



**REFERENCES OF
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
"FAIR RECOGNITION: BEST PRACTICES
AND INNOVATIVE APPROACHES "**

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Participants of the international conference "Fair recognition: best practices and innovative approaches" (hereinafter - the International Conference), which was held on 16-17 of October 2015 in Moscow at the President Hotel, reaffirmed their commitment to the principles and approaches set out in the Lisbon Convention.

Past two years after the entry into force of the Federal Law from December 29th, 2012 №273-FZ "On Education in the Russian Federation", that identify the new approaches to the essential recognition of foreign education in Russia, were substantive and dynamic for educational organizations as well as for experts in the field of recognition of foreign education.

Significant progress has been made by FGBU "Glavexpertcentre" as the National Information Centre, and in the work of the recognition. In particular:

- performed scientific and methodological work on the creation of guidelines on recognition for educational organizations (issued 8 collections of methodological materials on various aspects of recognition of foreign education and (or) qualifications);
- regular seminars and webinars were held for employees of admission commissions of educational institutions and specialists of international departments on the recognition of foreign education and (or) a foreign qualification;
- at the time of reception organized the additional hot line for employees of educational institutions;
- counseling of staff departments of the Federal Migration Service for the recognition of foreign education and (or) a foreign qualification was provided.

At the same time, the participants of the International Conference noted the existing problems in the recognition both foreign education and qualifications.

Based on the discussion of current issues and practices in the field of recognition of foreign education and qualifications, sharing a common understanding of the principles, objectives and commitments made by the Russian Federation in the framework of the Bologna Process;

Bearing in mind that the fair recognition of qualifications is a key element of the right to education, as well as the responsibility of society;

conscious of the need for coordination on the recognition of education and qualifications in order to improve current recognition practice and to ensure that it is more transparent and better adapted to the current situation of higher education;

with a mean to promote academic mobility between the countries participants of the International Conference considered necessary to:

➤ **Recommend to the Ministry of Education and Science of Russian Federation**

- to approve the Roadmap for implementing the decisions of the Yerevan Conference of Ministers of Education, with particular emphasis on the introduction and implementation of

the Russian legislation such tools of the Bologna process as the National Qualifications Framework, ECTS taking into account the revised ECTS Users' Guide; European approach to quality assurance of joint programs, revised Standards and guidelines for quality assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG);

- to develop and submit to the established procedure proposals to amend and (or) amendments of legislation governing the recognition of foreign education and (or) foreign qualifications, as well as proposals for the synchronization of certain legislation relating to these issues.

➤ **Recommend to the Federal Service for Supervision in Education and Science**

- in order for further implementation of the Lisbon Convention provisions and the European leadership in the field of foreign documents recognition to the process of recognition to improve the recognition services of foreign education and (or) qualification, for what to prepare proposals to amend the current Administrative Regulations on the recognition of foreign education and (or) qualifications;
- to continue improvement of Federal information systems that promote transparency of Russian education, acknowledgment of obtained diplomas and degrees, assessment of the education quality, including the different language versions:
 - "Register of organizations carrying out educational activities on the state-accredited educational programs";
 - "Federal Register of documents information on education and (or) on the qualification documents for training"
 - "Federal Register of Apostilles affixed to the documents on education and (or) on the qualifications."

➤ **Recommend to the Russian educational organizations:**

- to implement the necessary actions to facilitate access to the market of educational services for foreign students;
- to create conditions for flexible learning paths in higher education, including procedures for recognition of prior learning;

➤ **Recommend to the Federal State Institution**

"Main State Expert Center for Education Evaluation"

- to use more flexible, accessible and transparent mechanisms in the process of recognition of foreign education and (or) a foreign qualification;
- to develop guidelines for the recognition of additional vocational training, as well as in the framework of international cooperation for the recognition of Russian qualifications abroad;

- as a part of the National Information Centre to improve the quality of the information resource;
- to expand international relations on the recognition with the information centers and authorized organizations of foreign countries.

Conference participants restate commitment to the ideas and principles of the Bologna Process - promoting the attractiveness of European higher education, enhance student mobility, the facilitation of solving the employment of graduates in the participating countries.

Participants of the International Conference express their gratitude to the FGBU "Glavexpertcentre" for the organization of the conference that is very useful for the international education community and the improvement of the efficiency of the educational institutions of Russia.