

Integrating Digital Solutions in the Recognition Process at the Institutional Level

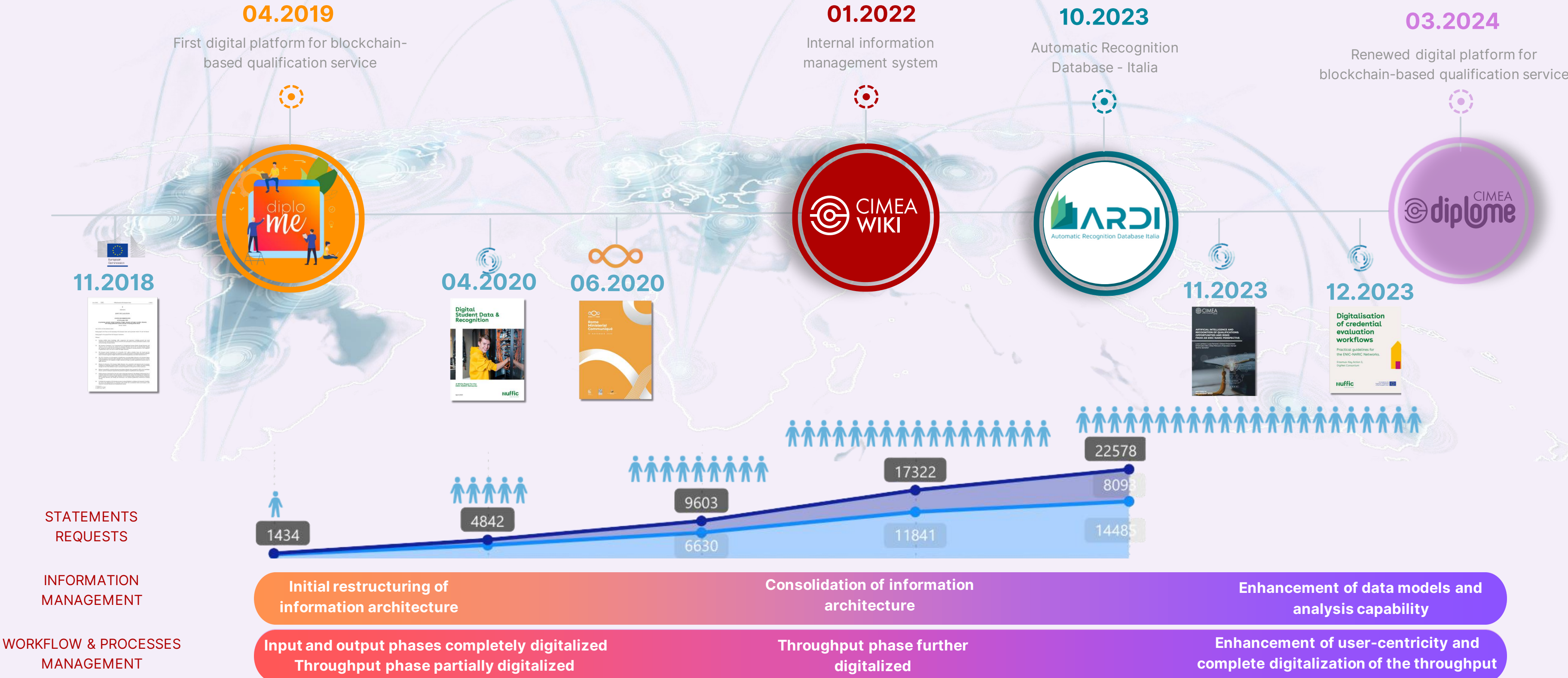
An Italian Case Study

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CIMEA's digitalization pathway

