

The Norwegian ENIC-NARIC (NOKUT) evaluated with very positive results

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An international committee of experts has thoroughly evaluated the activities of NOKUT in the role as the Norwegian ENIC-NARIC centre. The conclusion is that the NOKUT performs well on the elements assessed, and that it appears very well organised.

– The committee highlights in particular the benefits that can be drawn from the linkages between NOKUT’s role as quality assurance agency for Norwegian higher education, and its role in recognizing foreign education. The committee emphasizes that this linkage will only increase in importance in the years to come, says Stig Arne Skjerven, Director of Foreign Education at NOKUT.

The committee describes this linkage in the following way:

“NOKUT’s organization both includes quality assurance of higher education and VETs, qualification frameworks, analyses and development, in addition to recognition and information services as the ENIC-NARIC office. This combination is highly relevant for the development and credibility of both recognition and quality assurance and gives substantial synergies. The relevance will further increase through NOKUT’s aim to reach more automatic recognition procedures based on learning outcomes.”

Further Developments

The committee gives credit to NOKUT for having well-functioning procedures for the recognition of foreign education. [The Recognition Procedure for Persons without Verifiable Documentation \(UVD\)](#) is especially highlighted as an important contribution to the development of the recognition sector internationally. The evaluation committee also presented a set of recommendations for improving NOKUT’s recognition work. It notably encouraged NOKUT to systematize further the use of learning outcomes when assessing foreign education.

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– This evaluation has been a very positive experience for NOKUT. It is very useful to have experts assess to what extent we comply with the principles for recognition of qualifications as laid out in [the Lisbon Convention](#), says Skjerven.

[Read the Evaluation Report](#) (PDF)