

## MEMORANDUM

### **For the Establishment and Development of the Ukrainian Network for the Recognition of Foreign Education Qualifications**

This Memorandum for the establishment and development of the Ukrainian Network for the Recognition of Foreign Education Qualifications, hereinafter referred to as the “Memorandum”, is concluded between the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, hereinafter referred to as the “MESU”, the State-owned company “Information and Image Centre”, authorized to perform the functions of the National Information Centre of Academic Mobility ENIC Ukraine, hereinafter referred to as “ENIC Ukraine”, and Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine, hereinafter referred to as “HEIs”, each referred to as a “Party” and together as the “Parties”,

*acknowledging the necessity of*

the compliance with the provisions of the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region (Lisbon, 11 April 1997), hereinafter referred to as the “Lisbon Convention”, its subsidiary texts and recommendations;

the compliance with the Global Convention on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications (Paris, November 2019), hereinafter referred to as the “Global Convention”;

the observance of the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area, hereinafter referred to as the “ESG”;

the support of the establishment and promotion of the culture of transparent and fair recognition of foreign education qualifications in Ukraine;

the strengthening of cooperation between the competent recognition authorities in Ukraine;

the exchange of information and expertise, promotion of the best practices of foreign education qualifications recognition;

the research and problem solution in the field of foreign education qualifications recognition;

*facilitating:*

the development of academic mobility;

ensuring equal access to higher education;

providing lifelong learning opportunities;

employment of foreign education qualifications holders;

*following the principles of the*

responsibility, mutual dialogue and mutual respect;  
quality control of the resources and information;  
openness of the network to its participants;  
adequate access to the assessment of foreign education qualifications;  
non-discrimination, transparency, consistency, and reliability of the procedures  
and criteria, used in the assessment and recognition of foreign education  
qualifications;

*for the purpose of*

the establishment and development of the Ukrainian Network for the  
Recognition of Foreign Education Qualifications UaReNet (Ukrainian Recognition  
Network), hereinafter referred to as the “National Network”;  
strengthening coordination between the Parties to this Memorandum;  
facilitating cooperation of experts in recognition of foreign education  
qualifications;  
improving the quality of recognition of foreign education qualifications in  
Ukraine;

*agreed on the following:*

## **Article 1**

The Memorandum is a document by which the Parties unite for collaboration on the terms and principles set forth by this Memorandum to achieve the common purpose.

## **Article 2**

1. The National Network is created on the initiative of the MESU and ENIC Ukraine as a member of the international ENIC-NARIC Networks.
2. The MESU and ENIC Ukraine are the initiators and permanent members of the National Network, hereinafter referred to as the “Permanent Members”, as set forth in this Memorandum.
3. The functions of the coordinator of the National Network shall be entrusted to ENIC Ukraine.
4. HEIs become members of the National Network by signing the Protocol of Accession to the Memorandum, hereinafter referred to as the “Protocol of Accession”).
5. The accession of HEIs to the National Network is open, voluntary and free of charge.
6. All members of the National Network shall have the right to use in their activities information concerning the participation in the National Network and its symbols.

### **Article 3**

The National Network operates in accordance with the principles of the Lisbon and Global Conventions, uniform information exchange formats, using the experience and methodology of European and international networks for the recognition of foreign education qualifications, based on the principles of transparency, accountability, mutual dialogue and mutual respect, quality control of resources and outgoing information, and openness to new members.

### **Article 4**

The main objectives of the National Network are:

- promoting effective interaction between members of the National Network and international foreign qualification recognition networks;
- disseminating and adhering to the ideas of transparent and fair recognition, compliant with the Lisbon Convention, its subsidiary texts and recommendations, the Global Convention, the ESG, national legislation and good practices in recognition of foreign qualifications;
- expansion of information exchange between the National Network members, creating, adding information and updating the databases for the usage by ENIC Ukraine and HEIs;
- conducting events (seminars, trainings, lectures, conferences, webinars, etc.), information and consultation provision on transparent and fair practices and current trends in recognition of foreign education qualifications in order to extend *expertise*, *enhance skills* and *knowledge of* recognition experts, and implementation of effective practices in recognition of foreign education qualifications;
- development and implementation of programs, courses and projects, including the international ones, aimed at raising the level of awareness and facilitating experience exchange in recognition of foreign education qualifications.

### **Article 5**

In order to achieve the goal and fulfill the objectives of the Memorandum, HEIs appoint officers, who are authorized to carry out the recognition procedure, to participate in the National Network's activities.

### **Article 6**

1. The National Network shall hold annual conferences to coordinate activities and administrative issues, represent theoretical and practical aspects of recognition, develop recommendations to the national legislation, promote good practices for fair recognition of foreign education qualifications.

2. If necessary, the Parties shall hold additional meetings to deal with urgent matters.

## **Article 7**

Each Party shall appoint experts to cooperate on its behalf within the National Network, namely:

- an authorized person to carry out the representative functions within the National Network;
- an expert responsible for interaction within the National Network.

## **Article 8**

1. In compliance with the Ukrainian current legislation, the Parties undertake to respect, protect and enforce the intellectual property rights of copyright objects created or obtained through cooperation under this Memorandum.

2. The Parties undertake to comply with Ukrainian legislation in the field of personal data protection during the recognition procedure and in the relations between the Parties within the framework of the Memorandum.

## **Article 9**

1. On the initiative of the Parties, the Memorandum may be amended upon the agreement of the Permanent Members. Changes and additions shall be reflected in a separate protocol, signed by the Permanent Members; the protocol shall be an integral part of this Memorandum.

2. All matters related to implementation and interpretation of the Memorandum shall be governed by consultations between the Parties with the participation of the coordinator.

## **Article 10**

1. The Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of its signing by the Permanent Members.

2. The Memorandum shall be concluded for a term of 5 (five) years and shall be automatically extended for the same period every 5 (five) years.

3. One of the Permanent Members may initiate the terminating of the Memorandum by giving written notice to the other Permanent Member not less than 6 (six) months before the planned date of termination of the Memorandum.

4. The Memorandum is written in Ukrainian language in two original copies, one copy for each Permanent Member.