, it is actually the intention to standardize it and link it with the list of professions (1)

**7. In the section 3.1 is provided only the NQF or also EQF?**

- ▶ *NQF - which is based on the EQF (2)*
- ▶ **BOTH (1)**
- ▶ There are no links to NQF or EQF in this section. The new NQF will be approved soon (1)

# III. Diploma Supplement revision

1. What type of information do you consider that the Diploma Supplement should include?

- ▶ **PERIODS OF STUDY ABROAD (2)**
- ▶ transferred studies from another HEI.
- ▶ **Information to identify the Programme as a Joint or Double Degree Programme (3)**
- ▶ **GRADE DISTRIBUTION TABLES / Transcript of Records (3)**
- ▶ **Grading scheme**
- ▶ **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**
- ▶ previous studies including the field (2)
- ▶ **THE LEARNING OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAMME (2),**
- ▶ Link with the list of professions (2).
- ▶ **Reference to respective level within the NQF/EQF**
- ▶ **accreditation/recognition status of the programme or University delivering the studies (3)**
- ▶ **Reference to respective ISCED code**
- ▶ An extra field for doctoral programmes
- ▶ **Minimum duration of the study Programme**

## ***2. Are there any initiatives or policies towards the digitization of the Diploma Supplement in your country? (if yes, please provide more details)***

- ▶ Yes, we intend to digitalize it at national level in order to be printed automatically than for each student. (2)
- ▶ the digitalization of DS issuance at national level is already in place
- ▶ digitalization of DS has been piloted (1)
- ▶ No initiatives

## ***3. Do you consider that the language used is easily understood by the intended users? If not, how do you think it should be formulated?***

- ▶ *Generally it is easily understood (3)*
- ▶ *SOME HEADINGS SHOULD BE CLARIFIED, LIKE “COURSE REQUIREMENTS” INTO “LEARNING OUTCOMES”*
- ▶ The question on 5.2 Professional Status may cause some confusion it can be simplified and made more explicit.
- ▶ in some cases it is needed some improvement on section 2.1 and 2.2 since in some cases is not easily understood the exact name of the study program and there is a confusion between the qualification, the name of the study program and the field of studies



***4. Do you consider that the current format is relevant and up to date for the purposes of mobility and the recognition of qualifications?***

- ▶ *Generally yes, but it could be improved.*
- ▶ *ON THE WHOLE THE FORMAT IS OK, IT IS THE INFORMATION PROVIDED THAT SHOULD BE MORE ACCURATE.*
- ▶ *No, it is not fully relevant to the current situation and the expansion of mobility and jointly delivered programs.*

***5. Do you consider that the Diploma Supplement template should be used in vocational education as well?***

- ▶ *YES (4)*

► Thank You!