



*Workshop on the International Recognition  
of Degrees and Diplomas in Croatia*

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**Institutional structure and procedures of  
academic recognition in the Netherlands**

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# *Information on Evaluation of Diplomas*

## Information on Recognition Procedures:

### ➤ **Nuffic**

Higher education and general secondary education

### ➤ **Colo**

Vocational secondary education

## Application for a diploma evaluation:

### ➤ **Nuffic + Colo**

Information Centre for Credential Evaluation (IcDW):  
back office

### ➤ **Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment**

125 Centres for Work and Income (CWI):

front office

# *Information Circuit*

**Nuffic + Colo**  
*www.nuffic.nl and www.colo.nl*

**Higher Education Institution**

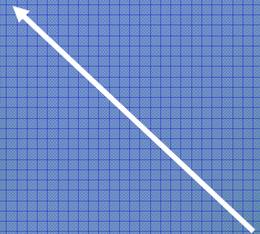
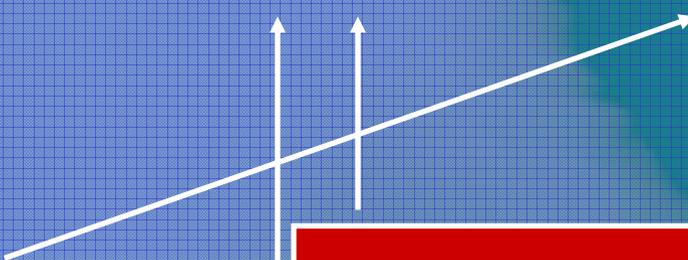
**IcDW**

*www.idw.nl*

**Applicant**

**CWI**

*www.cwinet.nl*

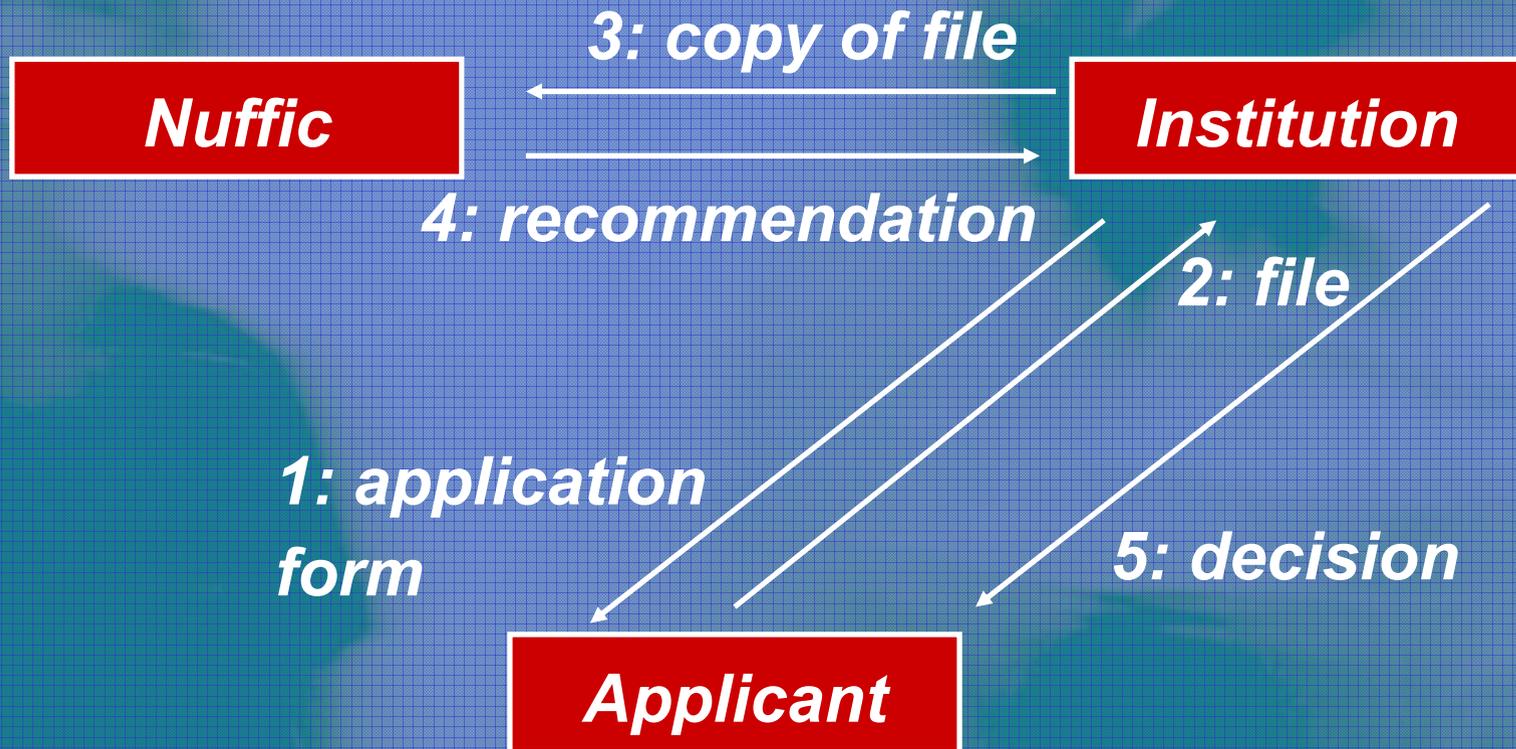




## *Maintenance of Dutch Structure*

- For each higher education institution, the information circuit should be kept up-to-date
- Each higher education institution has to organise its own procedures for application and appeal
- Change in staff at a higher education institution should not lead to knowledge and experience being lost

# *Recognition Procedure*



# *Recommendations of Foreign Qualifications*

## **Recommendations Nuffic**

- **Remarks regarding authenticity of diplomas**
- **Accreditation status of the programme/institution**
- **Purpose of the programme**
- **Rights of admission to further study programmes**
- **Main contents of the programme (thesis/practice)**
- **Admission requirements**
- **Nominal duration of the programme**
- **Substantial differences with Dutch programme?**



# *Key Elements of Recognition Procedure*

- Expertise of Nuffic on application of the Lissabon Convention is used
- Expertise of Nuffic on international credential evaluation is used
- International networks of Nuffic (ENIC/NARIC) may be consulted
- Expertise of the higher education institution is used to evaluate essential elements of educational programmes