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Recognition of degrees awarded by joint programmes

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Landscape, Portrait or Still- Life?



TEAM² Project (2008-2010)

Exploration of
recognition issues

ENIC/NARIC Network
Survey and Workshop

The recognition of
qualifications awarded
by joint programmes



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Several concerns raised...

“..lack of appropriate legal provisions in the national legislation..”

“..compatibility of qualification with national regulations of the countries concerned..”

“..Insufficient information about the joint programme itself and the institutions..”

“..not clear who provides quality assurance: national agencies in each country or one of the participant countries..?”

Overcoming challenges...

Guidelines for Good Practice
for Awarding Joint Degrees

Framework for Fair Recognition
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Guidelines for
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The consortium

The joint programme

The joint degree

The diploma supplement

Other documentation

Framework for
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Guidelines for Good Practice regarding the Joint Degree

- 3.1. The joint degree is awarded in accordance with the legal frameworks governing the awarding institutions and is recognised as a joint degree in the higher education systems of the awarding institutions;
- 3.2. The joint degree includes reference to all relevant (sub)national legal frameworks in accordance to which the degree was awarded; 
- 3.3. References to higher education institutions (logos and/or full names) are limited to the awarding institutions/authorities, i.e. only the institutions that award this joint degree;
- 3.4. The joint degree is only signed by the competent authority/-ies representing the awarding institutions; 
- 3.5. The joint degree includes the qualification's full name(s) as recognised in all the relevant legal frameworks; 
- 3.6. If the consortium has agreed on one responsible institution (such as a coordinating institution or a contact point), this is indicated on the joint degree (e.g. next to the name of that institution).

Guidelines not clear?

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- Examples can help...

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Example: *If a German, a Polish and an Italian higher education institution issue a joint master's degree, it should normally include the following qualifications:*

- *'Master xxx' (which is the German qualification),*
- *'Magister xxx' (which is the Polish qualification) and*
- *'Laurea Magistrale xxx' (which is the Italian qualification) on the joint degree.*

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*“...looking for evidence to **PROVIDE**
rather than **DENY** recognition.”*

“As you will learn from this document, the best way to deal with joint degrees is (a) to accept you don't need to know everything, and (b) to know when the information and/or evidence gathered is sufficient to recognise or recommend recognition.”

Framework for
Fair Recognition
of Joint Degrees



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Case study: Provide or Deny recognition?

Conclusion regarding institutional recognition

The participation of a legitimate but non-recognised provider can be accepted if the other recognised and degree-awarding institutions have assumed full responsibility for the joint programme provided.

*facilities for the joint programme offered but without recognition as a higher education institution. The joint degree is awarded by **all** the institutions involved.*

Case study: Provide or Deny recognition?

Conclusion regarding joint degree recognition

Failure to fully satisfy requirements regarding the award of a joint degree included in the corresponding regulatory framework can be accepted if the overall joint degree awarding is legitimate and bona fide.

stipulated language.

Other valuable information included in the publications

- **The proliferation of joint programmes and joint degrees**
- **Joint Programme Terminology**
- **Information and evidence**

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Thank you for your attention

