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Europe Region prior to the Lisbon Recognition Convention
1953 – 1990 - Numerous Council of Europe (COE) and UNESCO Conventions covering academic recognition for admission to universities

1976 - International Convention on the Recognition of ...in the Arab and European States bordering on the Mediterranean
1979 – UNESCO Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region

1984 - National Academic Recognition Information Centres (The NARIC Network), an initiative of the European Commission

1993 – UNESCO Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education
1994 June - The European Network of National Information Centres on academic mobility and recognition (the ENIC Network), established by decision of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 9 June 1994 and the UNESCO Regional Committee for Europe on 18 June 1994. (LRC Article X.1.b)
Need for change
Need for change in the context of

- Increasing international dimension of education
- More emphasis being put on the quality of higher education
- Greater mobility of teachers, students, research workers and professional workers
- Changes in recognition practices

Lisbon Recognition Convention
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LRC [57 countries (55 signatory countries) (53 ratifications) (2 countries have neither signed nor ratified)]

http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/Commun/ChercheSig.asp?NT=165&CL=ENG
The Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region

- Elects a President, two (2) Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur
- Meets every two (2) or three (3) years
- Adopts Recommendations, Codes, Declarations, Protocols, Charters, etc.
List of documents adopted at official diplomatic meetings of the Lisbon Recognition Convention Committee

Revised Code of Good Practice in the Provision of Transnational Education, 2001 (Revised 2007) and its Explanatory Memorandum [PDF]

Diploma Supplement and its 2007 Explanatory Report

Recommendation on the Recognition of Joint Degrees, 2004, and Explanatory Memorandum
Lisbon Recognition Convention

- Joint ENIC/NARIC Charter of Activities and Services, 2004
- Recommendation on International Access Qualifications, 1999
European Higher Education Area (EHEA) (Bologna Process)

The Lisbon Recognition Convention (LCR) is the only legal document referenced in the ministerial declarations of the Bologna Process
The European Network of National Information Centres (ENIC)
An important part of the LRC
ENIC’s role (tomorrow)
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