

UK ENIC attends EQPR meeting in Athens



UK ENIC attended the latest Project Co-ordination Group meeting for the European Qualifications Passport for Refugees (EQPR) in Athens last month.

The EQPR is an international initiative led by the Council of Europe and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Teams of trained credential evaluators from participating ENIC-NARIC centres assess the qualifications and skills of refugees and people in refugee-like situations, who are missing or who have only partial qualification documentation, by way of structured questionnaires and interviews.

UK ENIC was one of the EQPR's founding partners, helping establish the interview-based evaluation processes that underpin the project. Now, more than 20 ENIC-NARIC centres support the initiative. More information about the EQPR project can be found on the [Council of Europe website](#).

At last month's meeting, the group talked about the year's achievements including proven solutions to address national challenges, a pool of trained evaluators, combination of face-to-face and online interviews, and how EQPR holders are accepted to further studies and work, to name a few.

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Counter-fraud training at ENIC-NARIC Sweden

Reminder: end-of-year service closing dates



We wanted to remind members that our offices will be closed for the upcoming holiday period from 12pm (GMT) on Tuesday 24th December 2024, reopening at 9am on Thursday 2nd January 2025.

For member enquiries, the deadline for a 5-day turnaround was Monday 16th December and for a 48-hour turnaround, it's Thursday 19th December.

Any queries submitted after these dates will not be answered until the office re-opens in the New Year.

Our phone lines and live chat services for members will close at 5pm on Friday 20th December, re-opening with all of our services on Thursday 2nd January.

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- **Spotlight on Nigeria and Ghana**, Tuesday 28 January (9.30am to 12.30pm, GMT)
- **Combating Education Fraud**, Tuesday 28 January (1.30pm to 4.30pm, GMT)



Colleagues from UK ENIC delivered a presentation on the theme of counter-fraud and verification to colleagues from ENIC-NARIC Sweden last month.

Jack Gunnell, Head of Counter Fraud and Verification, was joined by Kelvin Whitefoot, Sectoral Services Manager, to share their experiences of identifying and combating fraudulent applications within the credential evaluation landscape.

They also discussed growing elements of primary source verification.

Jack Gunnell said: 'The presentation was a good opportunity for ENIC-NARIC centres to collaborate on such an important issue by sharing best practice, discussing challenges and identifying opportunities.

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Both training sessions are taking place at The University of Manchester, Core Technology Facility.

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