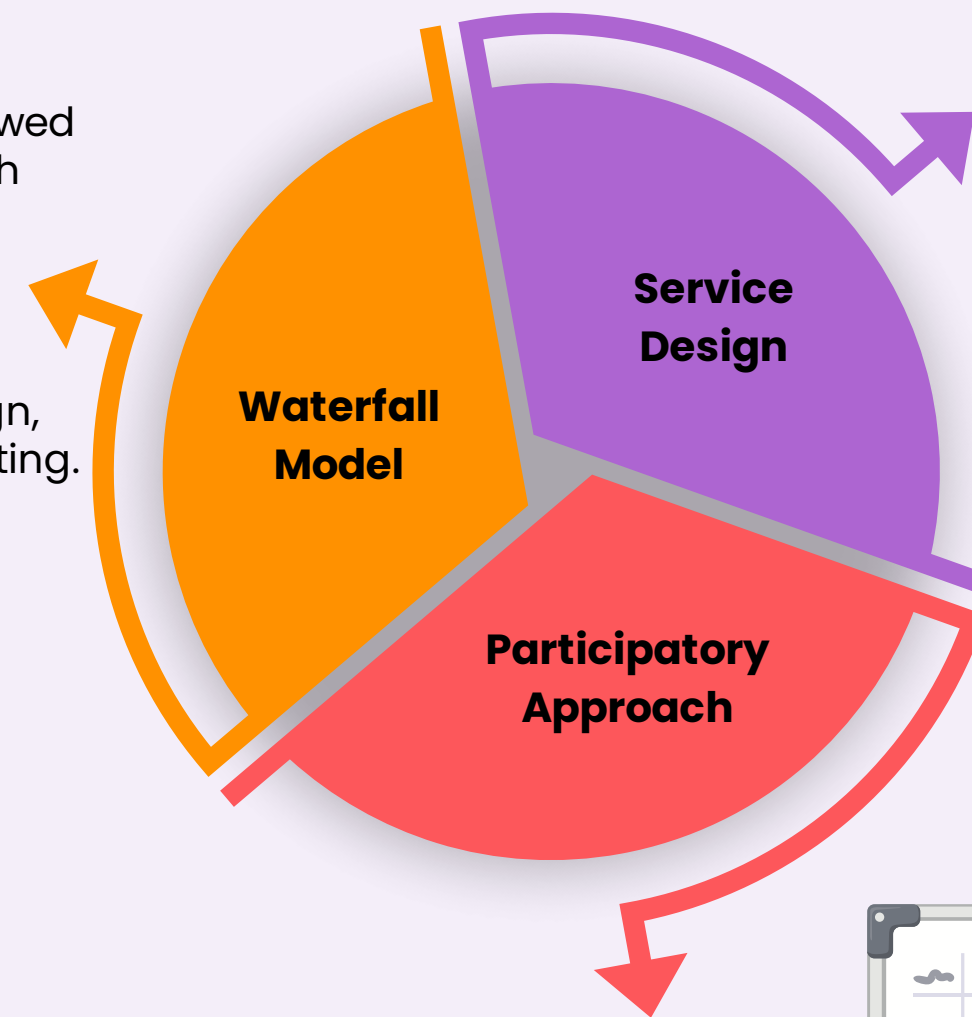


Digitalization methodology: Quality by Design



IT Design Approach: Waterfall Model:

- Sequential Process: Followed a step-by-step approach from conception to deployment.
- Clear Phases: Ensured thorough planning, design, implementation, and testing.



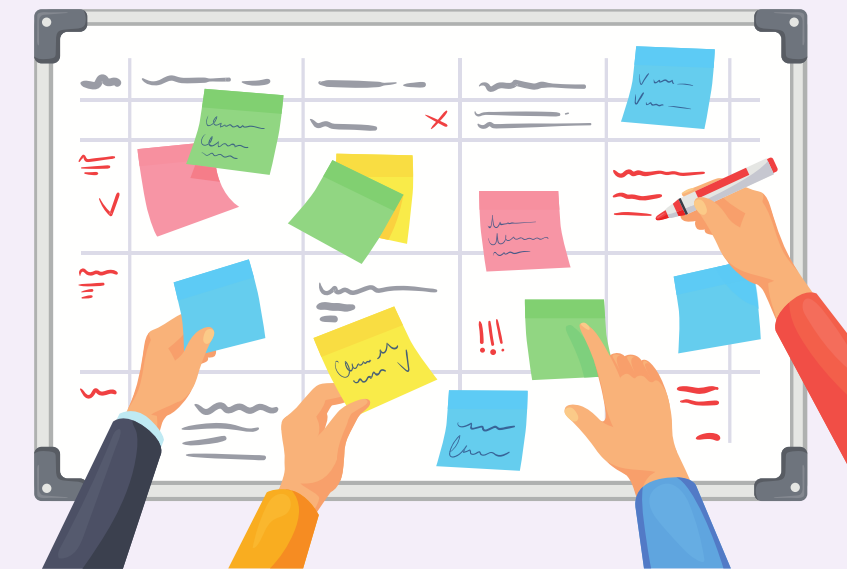
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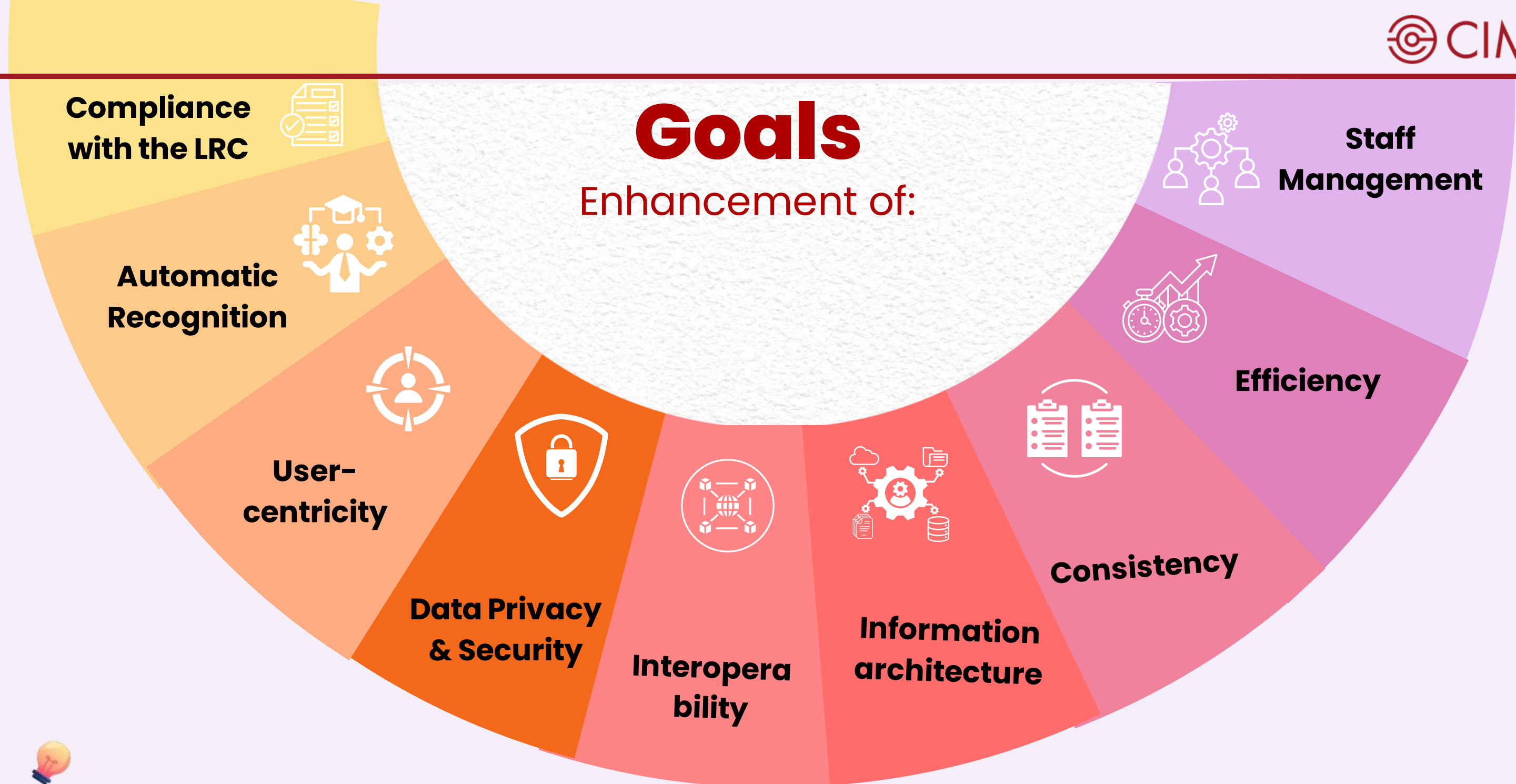
- User Research: Delved into the needs, preferences, and challenges of key stakeholders.
- Journey Mapping: Visualized user interactions to pinpoint areas for enhancement and optimization.

