

Greece: NOKUT's Qualifications Passport for Refugees

Type of provider

EDUC/OTHER : NOKUT

Objectives

NOKUT's work should contribute to society's trust in the quality of Norwegian higher education and higher vocational education, as well as recognised foreign higher education. Through a series of reports, "NOKUT's reports and analyses", they seek to contribute to increased knowledge about conditions within higher education and higher vocational education that are of importance to the quality of studies, and to provide increased knowledge about conditions concerning recognition of foreign education in Norway. Data for the reports are obtained through NOKUT's activities within evaluation, accreditation and recognition, or as a result of specific projects.

The aim of the Pilot project was to assess whether the qualifications passport could be established as a possible supplement in the increasing number of cases in which the existing recognition procedures resulting in a legally binding decision from NOKUT cannot be utilised.

Source : Socialpolicy.gr

Assessment approaches

The methodology used for the evaluation of this group of applicants is based on elements developed through NOKUT's UVD-procedure, as well as the proposal on European Qualifications Passport for Refugees developed by NOKUT and its British sister office, UK NARIC. The method is a combination of the evaluation of available documentation, and a structured interview with the applicant carried out by experienced case officers.

Target Group

Candidates who have applied for NOKUT's General Recognition, but who cannot be granted a legally binding decision through the UVD-procedure because of partially completed studies, insufficient language proficiency or lack of permanent residency, are in the target group. The current increase in applications to NOKUT from refugees with higher education, e.g. with Syrian qualifications, show that the target group is expanding, and it is highly likely that this trend will continue to be reinforced in the time to come

Potential transferability/ scalability

SCS could be promoted as an assessment procedure model more friendly and active participation by engaging learners in a constant reflection of new acquired knowledge and competences by themselves (self assessment and peer assessment)².

Summaries or Basic elements of analysis

- Application for general recognition to NOKUT
- Referral to processing in the Section for Recognition of Refugees' Qualifications due to non-verifiable documentation
- Assessment of whether or not the requirements for participation in the UVD-procedure have been fulfilled
- Assessment of available documentation
- Structured interview with two experienced case officers from NOKUT
- Issuing of NOKUT's Qualifications Passport for Refugees

