

ORION - From Input to Output in RecognitION

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- An Erasmus+ Key Action 3 project
- Purpose: update and change recognition methodology
- Outdated methodology in a changed context
- New direction: From Input to Output in RecognitION
- NOKUT already changed doctoral degree recognition
- The other Nordic offices are involved in the process (cf. Reykjavik Declaration)

ORION: Identification of needs

- Development of an updated understanding of the *substantial differences* principle
- Development of robust and pragmatic recognition criteria - based on the new understanding of *substantial differences*
- More generic recognition practice, leading to fewer unintended outcomes resulting from individual program structure

ORION: Project objectives

- Create differentiated and more flexible recognition
- Make use of new tools such as learning outcomes and Qualification Frameworks
- From an input based recognition towards an output based recognition
- Be more in tune with new and current recommendations (Bologna etc.)
- A more harmonised recognition practice in the Nordic countries
- Facilitate mobility and internationalisation by improving recognition procedures
- Impact on Norwegian HEIs (NOKUT's practice normative)

ORION: expected outcomes

- Value for NOKUT: more flexible and modern recognition regime in line with international development and new recognition tools
- Value for other ENIC-NARICs: best practice sharing on how to make use of new recognition tools
- On a broader scale:
 - easier access to qualified workforce
 - promote mobility within EHEA
 - Better in line with international recommendations towards automatic recognition

