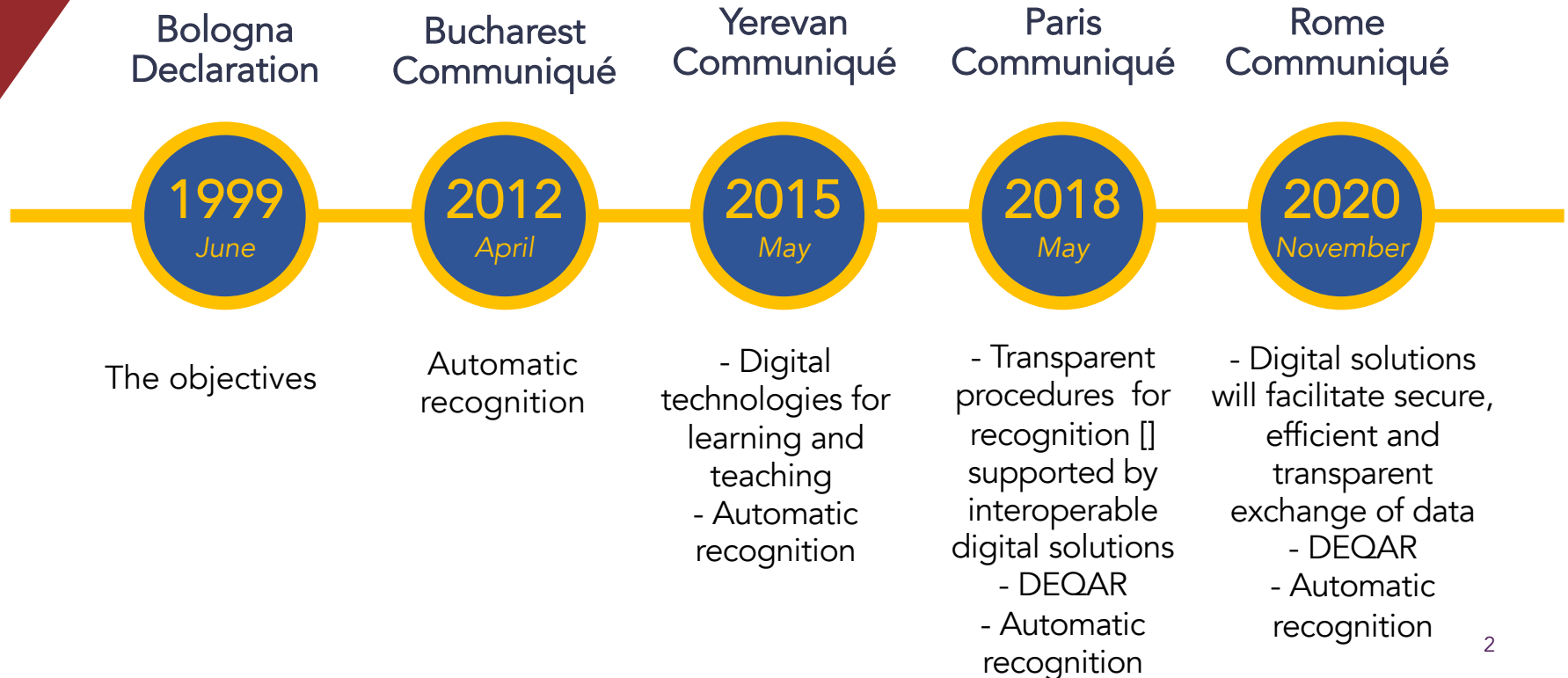




Session 1: Integrating DEQAR
in Automatic Recognition
DEQAR CONNECT conference
06/12/2021

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Mobility, automatic recognition, digitalisation



Cultural roots / 1

The values:
Magna Charta Universitatum
18 September 1988

[...] «Therefore, as in the earliest years of their history, they encourage mobility among teachers and students; furthermore, they consider a general policy of equivalent status, title, examinations (without prejudice to national diplomas) and award scholarships essential to the fulfilment of their mission in the conditions prevailing today».

Magna Charta 1988



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The values: Bologna declaration
19 June 1999

European higher education institutions, for their part, have accepted the challenge and taken up a main role in constructing the European area of higher education, also in the wake of the fundamental principles laid down in the Bologna Magna Charta Universitatum of 1988.

Bologna Declaration 1999



Laurentius De Voltolina, *Liber ethicorum* des Henricus de Alemannia, XIV century, School of Bologna

The objectives: Bologna declaration – 19 June 1999

We engage in co-ordinating our policies to reach [...] the following objectives, which we consider to be of primary relevance in order to establish the European area of higher education and to promote the European system of higher education world-wide:

- Adoption of a system of **easily readable and comparable degrees**, also through the implementation of the Diploma Supplement [...]
- Adoption of a system essentially based on **two main cycles**, undergraduate and graduate [...]
- Establishment of a **system of credits** - such as in the ECTS system [...]
- Promotion of **mobility** by overcoming obstacles to the effective exercise of free movement [...]
- Promotion of **European co-operation in quality assurance** with a view to developing comparable criteria and methodologies
- Promotion of the **necessary European dimensions in higher education** [...]



Automatic recognition



We will ensure automatic recognition of academic qualifications and periods of study within the EHEA so that students, staff and graduates are able to move freely to study, teach and do research. We will make the **necessary legislative changes to guarantee automatic recognition at system level for qualifications delivered in EHEA countries where quality assurance operates in compliance with the ESG** and where a fully operational national qualifications framework has been established. We also encourage the application of **agreed and secure systems of digital certification and communication such as blockchain**, as well as the further development of the Database of External Quality Assurance Results (DEQAR) to facilitate automatic recognition.

