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Name changes, website changes, from 1 March: UK NARIC; UK ENIC; Ecctis



Following the UK's departure from the European Union, the UK NARIC national agency function is having to change from a NARIC (an EU-only title) to an ENIC (a wider European title for national recognition agencies) in order to meet the UK's continuing treaty obligations under the [Lisbon Recognition Convention](#). This change will come into effect on 1 March, when UK NARIC will become UK ENIC, operated and managed by Ecctis Limited.

The services that you receive as a member will not change, and the teams behind those services remain the same. You will continue to receive excellent levels of service.

From 1 March, there will be two websites - [enic.org.uk](#), and [ecctis.com](#). You can log in on either website; use your existing log in details.

Database pages and member service pages will all work as before (their internet addresses will now be Ecctis addresses rather than Naric addresses - redirects are in place).

If you do find that you experience any difficulties or if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your account manager.

From March, this newsletter becomes the UK ENIC newsletter. PDFs of all past editions of this newsletter will continue to be available on the UK ENIC website. [READ MORE](#)

Charting the impact of COVID-19 on education

Upcoming admissions training; and free webinars



We will be hosting the final three parts of our *Admissions Series* in March. These webinars, presented in association with [Fragomen](#), [PTE Academic](#) and [Cambridge Assessment English](#), will provide a thorough introduction to all the major aspects of the international admissions officer role, and coverage of relevant and recent updates.

These webinars will take place on 3, 10 and 17 March, and can be booked through the [training schedule web page](#). Members may use their pre-paid places for this online training; contact your account manager for details. Non-members can email events@ecctis.com to book places. [READ MORE](#)

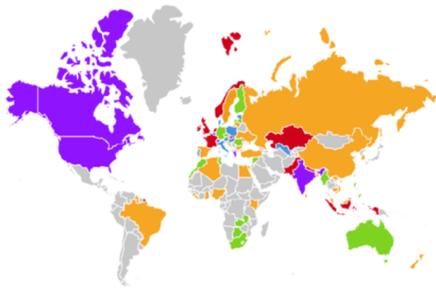
New social media accounts

With the UK NARIC, UK ENIC, and Ecctis changes, there will be corresponding changes in our social media accounts. If you currently follow us on social media then your 'follow' should continue uninterrupted, although you will see some changes in name and look.

Our main Twitter account will change from [@uk_naric](#) to [@ecctis](#). [READ MORE](#)

Specialists needed to assist educational research and development projects

We are looking for a number of freelance specialists to conduct qualitative research in an educational context. This is an opportunity to be involved in our wider work



in international education and educational development. We are looking for consultants with at least five years of experience in areas such as curriculum development and evaluation [READ MORE](#)

Subject experts required for benchmarking of vocational college courses

Our research team continues to track announcements on school closures and exam arrangements worldwide, and to publish these as announcements are made on the [our blog](#).

At the time of writing this news story - 23 February - the latest figures from UNESCO indicated that 28 countries have closed schools and universities at a national level. At the peak in April, 193 countries were affected by closures.

The most recent updates have been on summer 2021 exams with the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CICSE) announcing their exams will go ahead this summer, but will be later than usual. No date has been confirmed at the time of writing. [READ MORE](#)

We are searching for freelance consultants with expertise in several subject areas in order to help us with the international benchmarking of technical and vocational diploma courses offered at a number of Chinese colleges.

If you are interested in working on these projects, or would like to know more, please contact consultant@ecctis.com. The first of this work is due to begin in March, however, additional projects are expected in the following months. [READ MORE](#)

Our TNE session at The PIE Live; get discounted places

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The head of our Quality Benchmark Services, Dr Fabrizio Trifiro, will speak about our transnational education work at The PIE's upcoming **TNE and Tech conference** running from 22 to 26 March.

Fabrizio will be demonstrating how our work on the **TNE Quality Benchmarking (TNEQB)** scheme can support the international recognition [READ MORE](#)