



AR-GO: Automatic recognition tool

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<https://AR-GO.ONLINE>

AR-GO.ONLINE addresses the need for information on the qualification, its comparability, the rights of the holder, and the status of the awarding institution and/or the programme.

AR-GO.ONLINE is an alternative way to receive the information 24/7 wherever the holder of the qualification is, wherever the institutions (employers, higher education institutions, public bodies) interested in this information are.





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Comparability Tool of Automatic Recognition

Easily compare your higher education qualification to qualifications from other countries participating in the Baltic-Benelux automatic recognition agreement. The comparison is based on the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) and includes key details to aid automatic recognition.

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Where will you use your qualification?

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Compare

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The comparability tool – the area where persons are able to select the country where they have earned their qualification and are able to get a comparison to a qualification in another country of interest. This results in a comparison statement.





Comparability Tool of Automatic Recognition



Select the country where you have obtained your qualification and the country where you intend to use it. After choosing the relevant countries, pick the particular qualification from the list below which you wish to compare to an equivalent credential from another system of education.

Where have you received your qualification?


Where will you use your qualification?

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EQF Level 8	Doctoraat	Doktor
EQF Level 7	Master; Master-na-master	Magister
EQF Level 6	Academische bachelor; Bachelor-na-bachelor; Professionele bachelor	Bakalaureus; Bakalaureusekraad
EQF Level 5	Graduaat	



The comparability statement's structure:

- Title of a qualification in the original language
- Description of qualifications (profile)
- QF-EHEA cycle
- NQF level
- EQF level
- Admission requirements
- Workload / duration of the programme
- Academic rights granted
- Recognition / accreditation status
- Links to the lists of recognised HEIs as well as references to the national education authorities: ENIC-NARIC, Ministry of Education, etc.

	 Lithuania Country education profile	 BE French Community Country education profile
Qualification	Mokslo daktaro diplomas; Meno daktaro diplomas	Doctorat
Description	<p>Mokslo daktaras (Doctor of Arts) is awarded to a person who has successfully defended his/her academic dissertation, passed required exams and fulfilled other study requirements. A study plan is organized to develop student's academic skills which is needed for further scientific research.</p> <p>Meno daktaras (Doctor of Arts) is awarded to a person who has successfully defended his artistic research project and fulfilled study requirements. A study plan is projected towards development of research based skills and knowledge. Research project consists of artistic and scientific parts which are integrated and evaluated as a whole.</p>	The Doctorate's degree is awarded upon completion of a third cycle programme; it is awarded by a university after the defence of a thesis based on original research. The third cycle programmes comprise doctoral studies and work related to the preparation of a doctoral thesis. It carries a fixed number of 180 credits. Only universities award the academic Doctorate degree.
QF – EHEA cycle	Third cycle	Third cycle
NQF Levels	Level 8	Level 8
EQF Levels	Level 8	Level 8
Admission Requirements	Magistras (Master's degree) Level 7	Master
Duration & Workload	3-4 years, up to 240 ECTS	180 ECTS
Rights Granted	This is the highest academic qualification.	This is the highest academic qualification
Recognition Status	Institutions acquire rights to implement and carry out PhD education after evaluation procedure done by the Research Council of Lithuania (Lietuvos mokslo taryba).	http://www.enseignement.be
Other Information	https://www.aikos.smm.lt/ https://www.enic-naric.net/page-Lithuania	http://www.enseignement.be https://enic-naric.net/page-Belgium-French-Community



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Automatic Academic Recognition: Comparability Statement

The purpose of this statement is to provide information on the comparability and automatic recognition status of a qualification obtained within one of the signatory countries of the Baltic-Benelux Automatic recognition treaty.

