The Higher Education System of the Holy See

A unique, worldwide and sectorial Higher Education System
Basic distinction:

I) "Catholic" Universities
   around 1500 worldwide

II) "Ecclesiastical" HE Institutions
    around 260 + 400 worldwide
    25 + 80 in Asia (+ 110 Seminaries)
* Recognition of foreign qualifications …

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° European Region (Lisbon, 1997)

numberous Concordats and bilateral agreements
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The National Qualifications Framework 2012

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The QA-Agency „AVEPRO“ 2007
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  The National Qualifications Framework (2012)
* Quality Assurance and Promotion
  The QA-Agency „AVEPRO“ (2007)
* Quick and reliable information
  The National Information Center (2005)
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(= National Information Centres; common criteria; regular meetings, personal knowledge and mutual trust)
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and actively participating in their work

will do its best to promote collaboration

and fair recognition

between the UNESCO-Regions
Thank you for your Attention!