CIMEA's holistic approach to digitalization integrates IT design methodologies, service design principles, and hands-on collaboration with credential evaluation experts for effective transformation.

Participatory Approach with Senior Credential Evaluators:

- Hands-On Analysis: Leveraged expertise of senior evaluators across diverse regions.
- Geographical Coverage: Ensured insights from varied educational systems and credential peculiarities.





Delineating the objectives driving the digitalization of credential evaluation workflows is paramount. This entails defining specific goals that encompass both the center's overarching mission and the digital transformation agenda. By establishing these objectives, the center sets a clear direction for enhancing efficiency, accuracy, and accessibility within the evaluation process. These goals serve as the cornerstone for aligning technological initiatives with the center's strategic vision, ultimately ensuring the successful integration of digital solutions into its operations.



Automatic Recognition Database: ARDI





What ARDI is

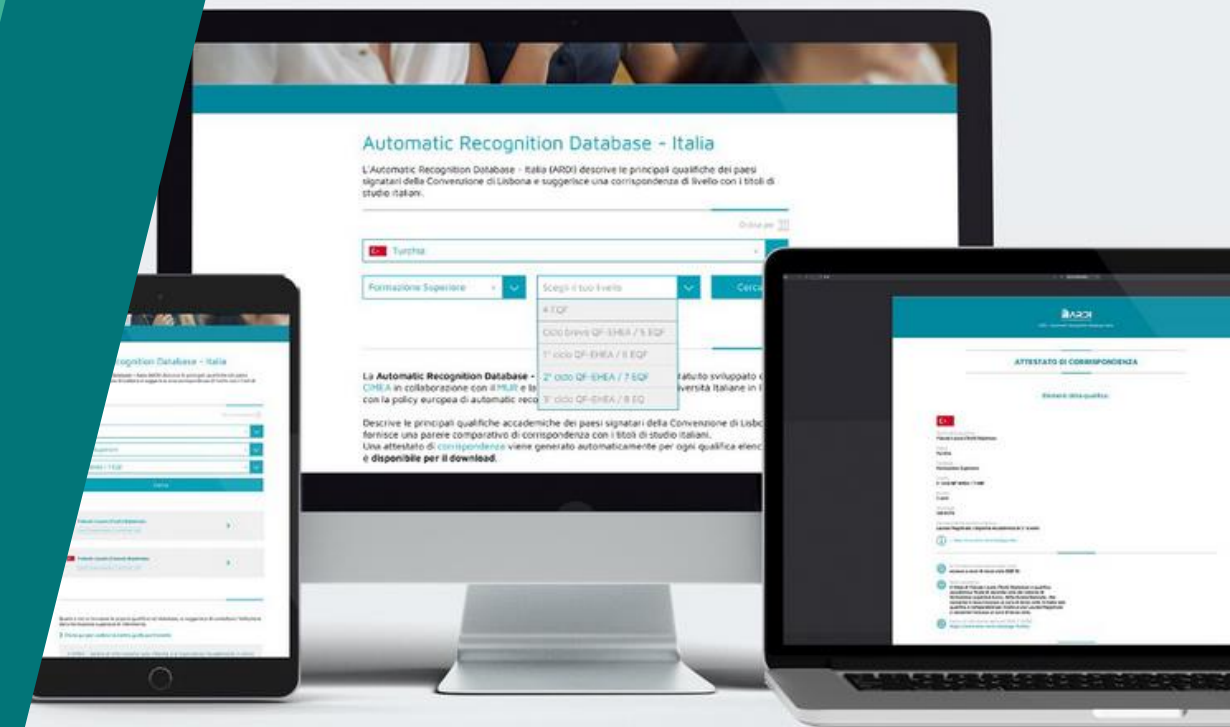
In order to align Italy with the European policies of "automatic recognition" of academic qualifications, in line with the 2018's [Council Recommendation on promoting automatic mutual recognition of higher education and upper secondary education diplomas and the outcomes of learning periods abroad](#) and with what is required by the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), taking also into account the [Rome Ministerial Communiqué](#) approved during the Ministerial Conference organised by Italy in 2020, and in the view of the next meeting of EHEA Ministries to be held in May 2024 hosted in Tirana, CIMEA developed **ARDI - Automatic Recognition Database-Italia**.

This tool allows holders of qualifications from the **signatory countries of the Lisbon Recognition Convention** to obtain an automatic correspondence of their qualification.

Its main objective is to provide a **comparative evaluation of the qualifications** of the countries belonging to the ENIC and NARIC networks compared to Italian qualifications.

Furthermore, it offers **specific evaluation notes** for each qualification to facilitate academic recognition carried out by higher education institutions in accordance with national and European evaluation practices.

ARDI is a valuable tool for **institutions and individuals** dealing with the recognition of foreign qualifications in Italy, as well as for **students** holding such qualifications, as it offers a systemic approach to evaluate and compare qualifications from a wide range of countries.



