

MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS IN SERBIA

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CONVERGENCE
ON THE EU ACQUIS COMMUNAUTAIRE
IN THE FIELD OF PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY

LEGISLATION
ON MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL
QUALIFICATIONS
IN SERBIA
HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMALLY ADOPTED

DRAFT LAW ON MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT HAS **PREPARED A PRELIMINARY DRAFT** OF THE **LAW** ON MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS – **ADOPTION IS EXPECTED UNTIL THE END OF 2015**
- THE NEW LAW **WILL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH 2 RELEVANT EU DIRECTIVES**
 - **THE DIRECTIVE 2005/36/EC** AND
 - **THE NEW DIRECTIVE 2013/55/EC** RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE COOPERATION, THE EUROPEAN PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY CARDS AND SYSTEM OF AUTOMATIC RECOGNITION
- **THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF SERBIA DOES NOT RECOGNISE THE TERM “REGULATED PROFESSION”**

DRAFT LAW ON MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

THE DRAFT LAW INCLUDES:

- GENERAL SYSTEM OF RECOGNITION
- FREEDOM TO PROVIDE SERVICES ON TEMPORARY OR OCCASIONAL BASIS
- REGULATION OF PROFESSIONS IN THE FIELDS COVERED BY THE EU DIRECTIVE
- **AUTOMATIC RECOGNITION** OF 7 PROFESSIONS on the basis of evidence of formal qualifications for medical doctors, dentists, pharmacists, nurses (general health care), midwives, veterinarians and architects.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER MINISTRIES

- OTHER RELEVANT MINISTRIES WILL HARMONIZE THEIR REGULATIONS WITH THE DIRECTIVE.
- ALL MINISTRIES ARE **AWARE THAT THE CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT MUST BE EXCLUDED.**
- **KNOWLEDGE OF SERBIAN LANGUAGE IS REQUIRED.**
- **INFORMATION SYSTEM** ACROSS THE ALL SECTORS AND NETWORKING AT THE LEVEL OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA AND WITH THE EU **WILL BE ESTABLISHED.**

DRAFT LAW ON RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT LAW PRESCRIBES THAT THE **CONTACT POINT** SHALL BE THE **ENIC** (European Network of Information Centers)/**NARIC** (National Academic Recognition Information Centers) **CENTER** AT THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT.
- THE MINISTER SHALL APPOINT THE **NATIONAL COORDINATOR**.
- **A NETWORK OF COORDINATORS** FOR RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY APPOINTING COORDINATOR IN EACH RELEVANT MINISTRY.
- **AT A LATER STAGE**, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH A **SPECIAL AGENCY FOR RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS**.

SERVICES DIRECTIVE
HAS NOT YET BEEN TRANSPOSED
IN SERBIA

TRANSPPOSITION OF SERVICES DIRECTIVE

- THE MINISTRY OF TRADE, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TOURISM IS **RESPONSIBLE FOR** TRANSPOSING THE SERVICES DIRECTIVE.
- THE GOVERNMENT WILL ESTABLISH A **COORDINATING BODY** COMPRISED OF ALL RELEVANT INSTITUTIONS, SINCE THE SERVICES DIRECTIVE APPLIES TO A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SERVICES (classified in 13 main groups) WHICH ARE REGULATED BY VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS.
- TRANSPPOSITION WILL BE **ACCOMPLISHED IN TWO STEPS.**

TRANSPOSITION OF SERVICES DIRECTIVE

FIRST STEP

IN THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR A COMPREHENSIVE **REVIEW OF LEGISLATION** IN SERVICES SECTOR WILL BE CONDUCTED.

THE AIM IS TO OBTAIN

- THE LIST OF ALL REGULATION IN SERVICES SECTOR AND
- TO DETERMINE THE DEGREE OF ITS COMPLIANCE WITH THE EU DIRECTIVE.
- IT WILL BE DONE BY DISTRIBUTING A SPECIAL **QUESTIONNAIRE** TO ALL RELEVANT INSTITUTIONS.

TRANSPOSITION OF SERVICES DIRECTIVE

SECOND STEP

- BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE ANALYSIS OF RELEVANT LEGISLATION **A STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES** SECTOR IN SERBIA WILL PREPARED.
- THE STRATEGY SHOULD **PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR THE LAW ON SERVICES** AS THE UMBRELLA LAW IN THIS AREA.
- **AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN** WILL BE PREPARED WITH CLEAR TASKS AND DEADLINES FOR ALL RELEVANT INSTITUTIONS.

STATE OF PLAY IN THE RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS

RECOGNITION OF **ACADEMIC** QUALIFICATIONS

- SERBIA **RATIFIED LISBON RECOGNITION CONVENTION** (CONVENTION ON THE RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE EUROPEAN REGION) **IN 2003** AND THE RATIFICATION INSTRUMENTS HAVE BEEN DEPOSITED IN 2004.
- **LAW ON HIGHER EDUCATION** CONTAINS PROVISIONS COMPATIBLE WITH THOSE OF THE LISBON RECOGNITION CONVENTION.

