

First Conference of the Parties to the UNESCO Global Recognition Convention held in Paris



The first Intergovernmental Conference of the Parties to the UNESCO Global Recognition Convention on Higher Education took place at the UNESCO headquarters, Paris on 4 and 5 July.

Its main objectives were to adopt the Rules of Procedure, elect its Bureau, and to adopt a work programme for 2023-2025.

Dr Cloud Bai-Yun, Chief Adviser to UK ENIC, represented the UK, along with senior policy colleagues from the Department for Education and representatives from the UK Permanent Delegation to UNESCO.

Dr Bai-Yun said: 'The conference was well attended, with some 230 registered participants, and almost all UNESCO delegations present.' [READ MORE](#)

Westminster HE Forum event on international students in the UK

UK-Spain agreement on access to higher education institutions



UK ENIC played a key role in discussions which this month led to the signing of a UK-Spain bilateral agreement on cooperation in access to higher education institutions. It will come into force on 2 August.

This agreement enables students with UK qualifications, including A-levels and equivalents, to access universities in Spain without the need for the Spanish general university entrance exam. Meanwhile, students from the Spanish education system will continue to be able to access UK higher education institutions with additional legal certainty.

The agreement was signed by the British Ambassador to Spain, Hugh Elliott [*pictured above, right*], Spanish Minister of Education and Vocational Training, Pilar Alegría [*left*], as well as Joan Subirats, Spanish Minister of Universities.

Peter Wood, UK ENIC Head of Operations, provided technical assistance to the UK Department for Education in the drafting and negotiation of the treaty, and helped the parties develop a mutual understanding of the systems of recognition and university admissions in both countries.

He said: 'I'm very pleased to have been able to contribute to delivering this treaty, which represents a win for UK education exports.'

'A thorough understanding of overseas contexts, including how legislative barriers to recognition come about, is an important tool in facilitating mobility and



A conference on the future for international students in the UK, hosted by the Westminster Higher Education Forum, included a presentation from UK ENIC on ways we support international students and members involved in recruiting.

The event brought together key stakeholders and policymakers, with a focus on recruitment, competitiveness, and providing the best experience for international students, including employment opportunities. It included keynote addresses from Anne-Marie Graham, Chief Executive, UKCISA, and Lord Johnson of Marylebone, a former higher education minister.

UK ENIC Head of External Engagement, Chris Lyons, who presented at the online event, said: 'This was a good opportunity to demonstrate [READ MORE](#)

Supporting refugees in to UK study and employment



We brought together admissions officers, employment support professionals, and policy officers, from universities, professional bodies, and charity support organisations at an event in London with a focus on supporting refugees into UK study or employment.

Attendees discussed the complex challenges facing refugees in the UK, starting with recognition of qualifications – especially in cases with incomplete documentation.

The UK ENIC team gave a presentation on the TRASE UK project, funded by the Council of Europe, which tracks refugee applications for recognition.

trade, and is where UK ENIC can add real value.' [READ MORE](#)

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Early Bird discount rates are available until 1 September for our two-day UKENIC23 face-to-face conference, at The Queen Elizabeth II Centre, Westminster, London, on 4 and 5 December.

The conference has an overall theme of *Reconfiguration*, with a programme bringing together leading authorities on international education and skills, and featuring a range of relevant current topics delivered and debated in presentations, panels, and workshops.

UKENIC23 will be presented in partnership with Skills for English. It will be presented in association with Oxford AQA and Oxford Test of English and ETS TOEFL.

The event will be supported by Cambridge University Press & Assessment, OMPT, Trinity College London, ApplyBoard, Password English Language Testing, Qualification Check, Gecko Engage, UniQuest and Dialexy.

One of the supporting organisations, OMPT, will be on hand to discuss its digital maths testing for university entrance. We have just entered into an exclusive agreement with OMPT enabling you to [access a free online demo](#) of their maths testing.

The varied UKENIC23 conference content will include practical advice, case studies, intelligence, and analysis for strategy and development. You can secure your place now, with a 10% Early Bird discount if you book before 1 September, using the [booking form](#). [READ MORE](#)

UK ENIC at 2023 TAICEP annual conference, 2 to 5 October

The project includes a survey of refugee applicants receiving a Statement of Comparability, with initial findings indicating a majority felt their Statement was useful for entering further study or employment.

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Initial feedback from our annual member survey



UK ENIC members have been responding to our annual survey.

The survey provides a snapshot of members' views about the services that UK ENIC provides.

We are grateful for the feedback, and are now working through it in order to ensure it helps us further develop and improve our services to meet evolving needs.

The overall feedback on the services we provide remains very positive. Many members feel that both the Member Enquiry Service and the online databases are essential tools, with some [READ MORE](#)



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The annual conference of The Association of International Credential Evaluation Professionals (TAICEP) will take place in Redondo Beach, California, from 2 to 5 October, with a theme of 'TAICEP at 10 years: Our impact continues. What next?'

The four-day event offers a diverse programme with the opportunity to share expertise and learn from the experiences of fellow credential evaluation professionals.

The [full event schedule](#) can be viewed on the TAICEP conference website.

UK ENIC has proudly been associated with TAICEP for some time. Chris Lyons, Head of External Engagement, is also chair of the TAICEP Committee for Standards and Quality. He will be involved in a number of sessions at the event, including delivering at two UK ENIC sessions: [READ MORE](#)

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