What it contains



55 Countries



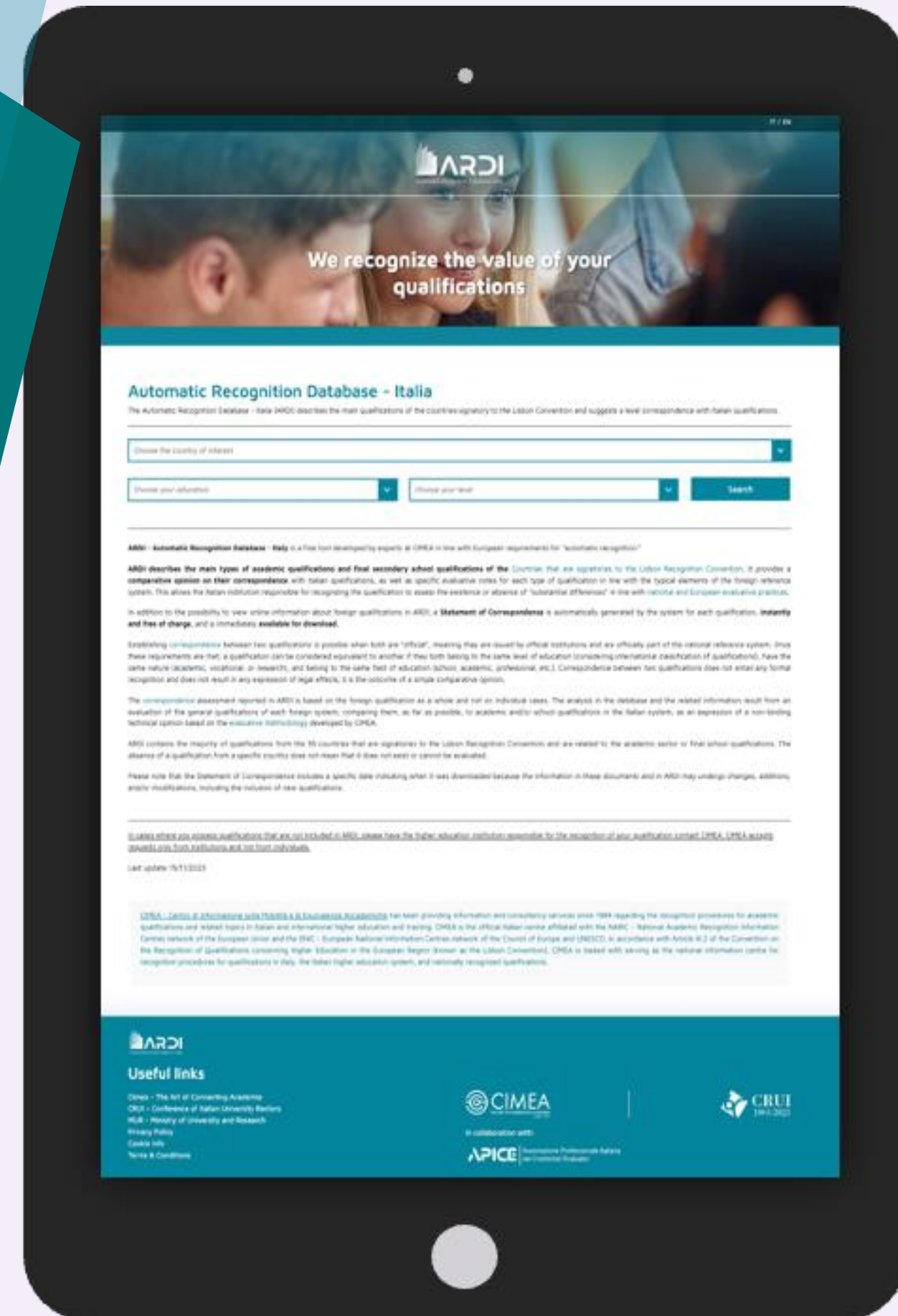
431 Evaluations of Correspondance



323 Higher Education Qualifications



108 School Qualifications



How it works



1

QUALIFICATION SEARCH



2

EVALUATION



3

STATEMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE



We recognize the value of your qualifications

We recognize the value of your qualifications

Automatic Recognition Database - Italia

The Automatic Recognition Database - Italia (ARDI) describes the main qualifications of the countries signatory to the Lisbon Convention and suggests a level correspondence with Italian qualifications.

Choose the country of interest

Choose your education

Choose your level

Search

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In addition to the possibility to view online information about foreign qualifications in ARDI, a **Statement of Correspondence** is automatically generated by the system for each qualification, **instantly and free of charge**, and is immediately **available for download**.

Establishing **correspondence** between two qualifications is possible when both are "official", meaning they are issued by official institutions and are officially part of the national reference system. Once these requirements are met, a qualification can be considered equivalent to another if they both belong to the same level of education (considering international classification of qualifications), have the same nature (academic, vocational, or research), and belong to the same field of education (school, academic, professional, etc.). Correspondence between two qualifications does not entail any formal recognition and does not result in any expression of legal effects; it is the outcome of a simple comparative opinion.

The **correspondence assessment** reported in ARDI is based on the foreign qualification as a whole and not on individual cases. The analysis in the database and the related information result from an evaluation of the general qualifications of each foreign system, comparing them, as far as possible, to academic and/or school qualifications in the Italian system, as an expression of a non-binding technical opinion based on the **evaluative methodology** developed by CIMEA.

ARDI contains the majority of qualifications from the 55 countries that are signatories to the Lisbon Recognition Convention and are related to the academic sector or final school qualifications. The absence of a qualification from a specific country does not mean that it does not exist or cannot be evaluated.

Please note that the Statement of Correspondence includes a specific date indicating when it was downloaded because the information in these documents and in ARDI may undergo changes, additions, and/or modifications, including the inclusion of new qualifications.

In cases where you possess qualifications that are not included in ARDI, please have the higher education institution responsible for the recognition of your qualification contact CIMEA. Requests are accepted only from institutions and not from individuals.