LAW ON HIGHER EDUCATION

- THE LAW FULLY IMPLEMENTS THE **BOLOGNA DECLARATION**.
- THE LAW ON HIGHER EDUCATION **REGULATES THE SUBJECT OF JOINT DEGREES*** IN A WAY THAT ALLOWS UNIVERSITIES TO PRECISELY DEFINE, BY THEIR STATUTES, THE CONDITIONS FOR ACQUIRING OF JOINT DEGREES.
- **CERTAIN NUMBER OF UNIVERSITIES AND FACULTIES IN SERBIA IS ALREADY AWARDING JOINT DEGREES TOGETHER WITH EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS.**

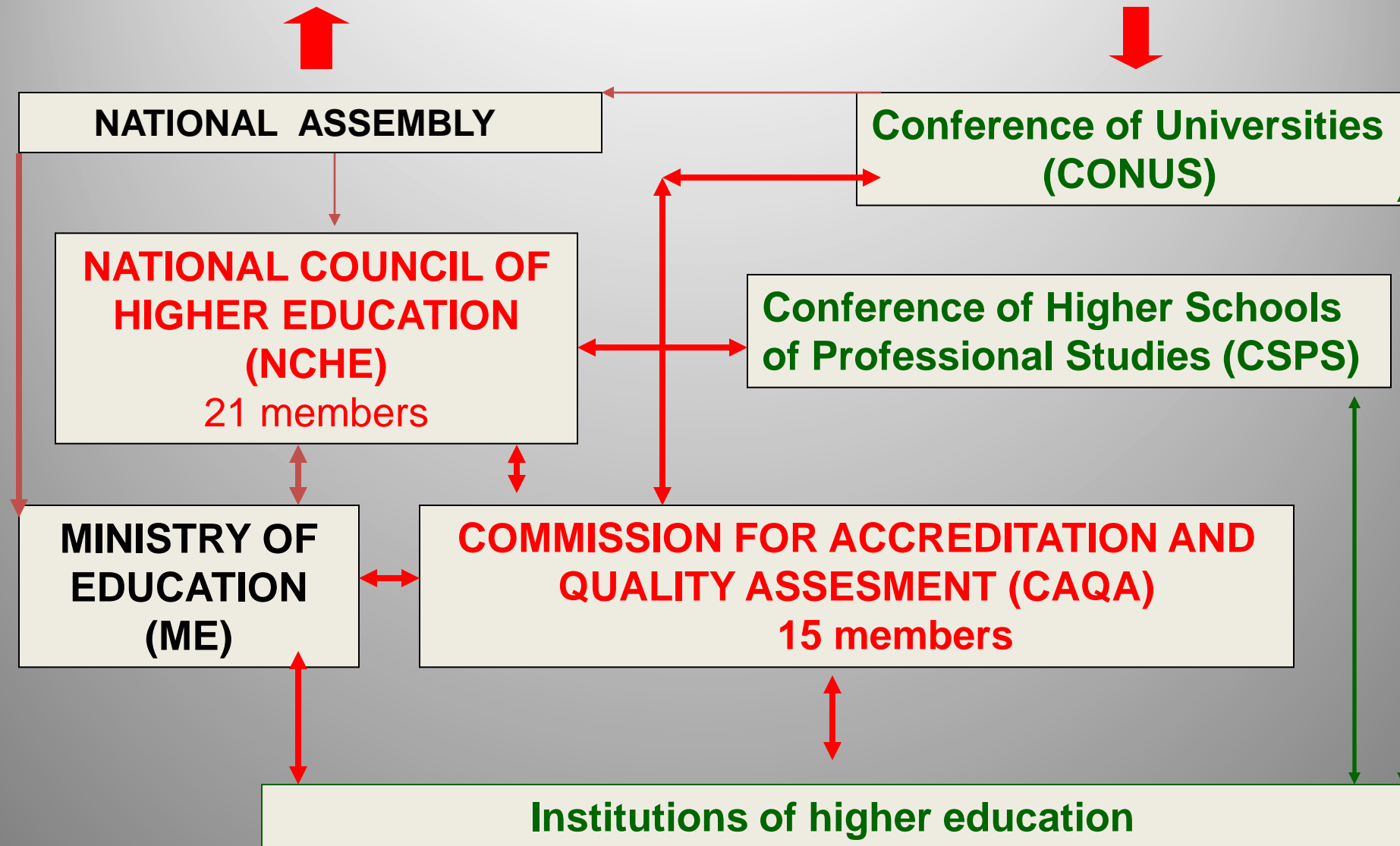
*The aim of joint degrees is to promote convergence between the higher education systems of the Bologna states. Serbia signed the Bologna Declaration in September, 2003

COMMISSION FOR ACCREDITATION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE OF SERBIA

THE COMMISSION FOR ACCREDITATION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION OF SERBIA HAS BECOME RECENTLY A **MEMBER OF ENQA** (The European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education) and **INQAAHE** (The International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education).

