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UK-Colombia mutual recognition agreement signed in London

The UK and Colombia signed a Mutual Recognition Agreement of Higher Education Qualifications on Wednesday 2 November 2016, following a lecture on The Legacy of Peace by new Nobel Laureate President Santos at the London School of Economics.

The Agreement was signed on behalf of the UK by Minister of State for Universities and Science, Jo Johnson. (*Signing ceremony pictured below, with President Santos in attendance, far left.*)

As with recent bilateral agreements the UK has signed with Mexico and Chile, the treaty outlines the equivalent level of university qualifications in the two countries and details of simplified recognition processes. Holders of UK degrees will no longer be required to undertake a detailed analysis of course content in order to achieve recognition in Colombia. UK NARIC continues to work on mutual recognition in Latin America – see the story below on our recent talks in Brazil and Peru.

The UK-Colombia treaty will enhance student mobility between the two countries and promote UK educational export opportunities in Colombia, facilitating the establishment of institutional links for embarking on joint research and dual/joint degrees. ([more...](#))



UK NARIC co-operation agreement with CEAIE to

Training in London: key topics, regions; and professional recognition

You can use your complimentary training places for the half-day training workshops in London on key topics and regions on 6 & 7 December.

Our [training schedule](#) has all the details and links to book your places.

Also in London, on 29 & 30 November, there is [training on professional recognition](#). The first day is introductory level, including principles of EU/EEA professional recognition. The second day is more advanced, including policy considerations. ([more...](#))

New Certificate Bank launches: 1000 images to view online

The new UK NARIC certificate bank, with over 1000 digitised images of qualification certificates from 103 countries, is now live and online.

Over 1000 new image scans have been completed and uploaded in the past three months. The development work has been done in response to member feedback.

The example certificates are integrated into the International Comparisons database and there are

support UK-China partnerships

UK NARIC and China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE), signed a new and significant Memorandum of Cooperation at the 17th China Annual Conference for International Education in Beijing.

This new joint initiative will promote and facilitate educational partnerships between the UK and China through the new UK NARIC China Connect service, being launched at the UK NARIC 2016 conference on 21 November.

CEAIE, affiliated with China's Ministry of Education, is the major facilitator of educational partnerships and links between education institutions at all levels in China with their counterparts internationally. ([more...](#))

images of upper secondary and undergraduate ([more...](#))

Botosoft at UK NARIC 2016

Botosoft is at the UK NARIC 2016 conference to talk about their smart document solutions to the growing challenge of document verification.

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UK NARIC supports Train to Teach

UK NARIC set up its advice stand for the NCTL Train to Teach roadshow event in Manchester on 12 November, which was attended by over 400 people.

UK NARIC can advise on comparabilities and suitability of international qualifications for entry into teaching.

UK NARIC will be in attendance in the Advice Zone at the Train to Teach roadshow events in Birmingham (19 November); in London (26 November) and in Cardiff (3 December). ([more...](#))



Brazil and Peru talks on mutual recognition

UK NARIC's Peter Wood and Lee Shotton visited Brasilia and Lima in November and met with representatives of the Ministries of Education and others to advance moves towards Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) with Brazil and Peru. (*Pictured: Lee and Peter with Brazilian representatives at the UK embassy in Brasilia.*)

In Brasilia, the UK NARIC team met delegates from the Brazilian Ministry of Education, Brazilian International Education Association, British Council and UUKi. ([more...](#))



New online platform for Europass

Proposed changes for the Europass trans-European CV and skills portfolio include a widening of the concept to a Europe-wide online platform for accessing a range of services, and inclusion of new third-party digital tools.

The proposals were discussed at the November meeting of National Europass Centres in Vienna (*pictured: the Kunsthistorisches Museum in the city*). The UK National Europass Centre coordinator Frazer Wallace attended.

The proposals have ([more...](#))

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