

Welcome to the UK ENIC newsletter

A round-up of the latest news, updates, training and events from the team at UK ENIC.

UK ENIC services delivered by Ecctis for next five years



UK ENIC and adjacent services will continue to be delivered by Ecctis for at least the next five years, after a competitive tendering process.

Ecctis has been managing UK ENIC, formerly UK NARIC, on behalf of the Department for Education (DfE) for more than two decades, providing the international reference point for qualifications and skills standards.

The new contract with DfE – which began at the end of March - includes the provision of qualification recognition services for UK ENIC, Early Years Service and the Teacher Regulation Service.

Ecctis, an Employee-Owned Trust (EOT), is also continuing to deliver qualification equivalency and English proficiency assessment services as part of a new contract for the Home Office, which started on 01 May 2025.

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UKENIC25 theme announced



We are excited to share that the theme for our upcoming UKENIC25 conference in London will be: “Innovation and the human connection: harmonising the future of education”.

The two-day event is being held on 1 and 2 December, at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre in the heart of Westminster.

It will continue conversations that started at ENIC NORTH 2025 in Glasgow, where we explored the relationship between technological innovations and the impact these have on personal experiences.

After 25 years, the UK ENIC conference continues to be the biggest education and skills event in the UK.

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UK ENIC attends ENIC-NARIC Networks annual joint meeting in Albania



Representatives from UK ENIC attended the 32nd Annual Joint Meeting of the ENIC-NARIC Networks in Albania last month (25-27 May).

Organised by the Ministry of Education and Sports, and the Albanian ENIC-NARIC with support from the Council of Europe, the meeting in Tirana was attended by over 150 people from over 40 centres.

The joint meeting provides UK ENIC with the opportunity to meet with other centres within the network, have valuable discussions, strengthen partnerships and improve links – with an emphasis on sharing best practice and supporting fellow centres.

Katherine Huang (Director of Operations), Chris Lyons (Head of Policy and Engagement) and Ellisa Marques (Research Engagement Manager) attended on behalf of UK ENIC.

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A round-up from the Education World Forum



UK ENIC attended the annual Education World Forum in London last month (18-21 May).

Held at the QEII Centre in Westminster, the EWF is the world's largest gathering of education and skills ministers, offering a platform for policymakers to discuss global education challenges, share insights and explore solutions.

This year, the theme was 'From stability to growth: building stronger, bolder, better education together'.

It explored a variety of issues around the development of inclusive, responsive and resilient systems that drive equitable and sustainable economic growth.

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It's all Greek to me: why Greek 'higher schools' don't offer higher education



There's no doubt about it: identifying Greek qualifications when you don't speak the language can be tricky.

Trying to pick out the relevant words on a certificate can sometimes feel like searching for a needle in a haystack. To make matters worse, virtually all Greek qualifications seem to be entitled either *Ptychío* (ΠΤΥΧΙΟ) or *Diploma* (ΔΙΠΛΩΜΑ).

One qualification that frequently – and understandably – causes confusion is diplomas issued by tertiary institutions known as 'higher schools' (Greek: ΑΝΩΤΕΡΗ ΣΧΟΛΗ).

The term ΑΝΩΤΕΡΑ literally translates as 'higher' but this is something of a red herring. Higher schools offer *post-secondary* education, as distinct from what we would typically categorise as 'higher education' in English (ΑΝΩΤΑΤΑ in Greek).

And these are very much two separate pathways. Higher schools do not deliver university education and do not confer Bachelor degrees.

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A note about document translations

If documents require translation, we will confirm this and provide further details during the Statement application process.

We are unable to recommend - and do not require - translations from specific companies.

We accept translations from professional translators and offer a [Translation Waiver Service](#) for eligible applications.

Follow us for social media updates

The monthly UK ENIC newsletter aims to provide you with relevant and useful news, updates and announcements.

As it is issued at the end of each month, there are inevitably times when some information included here has already been provided to followers of our social media channels.

As a reminder, here are the main UK ENIC social media channels which offer followers useful updates: [UK ENIC X \(Twitter\)](#) and [UK ENIC Facebook](#).

We have also just launched our new [UK ENIC Linked In](#) channel – feel free to follow for updates.

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