

Foreign and Commonwealth Office – British Embassy Skopje, and the Ministry of Education and Science, the Government of the Republic and Macedonia

Building the Capacity of the Ministry of Education in the area of Professional Qualifications

Understanding the Client's Aims

The Ministry of Education and Science, in Macedonia was identified as the future co-ordination point for the implementation of Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications. UK NARIC worked closely with the Ministry and local partners to create the conditions for a functional professional recognition system, to enable the Ministry to carry out its duties with regards to the Directive.

The UK NARIC Approach

UK NARIC initially undertook a stakeholder analysis of professional recognition stakeholders in Macedonia. This phase included the identification of potential competent authorities through consultations and legislative reviews. A preparation of a protocol of operations for the newly-established Inter-Ministerial Working Group on professional recognition was also undertaken. The services provided included:

- Stakeholder analysis
- Organisational framework of the professional recognition stakeholders in Macedonia
- Study visit by key personnel from Macedonia to meet with professional recognition experts and competent authorities in the UK.
- Capacity Building training to stakeholders in-country to build understanding and skills in the area of professional recognition

Delivering Quality Results

UK NARIC presented the Ministry of Education and Science in Macedonia with a comprehensive report detailing a methodology for preparing the registry of regulated professions for Macedonia. Recommendations on the draft laws implementing professional recognition in Macedonia were also provided, alongside future work to prepare for the implementation of a functioning professional recognition system.