	 Netherlands	 Latvia
Qualification	Associate Degree	Pirmā līmeņa profesionālās augstākās izglītības diploms
Description	An associate degree programme is often more practically-oriented than an HBO bachelor's degree programme. Students are usually trained for a profession in demand. For instance, university of applied sciences work together with companies or organisations in the region.	Diploma of first level professional higher education (from 03.04.2024 Diploma of short-cycle professional higher education) Professional qualification. Professional higher education is focused on applied sciences and/or art, which prepares students for an independent professional activity
QF - EHEA cycle	Short cycle	Short cycle
NQF Levels	Level 5	Level 5
EQF Levels	Level 5	Level 5
Admission Requirements	A HAVO diploma; a VWO diploma; or an MBO diploma level 4. Sometimes, there are extra requirements for subject combinations and/or skills.	Secondary education qualification of LQF level 4: Atestāts par vispārējo vidējo izglītību / Certificate of general secondary education Diploms par profesionālo vidējo izglītību / Diploma of vocational secondary education
Duration & Workload	2-3 years, 120 -180 ECTS credits	2-3 years, 120 -180 ECTS
Rights Granted	Work or starting a HBO bachelor's programme in a related field of study. Often students can complete the	Access to next level higher education (first cycle study programmes)

	bachelor's programme in a relatively short time (2 years).	
Recognition Status	Included in register NVAO The Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO): nvaio.net	Issuing institution and study field must be accredited
Other Information	https://www.government.nl/ministries/ministry-of-education-culture-and-science https://enic-naric.net/page-Netherlands	https://eplatforma.aika.lv/ https://www.enic-naric.net/page-Latvia



According to the Baltic-Benelux Automatic Recognition Treaty and the information provided by the ENIC-NARIC centres of the signatory countries, the qualification listed in the left column of the comparability table is considered to be automatically recognized as equivalent to the qualification listed in the right column.

Please note that this statement does not confirm the authenticity of any educational credentials or that they have been indeed awarded to the person in question.



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Luxembourg



General Education



Vocational Training



Higher Education



Higher education in Luxembourg is relatively young but expanding. It is centered around the University of Luxembourg, which was founded by law in 2003 and has ever since been the only public university in Luxembourg. It offers first and second cycle study programmes, and is the only institution allowed to offer doctoral studies. Its study programmes leading to Bachelor's (EQF Level 6), Master's (EQF Level 7), PhD's (EQF Level 8), as well as Specialized medical diplomas and Doctor of Medicine degrees (EQF Level 8) are automatically recognised by law as leading to national higher education diplomas;

According to the amended Law of 27 June 2018, the University of Luxembourg is evaluated every four years. The Minister of Research and Higher Education commissions a foreign agency to perform an evaluation reviewing the institution, its research as well as its learning and teaching activities, whereas the institutional level is an integral part of the evaluation and the other areas are being reviewed alternately.

Secondary schools, known as – lycées – can, upon programme accreditation, offer higher education short cycle training leading to the advanced technician's training certificate – brevet de technicien supérieur (BTS) (EQF Level 5). The certificate itself is issued by the Ministry of Research and Higher Education.

The Law of 21 July 2023 on the organisation of higher education provides for external quality assurance and accreditation procedure for short cycle programmes offered by secondary schools leading to the BTS, as well as for specialised higher education institutions and their study programmes leading to Bachelor's and Master's degrees. In order to obtain ministerial accreditation, short cycle study programmes (BTS) as well as specialised higher education institutions and their programmes are evaluated by the Dutch-Flemish accreditation agency NVAO, which is registered with EQAR and holds affiliate membership with ENQA.

Also, some private specialised higher education institutions accredited in Luxembourg are offering accredited study programmes at bachelor (EQF Level 6) and master (EQF Level 7) level.

Higher Education Qualifications



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BE German Community

General Education

In Belgium's German-speaking Community (Deutschsprachige Gemeinschaft Belgiens, or DG), education is compulsory from age 5, but most children begin attending kindergarten (Kindergarten) from age 3. It has its own network of school system, including Kindergärten (pre-primary education), Primarschulen (primary schools), Sekundarschulen (secondary schools).

Primary education starts at age 6 and lasts for six years, covering grades 1 to 6. The curriculum includes German language, mathematics, natural and social sciences, music, physical education, and introductory foreign language (usually French). Instruction is conducted in German, with strong emphasis on multilingualism and cross-border cultural awareness. After successfully completing primary education, pupils receive a certificate Abschlusszeugnis der Primarschule that allows them to transition into secondary education.

Secondary education is divided into two cycles: the first stage (years 1-2), which is a common core, and the second stage (years 3-6), which is divided into four streams: general, technical, artistic, and vocational. General education prepares students for higher education, while technical and artistic programs combine academic and practical subjects. The vocational stream is focused on direct entry to the job market, though it can also lead to further education. At the end of upper secondary, students receive a Diplom der Oberstufe der Sekundarstufe, which grants access to higher education or vocational specialization.