Last update: 15/11/2023

CIMEA - Centro di informazione sulla Mobilità e le Eguivalenze Accademiche has been providing information and consultancy services since 1984 regarding the recognition of qualifications and related topics in Italian and international higher education and training. CIMEA is the official Italian centre affiliated with the NARIC - National Academic Information Centres network of the European Union and the ENIC - European National Information Centres network of the Council of Europe and UNESCO. In accordance with Article 1 of the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region (known as the Lisbon Convention), CIMEA is tasked with serving as the national centre for the recognition procedures for qualifications in Italy, the Italian higher education system, and nationally recognized qualifications.



Useful links

Cimea - The Art of Connecting Academia
CRUI - Conference of Italian University Rectors
MUR - Ministry of University and Research



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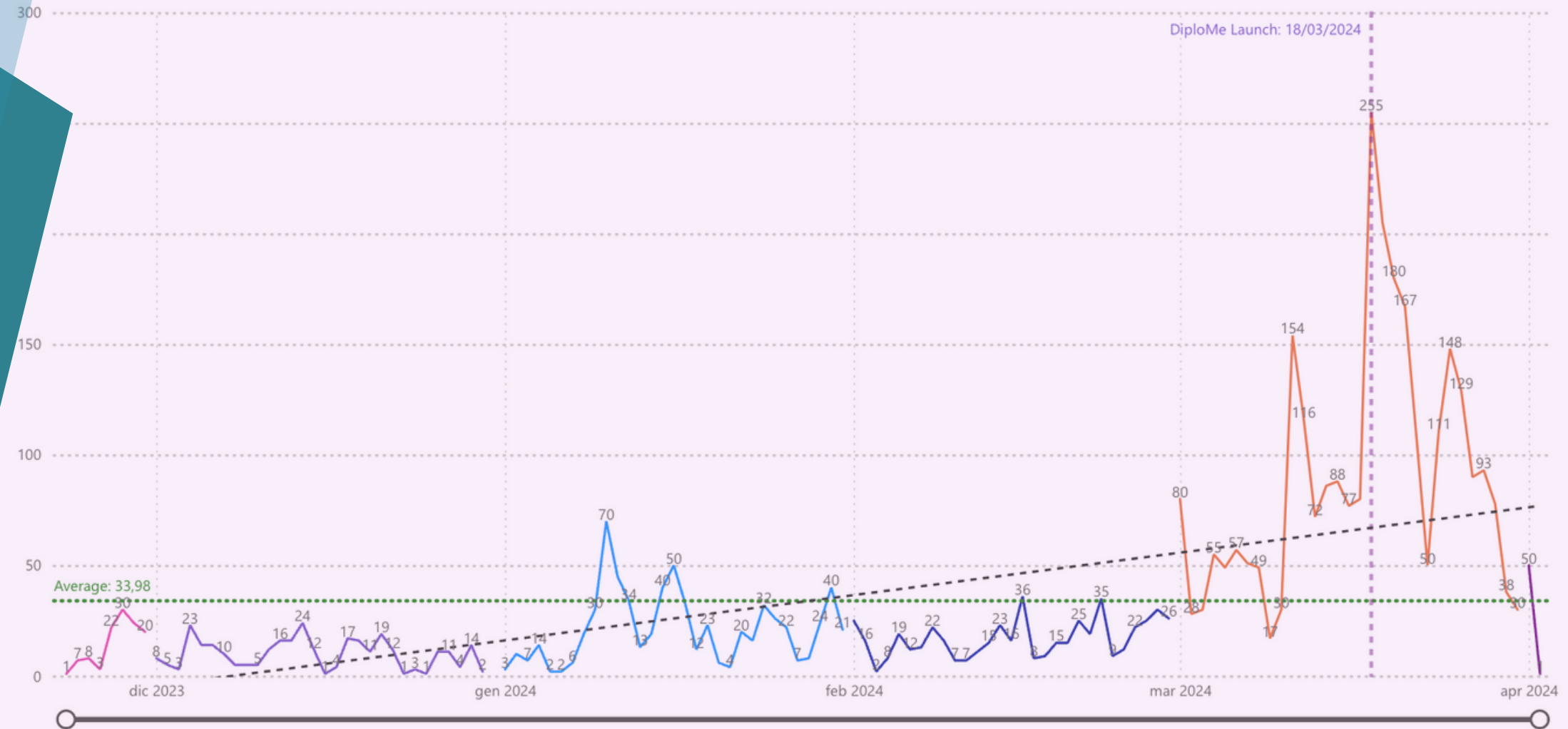
In the last year and a half, CIMEA has received almost 30,000 requests for statements of comparability with the scope of accessing recognition procedures.

Almost one in three statement requests (29%) had as their subject a school or higher education qualification from a country adhering to the Lisbon Convention.

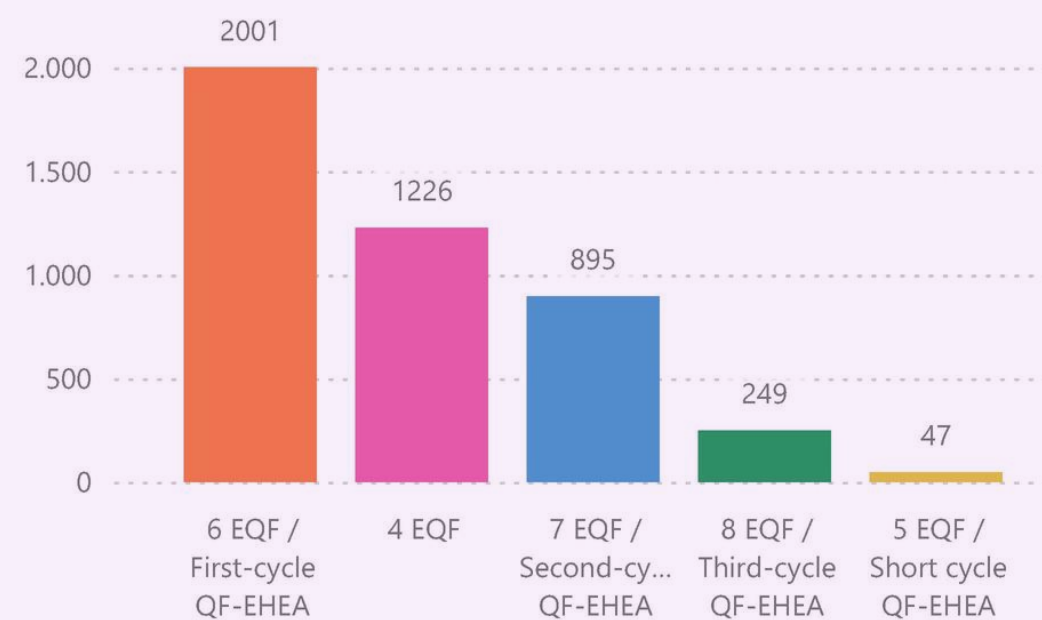
Since its launch on October 10th, over **4.500 Statements** of Correspondence have already been downloaded proving ARDI's significant role in supporting the implementation of Automatic Recognition in Italy to the benefit of both international students and Italian HEIs.

