

## Welcome to the UK ENIC newsletter

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

### ENIC-NARIC Joint Annual Meeting 2026



Greece hosted the 33<sup>rd</sup> ENIC-NARIC joint annual meeting in Athens between 24 and 26 May.

UK ENIC was among the centres invited to the meeting in the Lighthouse, at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Centre.

Chris Lyons (Head of Policy and Engagement), Abbie Gordon (International Education Analyst) and Ellisa Marques (Research Engagement Manager) attended on behalf of UK ENIC.

There was a packed programme across the three-day event including a keynote speech on 'Artificial Intelligence and the Certification of Learning', delivered by Professor Phil Newton from Swansea University.

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## UK ENIC visits Armenia for ARAQUA 2 project update



**Representatives from UK ENIC met with international colleagues in Armenia recently, as part of a project called ‘Road to Automatic Recognition of Higher Education Access Qualifications 2’ (ARAQUA 2).**

Co-funded by the European Union and coordinated by the Latvian Academic Information Centre (AIC), ARAQUA 2 brings together ENIC-NARIC offices, higher education and research bodies who are experts in credential evaluation across Europe and Central and West Asia.

It aims to investigate the feasibility of, and potential criteria for, automatic recognition of general secondary education qualifications and vocational education and training (VET) qualifications for access to higher education amongst the partner countries.

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## International Higher Education Forum (IHEF) 2026



**UK ENIC colleagues attended the International Higher Education Forum (IHEF) 2026 at the University of London between 6 and 7 May.**

More than 300 higher education leaders, policy makers and practitioners took part in the two-day event at Senate House.

It featured keynote speakers, plenaries and breakout sessions covering topics such as research and innovation, student recruitment, transnational education and global mobility.

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## UK ENIC meets key stakeholders in Turkey



Representatives from UK ENIC’s Research, Data and Insights team met with colleagues from a range of organisations in Turkey recently, as part of efforts to engage with key stakeholders in the country.

The visit to Ankara, Turkey’s capital and administrative centre, aimed to develop relationships with relevant bodies, gather information about Turkey’s education system and support understanding of UK qualifications in the country.

Axel Desein (Research Operations Manager) and Samantha Broadbent (Senior International Education Analyst) attended meetings with Bilkent University, the British Council, Vocational Qualifications Authority (Mesleki Yeterlilik Kurumu – MYK) and the Council of Higher Education (Yükseköğretim Kurulu – YÖK) on behalf of UK ENIC.

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## Ask the experts – US high school ‘Honors’



In the latest edition of our ‘Ask the experts’ feature, our Research, Data and Insights team is answering another popular question that members ask us.

This month, UK ENIC’s Research Manager Emma Kirby provides the answer to this question: **are USA high school ‘Honors’ courses comparable to A level?**

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## Follow us for social media updates in 2026

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

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