

Workshop on the International Recognition of Degrees and Diplomas in Croatia

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Introduction to Nuffic/CIRC and its projects

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- Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation in Higher Education
- *Linking knowledge worldwide*

Main departments:

- development cooperation
- internationalisation
- marketing of Dutch higher education
- international credential evaluation
(CIRC)



CIRC

Centre for International Recognition and Certification

To foster international mobility by evaluating credentials and other proofs of formal and non-formal education and work experience

The Netherlands ENIC/NARIC

Main tasks:

- Credential evaluation
- Accreditation of Prior Learning
- Consultancy, Projects and Communication

Credential evaluation

Characteristics:

- academic recognition and professional recognition
- advice, no decision
- 8,000 written evaluations per year

Credential evaluation

- clients:
 - government
 - universities/*hogescholen*
 - employers/job offices/professional bodies
 - refugee organisations
 - diploma holders
- free of charge or paid for
- incoming/outgoing

Consultancy and Communication

Consultancy:

- Setting up or auditing of other recognition centres
- Implementation of EU General Directives on professional recognition

Communication:

- Websites
- Internet based manual

Consultancy: Academic Recognition



Setting-up recognition offices/networks

- Tempus/MEDA: Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Tunisia
- Tempus/Socrates: Montenegro
- Tempus/JEP: Russian Federation

Training courses in credential evaluation

- EC: On-line course for NARIC employees
- Bureau CROSS: Moscow + St. Petersburg



Consultancy: Professional Recognition

Matra-projects

- Latvia
- Poland
- Czech Republic

Recent EU-projects

- Estonia
- Poland
- Czech Republic

Matra-project in the Czech Republic

Recognition of Professional Qualifications

- 1.5-year programme
- Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs
- Organizations involved:
 - Nuffic
 - Colo
 - VTL



Matra-project in the Czech Republic

Goals

The development of:

- **Awareness of professional recognition**
- **A methodology for professional recognition**
- **An institutional infrastructure**
- **Relevant procedures**
- **Information services**