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National Information Centres and Recognition Networks ENIC and **NARIC** Main tasks and co-operation Dr. Carita Blomqvist, Head of Unit Recognition and International Comparability of Qualifications Finnish National Board of Education President of the Lisbon Recognition Convention Committee



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Lisbon Recognition Convention (LRC) Committee

- Composed of one representative of each Party to the LRC (51 countries)
- Oversees the implementation of the LRC
- Right to adopt recommendations to guide the implementation of the LRC
- Information, promotion
- Link to the Bologna Process



Network of Information Centres

- European Network of Information Centres on Academic Recognition and Mobility (ENIC)
- Established in 1994 by UNESCO and the Council of Europe to develop joint policy and practice for the recognition of qualifications
- Cooperation with the NARIC network (National Academic Recognition Information Centres), coordinated by the European Union



Main functions of the national information centres

- Facilitate access to authoritative and accurate information on the national higher education system and qualifications
- Facilitate access to information on foreign higher education systems and qualifications
- Give advice or information on recognition matters and assessment of qualifications
- Promotion of the use of the Diploma Supplement



Examples of working parties of the information centres – co-operation of Networks

- Criteria and procedures for the assessment of foreign qualifications and periods of study
- Transnational Education
- Diploma Supplement
- Joint activities with quality assurance network
- Substantial differences
- Information strategies
- Recognition issues in the Bologna Process



Remaining concerns in co-operation

- Face the challenge of diversity
- Recognition of qualifications earned through lifelong learning
- Mutual trust in quality and in education systems
- Qualifications Frameworks, learning outcomes
- Trans-national qualifications, joint degrees
- Fair recognition!

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