Vocational Training

Vocational education offers practical and career-oriented pathways, beginning in the second cycle of secondary school. It includes both full-time and part-time systems, the latter combining school-based instruction with on-the-job training (duales System). Vocational programs are available in fields such as carpentry, mechanics, nursing, and retail. Students acquire both general education and vocational qualifications, and may receive a Berufsausbildungszeugnis or vocational diploma. Those who complete additional general education subjects can also earn a diploma qualifying them for higher education. Close cooperation with local businesses ensures strong alignment with regional labor market needs.

Higher Education

The German-speaking Community does not operate a full university system. Its only higher education institution, the Autonome Hochschule in der DG (Autonomous University of Applied Sciences), offers professional bachelor's degrees in fields such as education, nursing, and social work. Students seeking academic bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degrees typically study at universities in Flanders, Wallonia, Germany, or other countries. The community facilitates this through support services and scholarships. Higher education is structured according to the Bologna Process, ensuring compatibility and mobility within the European Higher Education Area.

Higher Education Qualifications

• Bachelor

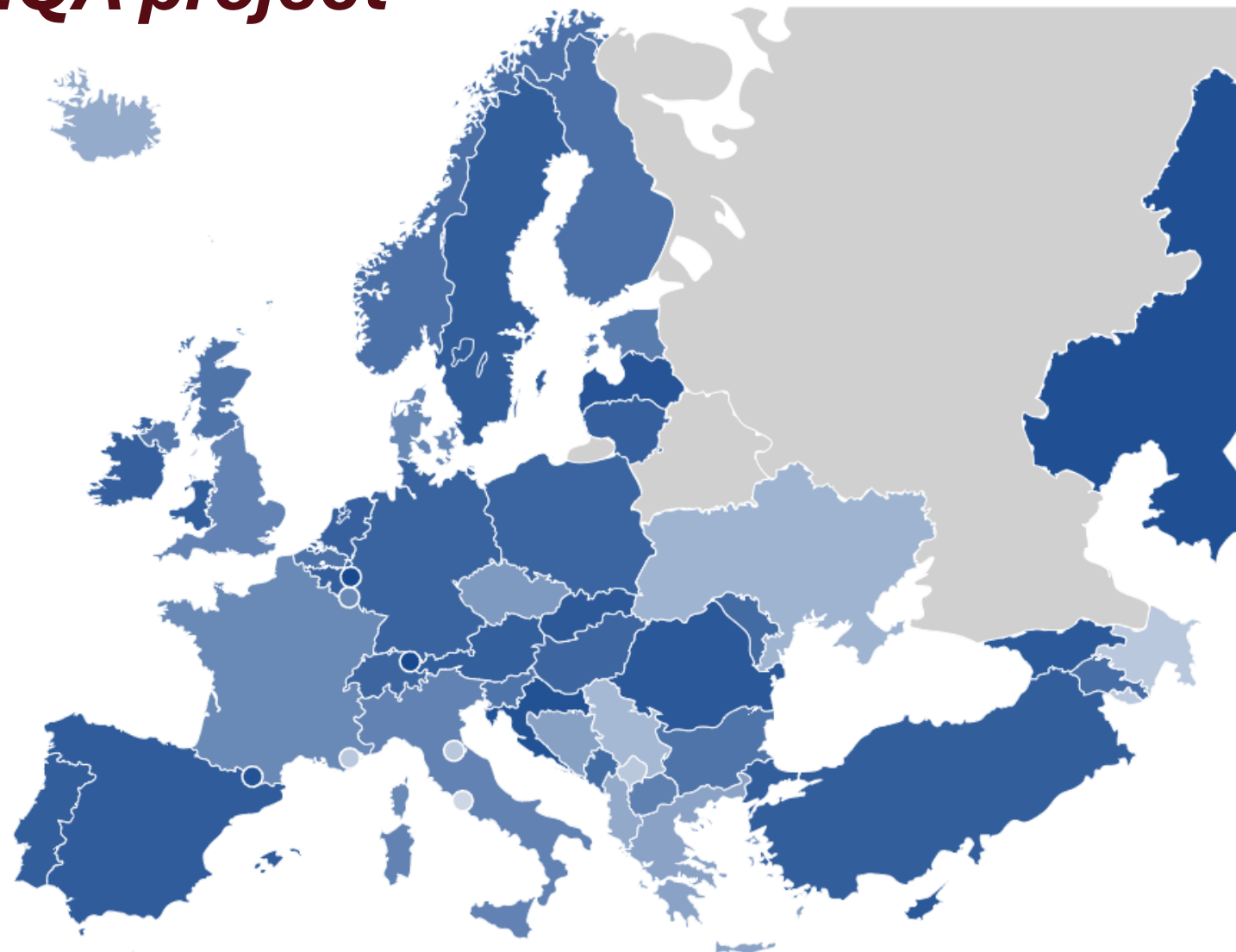
First cycle

AR-GO.ONLINE – a collaborative effort



- Developed by five project partners (BE (FL), BE (DG), LT, LV, NL) within DIGI-AR project
- The slogan proposed by Gunta Kinta of Latvian AIC
- The logo created by Giorgio Ruggieri, Italian designer
- The website designed by a Lithuanian company „Dizaino kryptis“
- The website is maintained by the Centres of ENIC-NARIC Networks
- Hosted by SKVC in the framework of the DIGI-AR and DIGI-REQA project
- Supported by funding from the European Union and Member States
- Depends upon proper implementation of Bologna Process commitments
- Will be further upgraded via DIGI-REQA project

Work in progress: DIGI-REQA project



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as of 14 April 2026, total available:

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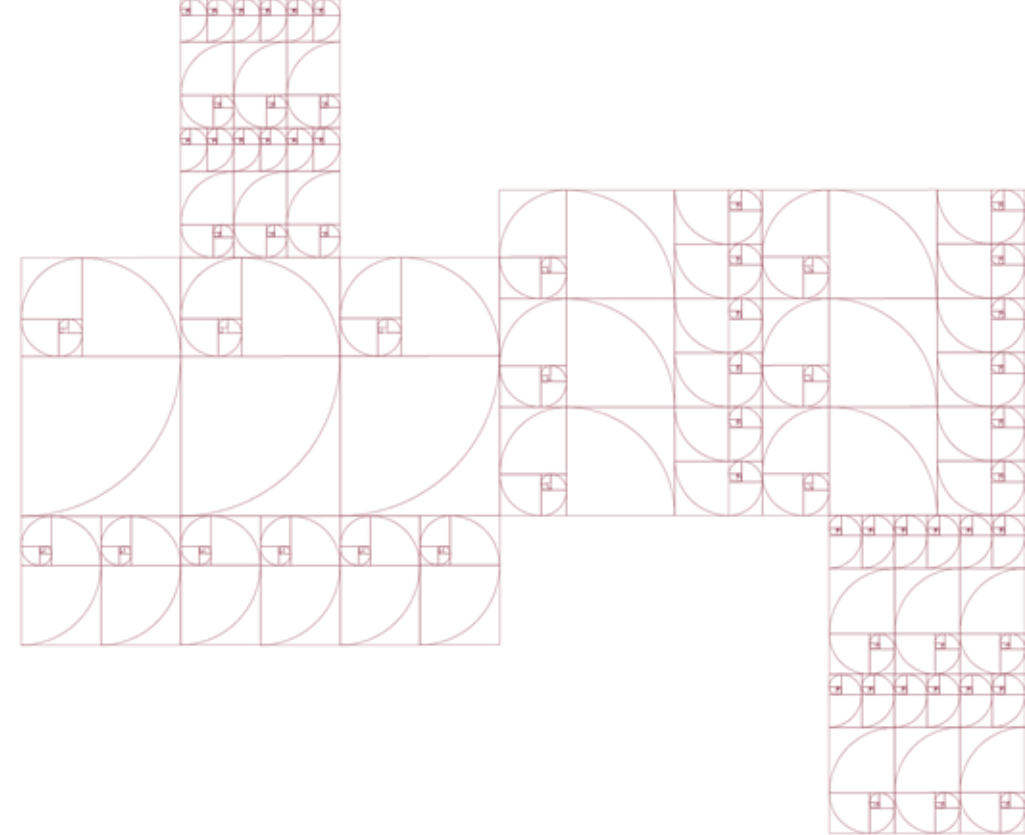


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