

AGENDA

33rd Annual Joint Meeting of the ENIC-NARIC Networks

24-26 May 2026

Athens, Greece

SUNDAY, 24 MAY 2026

- 9:00-14.30 **SOCIAL ACTIVITY** – *Temple of Poseidon, Cape Sounion*
- 17:00-17:30 **REGISTRATION** – *Acropolis Museum, Auditorium “Dimitrios Pantermalis”, Dionysiou Areopagitou 15, Athens*
- 17:30-18:30 **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ACADEMIC RECOGNITION IN GREECE**
- ~ Professor Dimitris Bourantonis, General Secretary for Higher Education at the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs, and Sports
 - ~ Professor Orestis Kalogirou, President of the Board, DOATAP
- 18:30-22:00 **SOCIAL PROGRAMME AND WELCOME RECEPTION**
- Guided tour of the Acropolis museum, followed by a guided walk to Aigli Zappeiou (Zappeion Garden) for networking activities and a welcome cocktail.*

MONDAY, 25 MAY 2026

Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center, (364 Andrea Syggrou Ave. Kallithea), The Lighthouse

09:00-09:30 **REGISTRATION**

09:30-09:45 **ITEM 1: WELCOME ADDRESSES**

- ~ Sofia Zacharaki, Minister of Education, Religious Affairs, and Sports
- ~ Professor Orestis Kalogirou, President of the Board, DOATAP
- ~ Vasiliki Athanasopoulou, Head of the General Directorate, DOATAP

09:45-10:00 **ITEM 2: OPENING REMARKS AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

- ~ Co-Secretariats
- ~ Acknowledgement of the reports of the Secretariats

10:00-10:45 **ITEM 3: KEYNOTE SPEECH**

- ~ “Artificial Intelligence and the Certification of Learning” by Professor Phil Newton, Swansea University

10:45-11:05 **ITEM 4: NEWS FROM THE ...**

- ~ Lisbon Recognition Convention Committee – Allan Bruun Pedersen, President of the LRCC
- ~ ENIC Bureau and NARIC Advisory Board: Workplan 2025-2027 – Hanna Reczulska, Vice-president of the ENIC Network
- ~ ELCORE Working Group – Nathanaël Poli, ELCORE Chair

11:05-11:15 **ITEM 5: JOINT ENIC-NARIC CHARTER OF ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

- ~ Chiara Finocchietti, ENIC President

11:15-11:45 **HEALTH BREAK** (*by the Lighthouse*)

11:45-13:15 **ITEM 6: WORKSHOPS ROUND 1**

- ~ 6.1: AI & Education Fraud: Opportunities and Threats - *The Lighthouse*
- ~ 6.2: Education as a Migration Pathway: Crises, Policies, and Recognition Challenges in International Student Mobility - *Maker Space*
- ~ 6.3: Making progress on (automatic) recognition in school education and VET - *Multifunctional Space 2*
- ~ 6.4: Sharing is caring. Information exchange as catalyst for quality recognition? - *Multifunctional Space 1*

13:15-14:30 **LUNCH** (*by the Lighthouse*)

14:30-16:00 **ITEM 7: WORKSHOPS ROUND 2**

- ~ 7.1: Join to collaborate – the Lisbon Recognition Convention Committee Bureau Workplan '25 - '28 - *Maker Space*
- ~ 7.2: Building a Unified European Digital Recognition Ecosystem: Interoperability, Authenticity and Cross-Border Trust - *The Lighthouse*
- ~ 7.3: Towards a common European framework for the automatic recognition of study qualifications and learning periods abroad in school, VET and higher education - *Multifunctional Space 2*
- ~ 7.4: Strengthening recognition of vocational qualifications within ENIC-NARIC: towards a dedicated network and shared practices - *Multifunctional Space 1*

16:00-16:20 **HEALTH BREAK** (*by the Lighthouse*)

16:20-17:00 **ITEM 8: SHAPING TOMORROW'S RECOGNITION PRACTICES**

Sharing updates on relevant developments for ENIC-NARIC Networks: work in progress on the revision of ECTS User Guide, the drafting of a new CoE Convention on Automatic Recognition, the revision of ESG and the subsidiary texts of the UNESCO Global Convention

- ~ Kinga Szuly, Head of Sector, Higher Education Unit, DG EAC, European Commission
- ~ Catherine Dreyer, Head of Higher and Further Education Unit Education Department, Council of Europe
- ~ Anna Gover, Director ENQA
- ~ Noah W. Sobe, Chief of Section for Higher Education, UNESCO

17:00-17:10 **WRAP UP DAY 1**

- ~ Practical Information
- ~ Group photo

19:30-23:00 **SOCIAL PROGRAMME AND OFFICIAL DINNER** – *Ble Pavillon (70 Poseidonos Ave., Alimos)*

TUESDAY, 26 MAY 2026

Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center, (364 Andrea Syggrou Ave. Kallithea), The Lighthouse

08:30-09:00 **REGISTRATION AND COFFEE** *(by the Lighthouse)*

09:00-10:30 **ITEM 9: WORKSHOPS ROUND 3**

- ~ 9.1: Artificial Intelligence and recognition of qualifications - *The Lighthouse*
- ~ 9.2: Quality Assurance Across the Recognition Process: Managing Complex and High-Risk Cases - *Maker Space*
- ~ 9.3: Automatic recognition of qualifications in Europe, where do we stand now? - *Multifunctional Space 1*
- ~ 9.4: Towards a Common Approach to the Recognition of Foreign Qualifications Giving Access to Higher Education - *Multifunctional Space 2*

10:30-11:00 **HEALTH BREAK**

11:00-12:15 **ITEM 10: BUILDING THE FUTURE OF RECOGNITION TOGETHER**

Panel discussion and dialogue on strategic priorities and actions for the future of ENIC-NARIC Networks

- ~ Kinga Szuly, Head of Sector, Higher Education Unit, DG EAC, European Commission
- ~ Villano Qiriazzi, Head of Education Department, Council of Europe
- ~ Noah W. Sobe, Chief of Section for Higher Education, UNESCO

12:15-12:30 **ITEM 11: CLOSING PLENARY**

- ~ Concluding words by the Co-Secretariats and hosts
- ~ Announcement of the ENIC-NARIC Annual Joint Meeting in 2027

12:30 **LUNCH BOX**