SYSTEM OF QUALITY ASSURANCE IN SERBIA

The Law on Higher Education (2005, 2010)



RECOGNITION OF **ACADEMIC** QUALIFICATIONS

- **UNTIL THE AGENCY FOR RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS** IS ESTABLISHED, ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION ABOUT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM SERBIAN **ENIC CENTER** WHICH IS OPERATING WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.
- ALL HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN SERBIA HAVE INTRODUCED **ECTS SYSTEM** (a standard for comparing the study attainment and performance of students of higher education across the European Union and other collaborating European countries) BY THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2006/07.

THE ENIC CENTRE OF SERBIA

THE ENIC CENTRE OF SERBIA ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IN 2001 **PROVIDES INFORMATION ABOUT:**

- VALIDATION OF DIPLOMAS, TITLES AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED ABROAD;
- THE EDUCATION SYSTEMS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ENIC/NARIC NETWORK;
- THE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA;
- ENROLMENT OF STUDENTS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS;
- **THE PROCEDURE FOR VALIDATION OF THE DIPLOMAS OBTAINED ABROAD;**
- THE STATUS OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND STUDY PROGRAMMES

THE ENIC CENTRE OF SERBIA

THE ENIC CENTRE OF SERBIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE ENIC/NARIC NETWORK, EXCHANGES WITH OTHER CENTERS AT THE REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS ELECTRONIC INFORMATION ON DOCUMENTS, EXPERTS, EXPERIENCE AND THUS PROMOTES THE MOBILITY AND RECOGNITION IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

INSTITUTIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR RECOGNITION OF **PROFESSIONAL** QUALIFICATIONS

- CURRENTLY THERE ARE **NO SPECIAL INSTITUTIONS** RESPONSIBLE FOR RECOGNITION OF **PROFESSIONAL** QUALIFICATIONS
- CERTAIN MINISTRIES HAVE ENTRUSTED **PROFESSIONAL BODIES** (CHAMBERS) TO ISSUE **LICENSES**.

THE ROLE OF MINISTRIES IN ISSUING THE LICENCE

- THE MINISTER
 - PRESCRIBES **THE CONTENT** AND MODES OF **EXAMINATION** FOR THE CERTAIN LICENSE
 - **NOMINATES THE EXAMINERS**
- IN SOME FIELDS LICENSING **EXAM IS CARRIED OUT** BY THE PROFESSIONAL BODIES - **CHAMBERS**

THE IMPORTANCE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN SERBIA

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- SERBIA'S ECONOMY IS BASED MOSTLY ON VARIOUS SERVICES (65% OF GDP) AND THE SHARE OF TRADE IN SERVICES IN GDP IS 17%.
- IT HAS BEEN REALIZED THAT **WEAK PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ARE IMPEDING THE GROWTH OF ECONOMIES** ALONG WITH OTHER BACKBONE SERVICES LIKE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, BANKING AND TRANSPORT
- IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EMERGING KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY, THESE SERVICES, COMPRISING INTER ALIA BUSINESS CONSULTING, IT SERVICES, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES **ARE MAJOR FACTORS FOR COMPETITIVENESS.**
- A WIDER USE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES MEANS HIGHER LABOR **PRODUCTIVITY.**
- BUSINESS SERVICES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AS A PART OF THEM **ARE KEY INPUTS FOR OTHER SECTORS.**

THE IMPORTANCE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN SERBIA SERVICES TRADE

		2010		2011		2012	
		WORLD		WORLD		WORLD	
Services		Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit
<i>Accounting, auditing, book-keeping and tax consulting ser.</i>	RoW	16,1	25	17,2	20,8	20,5	11,9
	EU	41,1	48,6	57,5	58,7	55,6	58,0
<i>Architectural, engineering and other technical services</i>	RoW	60,2	25,1	54,1	31,2	68,8	45,1
	EU	48,7	129,6	59,5	144,7	59,5	115,2
Sum:		166,1	228,3	188,7	255,4	204,4	230,2
Share in total comm. services		4,7%	6,6%	4,5%	6,5%	5,1%	6,2%

The source: NBS/BoP

**ARRANGEMENTS
WITH OTHER CEFTA PARTIES ON MOBILITY OF
WORKERS**

BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- THE REPUBLIC OF **SERBIA** HAS CONCLUDED A BILATERAL AGREEMENT **WITH** THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF THE **REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA** (Agreement on **Mutual Recognition of Education Documents** and Regulation of Statutory Issues of Pupils and Students). THE AGREEMENT HAS ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 5 MAY 2005.
- **MACEDONIA AND SERBIA** SIGNED THE AGREEMENT FOR THE VALIDATION OF DIPLOMAS OR MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF DIPLOMAS OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN FEBRUARY 2014.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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