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Welcome to the UK ENIC newsletter

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

The countdown is on to UKENIC26



There's still time to book your tickets for UKENIC26, our two-day conference in London on Monday 30 November and Tuesday 1 December.

Our team is busy making the final touches to the event, which will take place at the QEII Centre in the heart of Westminster.

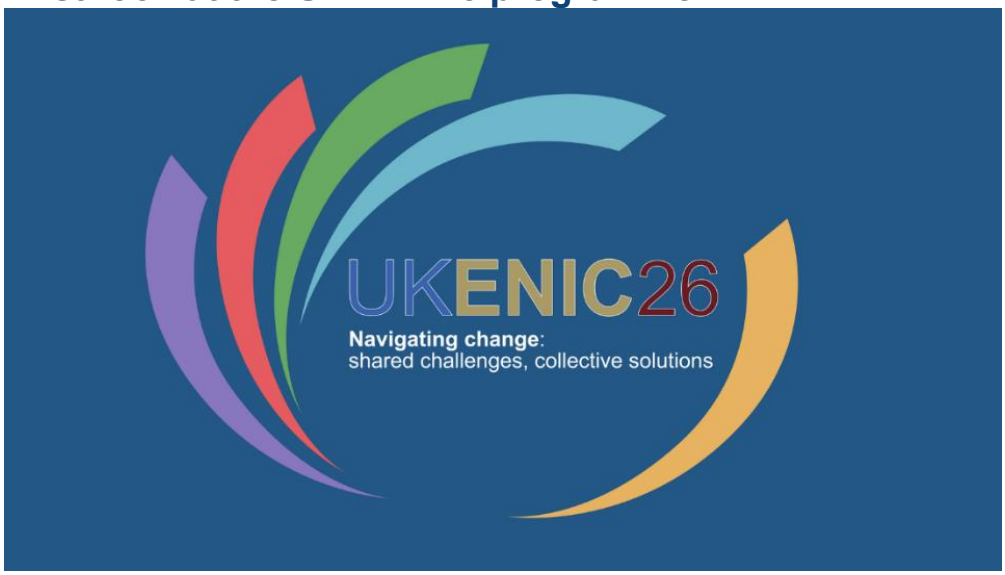
This year's theme is: 'Navigating change: shared challenges, collective solutions', and continues conversations that started at ENIC NORTH in Glasgow earlier this year.

After more than 25 years, the UK ENIC conference continues to be one of the biggest education and skills events in the UK.

Hundreds of delegates from the international education sector attend each year including higher and further education admissions, management, marketing, recruitment, registry and compliance.

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First-look at the UKENIC26 programme



A first-look at the programme for UKENIC26 is now available.

Our team has planned a packed two days of topical discussions, panels, workshops and presentations from experts across the sector, focusing on our theme of 'Navigating change: shared challenges, collective solutions'.

To kick off conversations in London, The Data Panel will bring together sector experts to take a look at the data from their day-to-day work, what they're seeing, what the sector needs to be aware of and where they think international education is heading.

Our popular Fraud Panel will be returning to explore the latest developments, share practical responses, lessons learnt from the frontline and the latest insights into fraud trends.

Elsewhere, 'What does the IES mean for international students' brings together a panel of international students to share their perspectives on studying and living in the UK, exploring the opportunities, challenges and expectations that shape their educational journey.

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UK ENIC speaks at UUKi Transnational Education Conference



UK ENIC was invited to speak at the UUKi Transnational Education Conference 2026, last month.

Held at the University of London's Senate House, the two-day event - on 29 and 30 September - brought together higher education professionals, policymakers and global partners to explore the next phase of transnational education.

Chris Lyons, UK ENIC's Head of Policy and Engagement, was part of a panel session called 'Collective action: delivering against the International Education Strategy'.

It examined the key contributions of sector bodies towards the IES ambitions of positioning the UK as the global partner of choice and expanding education exports to £40 billion annually by 2030.

The panel, chaired by UUKI's Griff Ryan, also included Shannon Stowers - Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA); Eduardo Ramos - British Council; and Elizabeth Newall - Jisc.

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ENIC-NARIC Networks Autumn Webinar



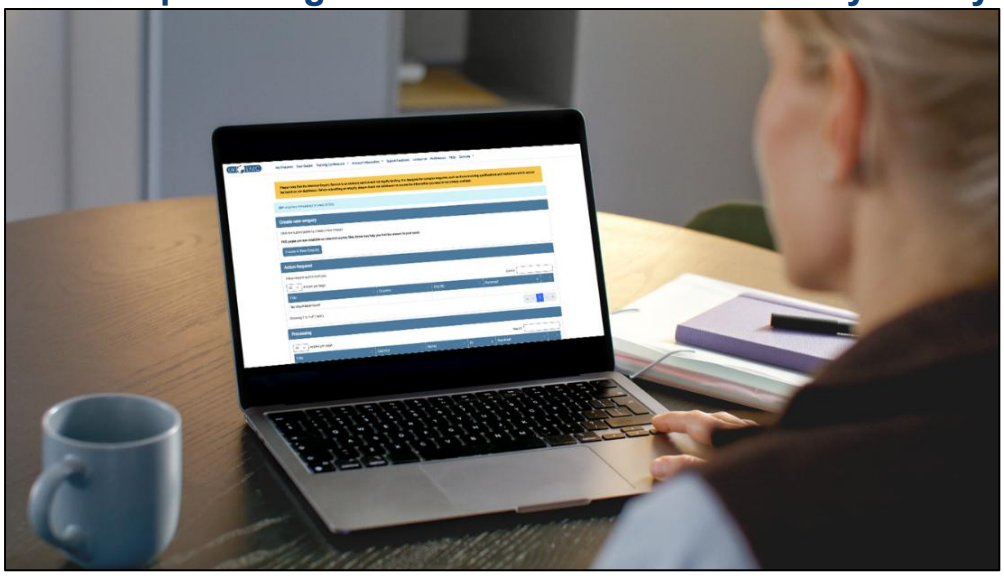
Representatives from UK ENIC were among the experts invited to speak as part of the ENIC-NARIC Networks Autumn Webinar series recently.

The session, called ‘Information provision: in between obligations and best practices’, was held online on 28 September.

It examined the information provision obligations found in the Lisbon Recognition Convention (LRC), as well as the best practice in their implementation.

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MES: empowering members to self-serve for day-to-day enquiries



Our Member Enquiry Service (MES) continues to be a vital source of support for complex questions about qualifications and institutions.

However, did you know that many day-to-day enquiries can be resolved quickly using the powerful tools already available within UK ENIC's online database?

With this in mind, we aim to empower users to self-serve where possible, as our database provides instant access to the same reliable information that members would otherwise receive from our enquiry service and enables faster decision-making for institutions.

We take a more solutions-focused approach to answering member enquiries that promotes learning and upskilling, by providing users with clear guidance about how day-to-day enquiries can be resolved using UK ENIC's online database.

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ENIC Insights – Automatic Recognition



We've introduced a new feature to the UK ENIC newsletter called 'ENIC Insights' – a regular look into topics in the world of international education. This month, our Deputy Head of Policy and Engagement, Zara Green, looks at the potential for Automatic Recognition.

As learner and graduate mobility increases, qualification recognition systems must be both reliable and responsive to assess qualifications efficiently and effectively.

Across the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), the concept of automatic recognition is intended to support mobility while maintaining confidence in academic standards.

Automatic Recognition does not mean accepting every qualification without review. Rather, if the conditions for automatic recognition are met, a qualification could be recognised as comparable to one at the same level in another system, unless a substantial difference can be demonstrated.

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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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