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## STUDYING ABROAD

As countries have different education and qualifications systems, employers or higher education institutions abroad do not necessarily understand your qualification. Applying for credential evaluation/recognition is often the essential step when planning to study or to work abroad. It assists you and foreign organisations to understand how your qualifications relate to those in the foreign country.

In order to know the details about an official national credential evaluation centre/service, the first step is to contact the national authority in charge of higher education issues in the country where you need an evaluation: please note that each country has specific rules and procedures to evaluate foreign qualifications (within and outside EU as well), therefore an existing procedure, centre or typology of qualification in your country, could not exist in another one.

No two education systems are alike. This is why there are different structures, typology of institutions, qualifications and recognition procedures in each country: one element (i.e. qualification, institution, structure) that exists in an educational system of one country may not exist in another. Furthermore, a qualification or an institution may have similar names, but have a different meaning and nature within different national higher education systems. As a consequence, it is essential to know the unique elements of different educational systems in order to be able to evaluate a foreign qualification or to understand the level and the nature of a study programme abroad.

There are two main typologies of information sources on higher education systems:

- **official sources**, created by the authorities within a country to officially present their system
- **international sources**, created by different organisations/institutions (at national/sub-national or international levels) in order to collect information on different higher education systems.

### Official sources of information

In order to obtain verified and official information on national higher education systems, the first source of information is the national competent authority in charge of the higher education sector (i.e. Ministry of Education, Council of HED, etc.).



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ENIC-NARIC centres created and maintain their respective Country Page (see the list of countries on the **right column**) up-to-date with official information on:

- National Information Centres
- National education bodies- System of education
- University education
- Quality Assurance in Higher Education
- Post-secondary non-university education
- Recognised higher education institutions
- Policies and procedures for the recognition of qualifications
- Recognition of Qualifications held by Refugees
- Qualifications Framework
- Diploma Supplement Information

## **International sources of information**

Considering that some official information is available only in respective national languages, which are often not accessible for the general public, some international organisations, networks, credential evaluation services and ENIC-NARIC centres have created different sources of information (i.e. databases, country profiles, etc.) in order to present different elements of national higher education systems. The majority of those international sources are created to answer national needs

## **Non-exhaustive list of international information sources (available free of charge)**

[EU Commission: Eurypedia - The European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems](#)

[EACEA - Overview of the Higher Education Systems in Erasmus+ Partner Countries](#)

[UNESCO - International Bureau of Education \(Country Dossiers\)](#)

[IAU - List of Universities in the World](#)

[IAU - Database on higher education systems worldwide](#)

[ANABIN Database \(DE\)](#)



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[APARNET - The Asia Pacific Academic Recognition \(Country Reports\)](#)

[Alberta International Qualifications Assessment Service \(IQAS\) - Education Overview Guides](#)

[CICIC - Country Education Profiles \(EN, FR\)](#)

[CIMEA - Banca dati dei sistemi universitari \(IT\)](#)

[CIMEA - MAGNA CUM LAUDE: A Worldwide database of University Grading Systems](#)

[NAFSA - Guide to Educational Systems Around the World](#)

[Nordic National Recognition Information Centres \(NORRIC\) - Countries and regions \(Study Visits\) \(SE, EN\)](#)

[NUFFIC - Country modules \(EN, NL\)](#)

[Organisation de Estados Iberoamericanos \(Sistemas Educativos Nacionales\) \(ES\)](#)

[QQI – International Qualifications Database \(EN\)](#)

[Swedish NARIC Portal for Recognition of Foreign Qualifications \(SE\)](#)

The [European Recognition Manual for HEIs](#) (third edition, 2020) is a recognition manual for credential evaluators: it has been developed as part of the European Area of Recognition Project (EAR). It contains shared standards and clear guidelines on all aspects of the recognition of foreign qualifications and aims to provide the credential evaluators from higher education institutions with a practical tool how to apply the principles of the Lisbon Recognition Convention in their daily recognition work.

The manual is based on the EAR manual, which use has been endorsed by the 47 Ministers of Education from the European Higher Education Area in the 2012 Bucharest Communique. The EAR HEI manual has been developed in close cooperation with higher education institutions and contains examples and topics that are specific to the reality of credential evaluation in higher education institutions.



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In general, the EAR HEI manual aims to create more clarity regarding recognition practices in all European countries and to contribute to a joint recognition area of higher education, in which all European countries practice a similar methodology in the recognition of qualifications, based on commonly agreed standards and guidelines. The manual makes the recognition procedures transparent to all stakeholders directly or indirectly involved in recognition: credential evaluators, higher education institutions, learners and policy officers.

## [EAR manual](#)

The information in this document has been taken from ENIC-NARIC, ENIC meaning European Network of Information Centres in the European Region and NARIC standing for National Academic Recognition Information Centres in the European Union. The reference website is [www.enic-naric.net](http://www.enic-naric.net)



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## VOLUNTEERING ABROAD

**Volunteering abroad** is also a clue issue for teenagers and young adults.

Therefore, below a link for students to access where they can get information to do some volunteer work abroad.

They are different possibilities they can choose from, some of them imply family accommodation, appair Systems, some others consist on working for volunteering entities. They can even receive the information on their Mobile phones.

The information is in Catalan because it is a Catalan entity but the links it leads to can be understood by any European Student because they are in English.

<https://vibria.org/>

In the same way, the information below contain links to anybody planning to work or study abroad.



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## OPORTUNITATS PER A MENORS

Enllaços d'interés

### - Estadets en grup -

1- INTERCANVIS JUVENILS

- ENTITATS: La Vibria Intercultural, Catalunya Voluntària, Associació mundus

2- CAMPS DE TREBALL

- PER EUROPA: Cocat.org, DeAmicitia.org
- PER CATALUNYA O ESPANYA: Sci-cat.org (majors de 18)



### - Estadets en família -

- ALLOTJAMENT EN FAMILIES: Afs-intercultural.org, Homestay, Homestaybooking

- INTERCANVIS EN FAMILIES: Lingoo, Into.es, Yespain.org

- AUPAIR (mín. 16 anys): Iapa (agència), AupairWorld (sense agència)



### - Cursos d'idiomes -

- Aseproce: Associació promotora de cursos d'idiomes a l'estranger



### - Altres opcions -

- CEJ: Cos Europeu de la Solidaritat (majors de 18)

- VOLUNTARIATS ALTERNATIUS (majors de 18 o amb pares): Workaway, Helpx

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