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# „Legislative Changes“ Assessment and Recognition of Education Act

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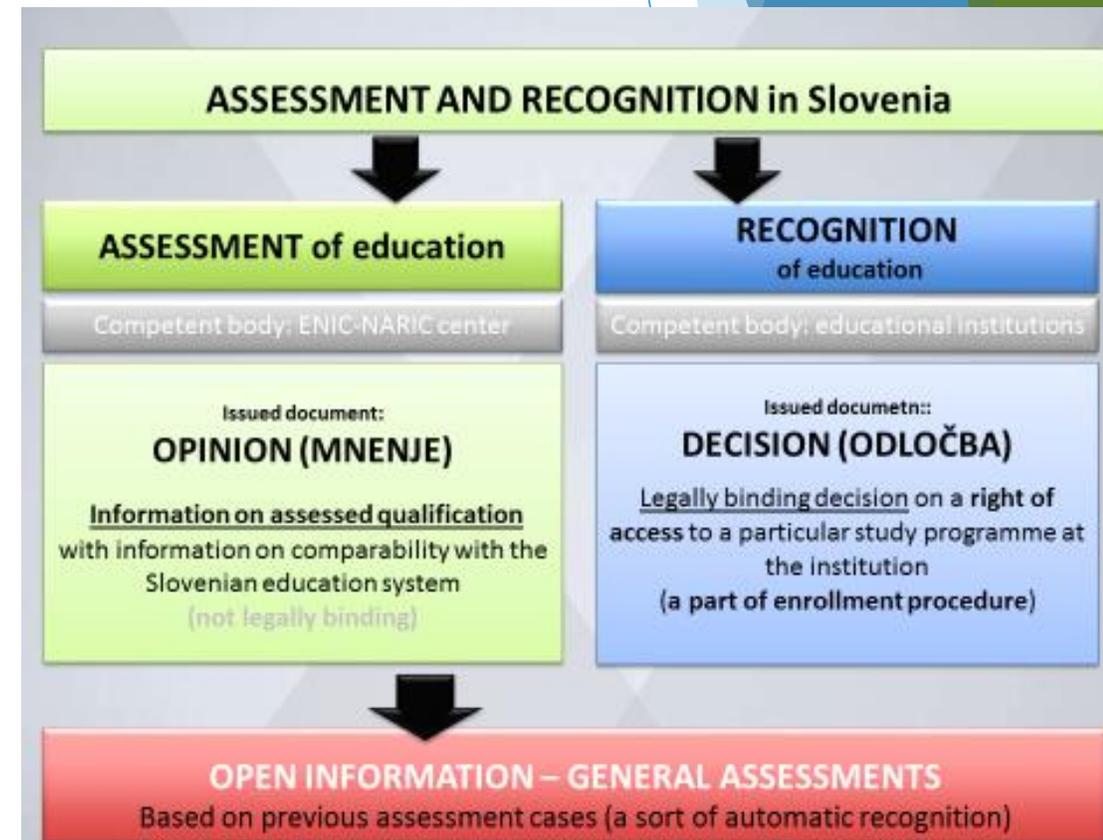
## The Assessment and Recognition of Education Act - ZVPI (Ur. l. RS, št. 87/2011, 97/2011 popr., 109/12)

### Recognition of foreign education - what does the act regulate?

- The assessment of education procedure (ministry)
- The recognition procedure of foreign education with a view to further education (educational institutions)
- The use of foreign titles, obtained by a holder of a foreign education certificate/diploma
- Other (costs, public information, appeal)

# Assessment of Education

- ▶ is a procedure in which, with a reference to the education attested by the education certificate, the statement is issued about different elements of education
- ▶ **not legally binding decision!** - the statement has an informative and counseling purpose



# Reasons for legislative changes

- ▶ Emerging of new ways of learning and new kinds of educational programmes
- ▶ Full implementation of Bologna process and the creation of the European Higher Education Area
- ▶ Creation of NQFs and EQF

**Previous legislation became inadequate for ever changing international education area** (legally binding decisions, complicated administrative procedures, ..)

# Legislative changes through time

- ▶ **Nostrification** ( - 2005)
- ▶ **Recognition** ( 2005 - 2011)
- ▶ **Assessment** ( 2011-) THE ACT OF ASSESSMENT AND RECOGNITION OF EDUCATION (since December, 17th 2011)
- ▶ Since 2011 (need for AR, Refugee crises, COVID-19 pandemic, microcredentials, need for digitalization)  **need for legislative changes again!**

# Amendments to the Assessment and Recognition Act

## ► 1. Provisions determining the assessment procedure itself

- assessment procedure is stopped for insufficient documentation or when education can not be assessed due to lack of certain information, but documentation is sufficient
- ENIC-NARIC center can determine, if on the basis of insufficient documentation and other relevant information can still issue an information about comparability of foreign education with the slovenian education system by level (for refugees and asylum seeking persons)

# Amendments to the Assessment and Recognition Act

- at the end of the assessment procedure, documentation is posted to the applicant by registered mail or secure electronic mailbox
- Legalisation (Apostille) and or „long certification“ of foreign diplomas and certificates is not required

## 2. Provisions changing the use of foreign academic title in the Republic of Slovenia

- may be used in the Republic of Slovenia in its original form and abbreviation in accordance with the regulations of the country of origin
- foreign title can not be translated in slovenian language
- written without the country of origin

**Before: Master of Science, Združeno kraljestvo Velika Britanija in Severna Irska (after name)**

**Now: Master of Science (after name)**

**EXCEPTION:** If the slovenian academic title of the regulated profession in the Republic of Slovenija in accordance with EU Directive 2005/36/ES is written in the same way as a foreign academic title, the country of origin in slovene language must be stated next to the title (as before the amendmends):

List of regulated professions. E.g. dr. dent. med., mag. farmacije; mag. farm., država



# Future developments in legislation

- **New Assessment and Recognition Act (planned for 2023)**; previous amendments did not go successfully through legislative procedures in the parliament
- **New act should include:**
  - AR
  - digitalization of recognition workflows
  - Recognition of refugee qualifications (without documentation)
  - Determination of assessment criteria in the act
  - Determination of substantial differences,....

***Thank you for your attention!***