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European Qualifications Passport for Refugees (EQPR)

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EQPR – European Qualifications Passport for Refugees

Objectives

- To provide a **methodology** making it possible to assess refugees' qualifications fairly even when these cannot be fully documented
- To describe the assessment in a **format**, which provides clear and accurate information about the qualifications and is accepted as a valid documentary supplement by the end-users.



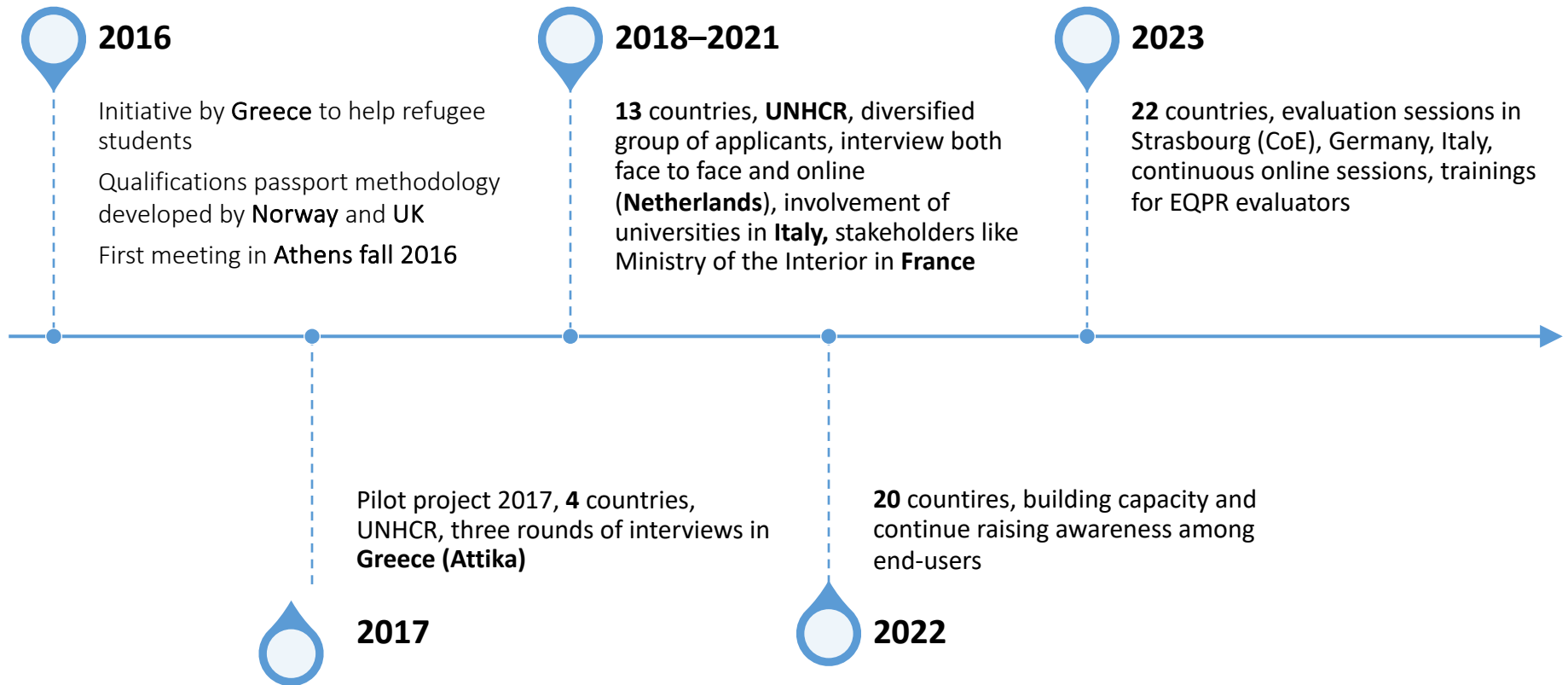
Admission to studies and labour market

Principles and objectives

- Fairness
- Portability
- Utility
- Shared European Responsibility



European Qualifications Passport for Refugees – a brief history



EQPR (2017-2024): main achievements

Proven and upscalable solution – **building trust**

Pool of trained evaluators in **22 countries**

Combination of face-to-face and **online** interviews

Solid IT platform – based on **blockchain technology**

EQPR holders are accepted to further studies and work

1101 interviews were conducted out of which 943 EQPR have been issued (571 men and 372 women)

Partners

National authorities

- Ministries of Education of **Greece** and **Italy** as host countries + financial support
- Ministry of Education of **Norway** (financial support)
- Ministry of Interior of **France**

International organizations

- Council of Europe
- UNHCR and UNESCO

Higher education institutions

- Conference of University Rectors of Italy

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- Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, United Kingdom

Voluntary contributions have been received from Belgium (Government of Flanders), Georgia, Greece, Monaco, Italy and Norway.

Way forward: to upscale the EQPR implementation

- At a policy level: by developing a Council of Europe Recommendation on Valuing the Academic and Professional Skills of Refugees in Europe, containing principles and guidelines.
- On a practical level: by increasing the number of the EQPR countries. The target could be to have by 2027 at least 50 % of the Council of Europe member States on board (28 member States).
- At the country level - integration into national legislation – Portugal, Italy
- Close co-operation with UNESCO – EQPR and UQP - as important instruments for the implementation of the UNESCO Global Convention