Over Time

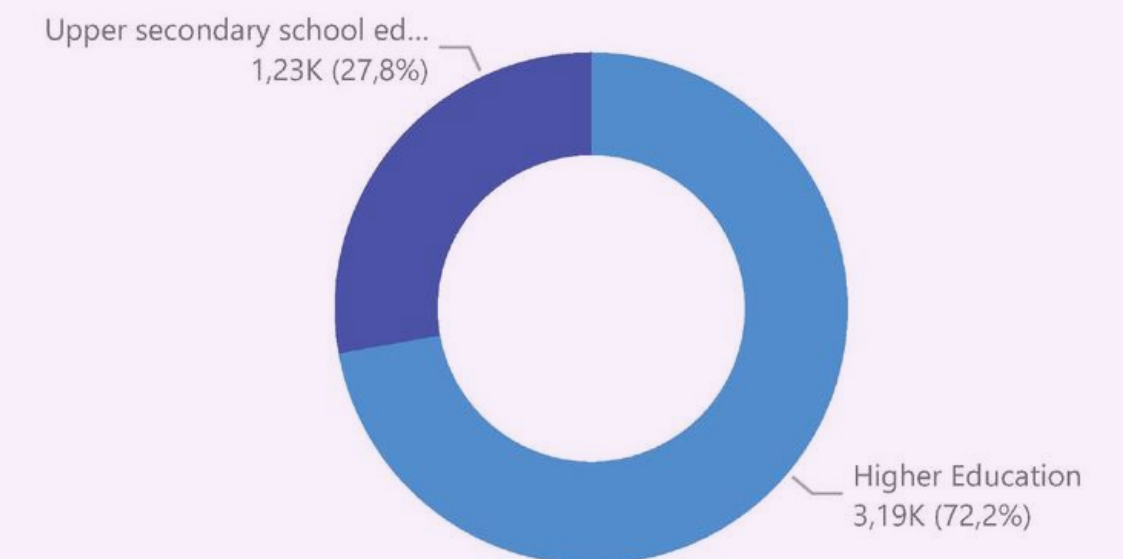
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By Level



