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The Role of NARIC Centers in Regional Cooperation Towards Enhancing the Quality of Higher Education

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History of NARIC Kosovo

- ▶ Department of Higher Education
 - ▶ NARIC Kosovo- established in 2008, with the support of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research
 - ▶ NARIC Kosovo had some limited responsibilities that included:
 - ▶ Recognition of higher education degrees
 - ▶ Provide information on HE, programs, and quality status for the public and private sector in Kosovo and outside Kosovo
- ▶ Accreditation Agency – 2009
 - ▶ Institution accreditation
 - ▶ Program accreditation

Today NARIC Center

- ▶ 2018 – The role and responsibility of the NARIC center changed
- ▶ NARIC becomes a standalone center within the MIST
 - ▶ The NARIC center today is responsible for:
 - ▶ Recognition of foreign higher education diploma;
 - ▶ Validation of diplomas issued by higher education institutions in Kosovo for the purpose of use for continuing studies or working abroad;
 - ▶ To provide information for the public and private sectors about the status of the HEI within Kosovo and abroad

Today NARIC Center

- ▶ Communication with agencies abroad in relation to diploma recognition:
 - ▶ ENIC NARIC
 - ▶ QAA
 - ▶ University/College
- ▶ Collaboration with
 - ▶ Accreditation Agency (Quality Assurance Agency QAA)
 - ▶ University/College

Challenges

- ▶ Lack of Information and trust
- ▶ Transparency
- ▶ Accurate data
- ▶ Various higher education system
- ▶ Diplomas from Countries that do not recognize Kosovo

How QAA could serve in the recognition process

QAA services abroad:

- ▶ Provide data to other ENIC NARIC or other Agency in a reasonable time
- ▶ Receiving and sharing international delegations
- ▶ Referring delegations to each other's organizations
- ▶ Presentations at each other's conferences
- ▶ Jointly work on various projects

Regional Cooperation between ENIC NARIC and QAA

- ▶ Increasing cooperation among quality assurance and recognition bodies in the region
- ▶ Seamless recognition of degrees
- ▶ Establish an operational sub-regional network of ENIC/NARIC centers

Western Balkans Agreements

- ▶ Agreement for a qualification higher education diplomas between:
 - ▶ Albania
 - ▶ Bosnia and Hercegovina
 - ▶ Kosovo
 - ▶ Montenegro
 - ▶ North Macedonia
 - ▶ Serbia
- ▶ The Joint Information System for Recognition of Academic Qualifications
- ▶ Western Balkans Regional Recognition Database, of Higher Education Qualifications

Action plan

- ▶ Harmonization of the policy to be fully in line with European standards
- ▶ To join the network ENIC NARIC,
- ▶ The next 3 years is to offer as many as possible services digitally
- ▶ To build connections not only with regional countries but even with EU and USA



Thank you 😊

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