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UK ENIC 22: Due to rail strikes, face-to-face London event postponed to February 2023



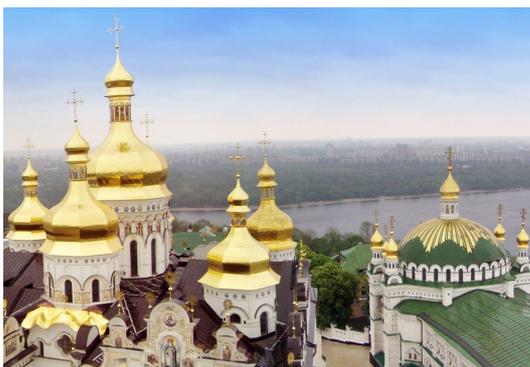
With UK-wide rail strikes taking place on and around Monday 7 November, we have taken the decision to postpone our UKENIC22 face-to-face conference in London – which had been scheduled for that day. It will now take place on Monday 20 February 2023 at the same venue, the QEII Centre, Westminster, London.

This decision was made after careful consideration, having taken soundings from delegates, speakers, and exhibitors. The majority said the travel difficulties meant they would be unable to attend. Had we gone ahead, we would have had a much-reduced programme, and a much lower attendance.

All conference bookings will automatically carry over to the new date. If you have booked, and wish to attend on 20 February, you do not need to do anything. If the new date is not suitable for you, then please contact us to cancel the booking. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your UK ENIC account manager, or the conference team on conference@ecctis.com.

The two-day digital event, on Monday and Tuesday 14 and 15 November, will go ahead as planned, as you will read elsewhere here in this newsletter. [READ MORE](#)

Continuing expert support for refugees - from Ukraine and elsewhere



UK ENIC continues to provide support to refugees and

UK ENIC 22: Digital event goes ahead on 14 & 15 Nov



There is still time to secure your place at our UKENIC22 two-day digital conference event on Monday and Tuesday, 14 and 15 November. **This event goes ahead as scheduled**, via the Whova conference app.

- You can read the [full programme here](#) [PDF]
- You can [register here](#)

We are pleased to welcome [OxfordAQA](#) and the [Oxford Test of English](#) as our partners for the digital conference.

It will also be supported by [ApplyBoard](#), [Cambridge University Press and Assessment](#), [Dialexy](#), [Fragomen](#), [Language Cert](#), [Qualification Check](#) and [The West African Examinations Council / Botosoft](#).

If you would like to sponsor, exhibit or get involved in the conference, email philip.cernik@ecctis.com.

As well as live interactive sessions, participants can also visit our UKENIC22 conference web pages anytime and view a wide selection of 'ENIC Bites' - short pre-recorded 15-minute video briefings and mini-training sessions - easily digested and fitted into your day. The recordings will be available to view until 31 December. The live content will be available via the Whova conference app.

Members can obtain more information from their account manager, or email conference@enic.org.uk [READ MORE](#)

Book now for December in-person training



Bookings are now open for two in-person training sessions taking place in London in early December.

Combating education fraud, Mon 5 Dec (morning)

This course is designed to meet the needs of those processing international applications for work or study

people in refugee-like situations - from Ukraine and elsewhere - who need advice and information to access further study or employment.

We also offer advice and resources to organisations dealing with refugees - admitting institutions, refugee welfare organisations, local authorities etc. The evaluation and verification of qualifications and skills of refugees presents particular challenges, especially missing or incomplete documentation.

In relation to Ukraine, we have recently updated our data and resources on the Ukrainian education system and qualifications. You can access these via the [Ukraine country file](#). *[Login required.]*

With our qualification statements for individuals, we apply a flexible approach in terms of which documents we accept for refugee applications. Where significant documents are missing, such as final certificates, we provide information on our Statements of Comparability to confirm the documents that we have reviewed. If an applicant has no documentation at all, we can conduct a phone interview to help us put together contextual information that may still help. Again, information is added to the resulting Statement that outlines the details provided to us by the applicant.

We also provide advice on the recognition of professional qualifications, for example guidance on whether a professional requires a licence or registration in order to work in their profession in the UK, and signposting applicants to the correct body to process their application for recognition. We can also advise on professions that are unregulated in the UK, signposting applicants to the correct procedures to begin starting work or setting up a business.

To find out more about the support we offer, in the first instance email refugee@ecctis.com. [READ MORE](#)

UK ENIC at TAICEP 2022 Conference in Glasgow



The eighth TAICEP Annual Conference - and the first since the global pandemic - took place in Glasgow, UK, from 17-20 October. Its theme was 'Reconnect, Re-evaluate, Renew', with sessions designed to appeal to credential evaluators from around the world.

Conference content included: accreditation practices in selected countries; work on national qualifications frameworks; and security, qualification and identity fraud. There was also a variety of country-specific overviews.

Chris Lyons, Head of External Engagement at UK ENIC, attended, having recently been elected to the position of Chair-Elect for the TAICEP Standards & Quality Committee. *[Chris is pictured above, far right, as part of the conference's Global Mindsets panel.]*

He said: 'This was a vibrant, friendly and engaging event with great networking opportunities. There was

or those in credential evaluation roles. It provides guidance on what documents to request and what checks to make when dealing with international credentials.

Evaluating international qualifications, Mon 5 Dec (afternoon)

The session will help delegates read and understand education documents and therefore be able to evaluate them. The documents considered will be from vocational, secondary and HE levels and the case studies used will include documents in the original language as well as translations into English.

If you have any enquiries, you can email your account manager or the events team on events@ecctis.com. [READ MORE](#)

58 qualifications reviewed; resulting in 20 database updates



During recent weeks, UK ENIC has reviewed 58 qualifications, from Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Egypt, Eswatini (Swaziland), France, Gabon, Ghana, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Liberia, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Tonga, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and Ukraine. *[Login required for these links.]*

These reviews have resulted in 20 updates to our databases. Members can find out more about these updates by viewing the [latest table of qualification level changes](#). *[Login required for this link.]* [READ MORE](#)

QQI 10 years: Quality and Qualifications Ireland Conference



an inspiring keynote address from Nadia Starr, Executive NQF Operations from the South African Qualifications Authority, charting the evolution of the country's qualifications framework. It demonstrated how such developments are of great benefit to learners' experiences, and how frameworks need to evolve and adapt as education systems change.'

To find out more about TAICEP, you can read this recent [UK ENIC new sletter item](#).

At the Glasgow conference, Chris Lyons delivered a session on [READ MORE](#)

The tenth anniversary conference of Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) took place this month.

UK ENIC's Head of Quality Benchmark Services, Fabrizio Trifiro, attended the event and said: 'UK ENIC works together with QQI as part of the ENIC-NARIC Network, and the two-day Dublin conference proved to be a stimulating and interesting event. It celebrated the excellent work of QQI over the past decade, bringing together national and international experts to share thoughts and experiences on the many factors impacting on Ireland's qualifications and quality assurance systems.'

Also taking part was James Freeman, Principal Analyst at UK ENIC, who spoke with delegates about the recent independent review he and Fabrizio oversaw of programmes leading to Ireland's Advanced Certificate [READ MORE](#)

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