By Type



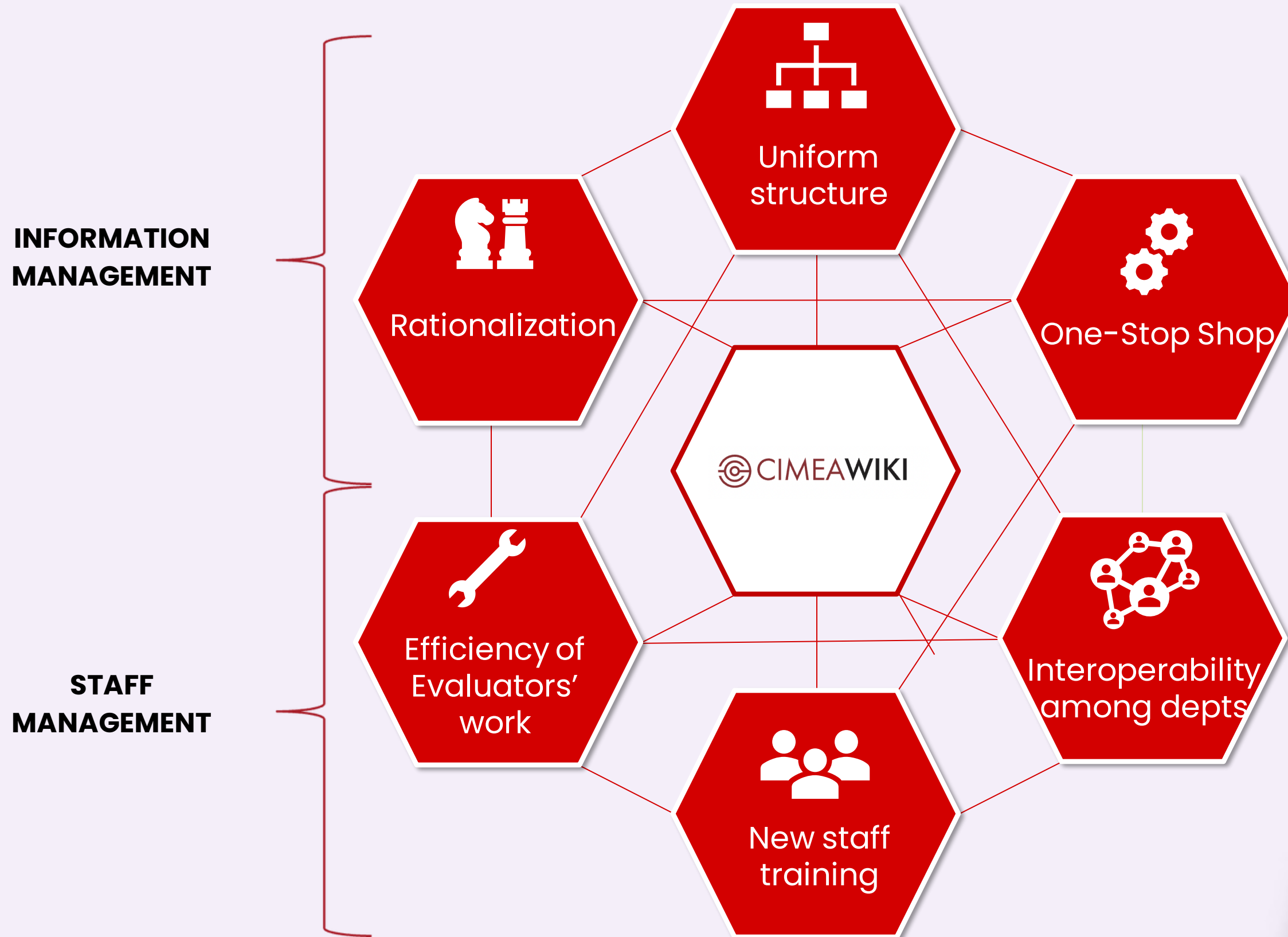


Internal Information
Management System:
CIMEA's WIKI

Why a WIKI?



The introduction of the WIKI as a new information management system aims to improve our internal system affecting the following macroareas related to the collection and storage of information, resources and data.



Content Creation: Country Pages

Index

Each country page has the same index including sections that gather and organize relevant information collected over 40 years, namely internal resources about:

- Education System
- Verification of Authenticity
- Evaluation Policies
- Accredited and Unaccredited Institutions
- Samples

The screenshot displays the CIMEA Wiki page for Italy. The page is structured as follows:

- NAVIGATION:** Home, Countries, Projects, Shortcuts, Recent Changes, Draft, Templates.
- TOOLS:** Modify article, New article, List of pages, List of administrators, New Template, Images/Documents.
- Italy:** Home → Italy
- INDEX:**
 - 1) [Education System overview and general resources](#)
 - 1.1) [Main Legislation](#)
 - 2) [Ministry of Education, Ministry of Higher Education, QAA, National Authorities](#)
 - 3) [Documentation Requirements and Information Request Guidelines](#)
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 - 5.4) [Secondary units and grades](#)
 - 5.5) [Access to Higher Education](#)
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 - 7.3.5) [Pre-Bologna Qualifications](#)
 - 7.4) [Units and grades](#)
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 - 8) [Fraud](#)
 - 9) [TNE - Transnational Education](#)
 - 9.1) [TNE - Secondary Education](#)
 - 9.2) [TNE - Higher Education / Validation](#)

- INFORMATION:**
- Flag of Italy
- Map of Italy
- Quadro dei Titoli Italiani dell'Istruzione Superiore (Italian Higher Education Framework)

Content Creation: Country Pages

General Resources and Overview

RESOURCE	TYPE	BODY/AUTHORITY	LINK	DOCUMENT/FILE
Sistema educativo di istruzione e di formazione	Primary	Ministero dell'Istruzione e del Merito	https://www.miur.gov.it/sistema-educativo-di-istruzione-e-formazione	
Il sistema universitario	Primary	Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca (MUR)	https://www.miur.gov.it/sistema_universitario	
Italian higher education system	Primary	CIMEA	https://www.cimea.it/pagina-il-sistema-italiano-di-istruzione-superiore	
Qualifications of the university system (Qualifiche del sistema universitario)	Primary	CIMEA	https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-qualifiche-del-sistema-universitario	
Qualifications of the AFAM system (Qualifiche del sistema AFAM)	Primary	CIMEA	https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-qualifiche-del-sistema-afam	
Italian Diploma Supplement	Primary	CIMEA	https://www.cimea.it/pagina-diploma-supplement	
Italian Qualifications Framework (Quadro dei Titoli Italiani)	Primary	MIUR, CIMEA	http://www.quadrodeilitoli.it/index.aspx?IDL=1	NB a proposito della sezione dedicata ai Titoli Professionali (abilitazioni) : il Quadro dei Titoli Italiani è uno strumento informativo di trasparenza che ha come scopo quello di semplificare l'accesso all'informazione sulle qualifiche italiane sia per studenti /istituzioni del sistema italiano della formazione superiore sia per una migliore comprensione del sistema italiano all'estero. In alcun modo tale strumento informativo sostituisce il dettato normativo di riferimento, che ovviamente trova applicazione a prescindere dall'aggiornamento delle informazioni riportate nel presente sito- mancato aggiornamento. Quando il sito è stato lanciato, diverse leggi di riforma delle professioni regolate non avevano ancora recepito le nuove classi di Laurea e Laurea Magistrale introdotte dal DM 270/2004, decreto di riforma del sistema universitario che ha introdotto nuove classi di Laurea e Laurea Magistrale. Per tale ragione in alcune specifiche sezioni può non esservi tale riferimento.
UNIVERSITALY	Primary	MUR	https://www.universitaly.it/index.php/	UNIVERSITALY is the portal of the Ministry specifically designed to accompany students in their studies. The site is a real gateway that allows you to enter the world of degree courses and higher education in Italy. It is designed to help school students and their families when choosing a university or continuing their studies at high school, and can assist universities with the facilitation of appropriate training. It is a comprehensive source of accurate and up to date information that is simple and effective.
EQF Referencing Report (Italy)	Primary		https://europa.eu/europass/it/node/1312	Italian EQF referencing report_Dec.2012
Recognition of foreign qualifications in Italy	Primary	CIMEA	https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-procedure-riconoscimento-titoli	
Q-Entry International Database on Higher Education Entry Qualifications	Primary	Q-Entry	https://www.q-entry.eu/international-db/?cerca=Italy	
Pubblicazioni CIMEA	Primary	CIMEA	https://www.cimea.it/pagina-documenti-cimea	
Titoli congiunti e doppi titoli nell'esperienza italiana DOC CIMEA 109	Primary	CIMEA		
NUFFIC Country Profile	Secondary	NUFFIC	https://www.nuffic.nl/en/education-systems/italy	
Eurydice - Italy National Education System	Secondary	Eurydice	https://eurydice.eacea.ec.europa.eu/national-education-systems/italy/overview	

GOAL



Gather all the country profiles and resources collected so far.