Rome Communiqué, 2020



In an increasingly globalised context, it is important that students can make the best possible use of all learning opportunities across Europe. For this to happen, **a qualification awarded** by a competent authority in one Member State **should be valid in any other Member State for the purpose of accessing further learning activities**. This includes third-country nationals who hold a qualification from one Member State and move to another Member State. However, the lack of this automatic recognition of qualifications and the outcomes of learning periods abroad is hampering mobility. A Union-wide approach to automatic recognition will provide the needed clarity and consistency to overcome remaining barriers [...]
Explore, in cooperation with Member States, **the potential of new technologies, such as blockchain technology, to facilitate automatic mutual recognition**.

Council Recommendation of 26 November 2018 on promoting automatic mutual recognition of higher education and upper secondary education and training qualifications and the outcomes of learning periods abroad, 2018



FOSTERING AUTOMATIC RECOGNITION

➔ Quality assurance

➔ Digitalisation

➔ Credentials

- ▶ Compliance with the European Standards and Guidelines
- ▶ Faster and more transparent recognition
- ▶ Interoperability
- ▶ At European level, DEQAR could serve as the register of providers, since its scope is to cover all providers and provision aligned with the ESG.

*Micro-credentials linked to the
Bologna Key Commitments, 2021*

QUALITY ASSURANCE



DIGITALISATION



CREDENTIALS



Diplome



Italy, with CIMEA, is the first country using the blockchain technology in the field of recognition of qualifications.

Why blockchain for recognition:

1. Digitalization of the recognition process
2. Student-centered approach
3. Data security and privacy
4. Fraud minimization

The concept

Individuals get assigned a secure wallet where they can store their qualifications using the blockchain technology, therefore creating a decentralized, transparent, certified and tamper-proof ecosystem with the goal to simplify the procedure for a student, a graduate or a professional to enroll in a university or to apply for a job in the labour market of another country.



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My Diplome Wallet

With the "Diplome" service, you can create your own digital "wallet" of qualifications free of charge. In order to create your wallet complete the full registration and follow the instructions you will receive via email.

[Learn more](#)

[Access to My Diplome](#)



Information Request

The information request service allows you to contact CIMEA experts with questions on recognition procedures of your qualifications and about the Italian higher education system.

[Access to Information Request](#)

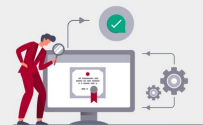


Comparability

The Comparability service allows you to request the Statement of Comparability with the evaluation of your academic and secondary school qualifications conducted by CIMEA experts.

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Verification

The Verification service allows you to request the Statement of Verification which certifies that your qualifications has been awarded by an official body in the education system of reference.

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Here you can upload the documents relating to your qualifications, such as: the secondary school leaving certificate, the degree certificate, exam transcripts, the Diploma Supplement, the translations of documents, etc.

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Reference N. [REDACTED] Date 24-02-2021

Name of the holder
[REDACTED]

Date of birth
[REDACTED]

Name of the qualification
Bachelor in Banking and Finance

Awarding year
2020

Issue country
Albania

Awarding institution
Awarding institution

Status of institution
[REDACTED]

Teaching institution
Teaching institution

Type of qualification
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Classification/Level
1st cycle QF-EHEA / EQF level 6

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Workload
180 ECTS

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Deqar institutions

☒ "EPOKA" University
 European University of Tirana
 Nehemiah Gateway University
 University of Tirana

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STATEMENT of COMPARABILITY

REFERENCE N. [REDACTED] DATE 24/02/2021

ELEMENTS OF THE QUALIFICATION

NAME OF THE HOLDER: [REDACTED]
 DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]
 NAME OF THE QUALIFICATION: Bachelor in Banking and Finance
 AWARDED YEAR: 2020
 COUNTRY OF ISSUE: Albania
 AWARDED INSTITUTION: "EPOKA" University
 STATUS OF INSTITUTION: [REDACTED]
 TYPE OF QUALIFICATION: [REDACTED]
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 DURATION: 3 years
 WORKLOAD: 180 ECTS
 DEQAR ID OF THE AWARDED INSTITUTION: DEQARINST5881

EVALUATION DETAILS:

[REDACTED]

The present Statement is drafted by CIMEA, the national information centre dealing with the NARIC - National Academic Recognition Information Centres network of the European Union and with the ENIC - European National Information Centres network of the Council of Europe and UNESCO - European Region. The present Statement has the value of non-legally binding advice and it does not certify nor examine the authenticity of the evaluated qualification.



When producing its certifications, CIMEA makes use of blockchain technology, linked to the diploma service.

"Comparability" means the indication of the qualification's level in reference to the cycles of the Bologna Process and to the levels of the European Qualifications Framework. Such comparison does not imply the formal recognition of the evaluated qualification within any national system, except the education system of the country of issue, but it is a useful recommendation to indicate the level to evaluate a qualification within recognition procedures. The Statement of comparability has the task of a advice, and does not bind the institutions during their own procedures of assessment and recognition.

Diploma fast verification service
[CLICK HERE](#)
 The service is available after 7 days of the issuing date of the Statement.

QA, Recognition, Digitalisation

- Triangle of transparency: QF and ECTS, recognition and QA
- DEQAR: open access and easy integration; interoperability; one step less for credential evaluators; visibility of european dimension for graduates.
- Further developments: micro-credentials, identification of the holder, verification of authenticity of the qualifications, quality assurance of the institution.



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