METHOD



Distinguish between primary and secondary resources while tracking the relevant updates occurred over time.

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Digital Wallet Platform: DIPLOME

Required documents

Country of the Education System *

i Please insert here the country education system according to which your qualification was awarded.

Côte D'Ivoire

Level of Education System *

i Do you hold an upper secondary school or a higher education qualification?

Higher Education

Required documents

In this section you can find a list of Required documents in order to purchase our services. The list is based on the country education system according to which your qualification was awarded.

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Diploma / Degree / Provisional Certificate

Diplôme / Certificat d'Admission (in original language)

Transcript / Academic Record

Relevé de Notes (in original language)

Translation

Other - Specific for Country

If you have previously obtained one of the following diploma

-DUT (Diplôme Universitaire de Technologie)

-BTS (Brevet de Technicien Supérieur)

please upload it together with the Relevé des notes.

Please note that CIMEA will verify the authenticity of all documents from Côte d'Ivoire : this may cause significant delays in the evaluation process.

Please request to the Direction de l'Enseignement Supérieur an **Authentification de diplôme**, to be delivered directly to CIMEA in Italy, at the address: Associazione CIMEA, Viale XXI Aprile 36, 00162, Rome, Italy.

Please bear in mind that the official education document should be issued and signed/stamped by the same office that issues the diploma. simple photocopies, notarized copies, translations or scans are not considered official documents.

The envelope should be sealed by the issuing authority with a seal / stamp / signature of an official on the back flap.

If the envelope is opened or there is no stamp or signature across the back flap, CIMEA cannot accept the document.

Transparency & Information Provision

DIPLOME

Get your foreign qualification verified and compared with the Italian educational system.

If you want to use your Upper secondary school or Higher education credential in Italy, discover how **CIMEA** Statements can support you to make your qualification more transparent and be fairly assessed for recognition.

[read more](#)



Welcome to the DiploMe website

This website is dedicated to information provision regarding the DiploMe platform and the services offered by CIMEA through it.

On this website you will be able to find information about our services, the documents required to apply for them, the respective prices and timelines, as well as about our **CIMEA for Refugees** service. Please use the **Service Finder** below to discover which service is available for your qualification.

What is the DiploMe platform?

It is the renewed CIMEA platform for comparability and verification services developed using blockchain technology. By registering on the **platform** you will be able to digitally provide your foreign credentials and apply for their evaluation and/or verification following just a few simple steps.

The platform will also allow you to follow the status of your application and receive an alert once the Statement has been published. Once a CIMEA Statement is issued to you, it is saved in blockchain enabling you to access it from anywhere, download it and share it directly from the platform with institutions and employers in a simple, secure and certified way. Together with your educational documents, you can use your Statements of Comparability and/or Verification as a basis when applying for higher education courses.

Attestato di Comparabilità

ELEMENTI DELLA QUALIFICA

NOME DEL POSSESSORE:	
DATA DI NASCITA:	17/01/1996
NOME DELLA QUALIFICA:	Bachelor of Technology
MATERIA / DISCIPLINA:	Biotechnology
ANNO DI RILASCIO:	2022
PAESE DEL SISTEMA DI ISTRUZIONE:	India
ISTITUZIONE CHE HA RILASCIATO IL TITOLO:	Vellore Institute of Technology
STATUS DELL'ISTITUZIONE:	Accreditata
NATURA DELLA QUALIFICA:	Titolo accademico
CLASSIFICAZIONE/LIVELLO:	1° ciclo QF-EHEA / livello 6 EQF
DURATA:	4 anni

NOTE VALUTATIVE

Il Bachelor of Technology in Biotechnology è titolo finale di primo ciclo del sistema di formazione superiore indiano che consente in loco l'accesso ai corsi di secondo ciclo. In Italia tale qualifica è comparabile per livello ad una Laurea (triennale) e consente l'accesso ai corsi di secondo ciclo.

Attestato di Comparabilità

REFERENCE ID:

NAME OF THE HOLDER:

DATE OF BIRTH: 17/01/1996

NAME OF THE QUALIFICATION: Bachelor of Technology

MAJOR / SPECIALIZATION: Biotechnology

AWARDING YEAR: 2022

COUNTRY OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM: India

AWARDING INSTITUTION: Vellore Institute of Technology

STATUS OF THE INSTITUTION: Accreditata

TYPE OF QUALIFICATION: Titolo accademico

CLASSIFICATION / LEVEL: 1° ciclo QF-EHEA / livello 6 EQF

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Certification PDF has been verified and it IS valid!

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Country policies

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Country of the Education System

Level of Education System

Qualification type

Category

Classification / Level





Name of the qualification

Major / Specialization

Duration

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 Country of the Education System Ethiopia	Secondary School Leaving Examination (S...	Standard	16/04/2024
 Country of the Education System Cameroon	Licence technologique	Standard	16/04/2024

Qualification assessment

Name of the holder
Natalia IVANIVNA CVD +

Date of birth
20/04/2002 CVD +

Name of the qualification
Secondary School Leaving Examination (SSLE) CVD +
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Major / Specialization
CVD +
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Awarding year
2023 CVD +

Country of the Education System
Ethiopia CVD +

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Qualification type
CVD +

Classification / Level
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Duration
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Workload
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Access requirements
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Access to further studies
C +

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CV +

Evaluation notes
C +

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Consistency

Verification chart

Country of the Education System

Level of Education System

Verification type

Awarding institution

Teaching institution





Export

Name of the qualification

Provider

Office / Faculty

In use / Old

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 Online verification	Verification link https://w3.unt.edu.ar/consultatitulos/	Provider Universidad Nacional de Tucumán	2024 13:10
 Online verification	Verification link https://zfwf.moe.gov.cn/diploma/	Provider 中华人民共和国教育部 / Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China	2024 12:59

Verification & Defence

Verification type *

Name of the qualification

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Country of the Education System *

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Teaching institution

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