AUREA
Automatic Recognition Assessment

AUREA project focus groups

For representatives of European higher education institutions

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Call for applications

AUREA focus groups

As part of the Erasmus+ funded AUREA project, the European University Association and the European University Foundation (EUF) will organise three online focus groups with representatives of European higher education institutions. The focus groups will seek to gather in-depth information on participants' experience with credit recognition in the context of student mobility, including challenges and areas to improve.

Participation in the online focus groups is free of charge but subject to a call for applications.

The AUREA project (2025-2027), which is coordinated by the European Students' Union (ESU), aims to support the automatic recognition of study periods abroad by identifying barriers, analysing existing options to overcome them, and providing policy recommendations for the future of automatic recognition. The project seeks to address challenges and promote unobstructed mobility within the Erasmus+ community, thereby advancing the goal of automatic recognition.

Target groups

The focus groups are open to representatives of

- higher education institutions in Erasmus+ programme countries;
- higher education institutions in a European Universities alliance;
- European higher education institutions in a country that is not part of the Erasmus+ programme.

In order to be eligible, participants need to be directly involved in the management or organisation of student mobility and/or credit recognition. In addition, to ensure

geographical diversity, only one participant per country will be selected for each focus group.

During the focus groups, participants will be engaged in interactive discussions with the organisers and their peers. Participants should thus be ready to share their own and their institution's practice in organising mobility and credit recognition, as well as to openly discuss challenges and lessons learnt from past experiences. Selected participants will receive discussion questions and other supporting materials in advance, in order to support them in preparing for the focus group.

Timing

The three focus groups will take place online on the following dates, each dedicated to one target group:

- **7 May: 13.30-15.00 CEST**:
  higher education institutions in Erasmus+ programme countries
- **20 May: 15.30-17.00 CEST**:
  higher education institutions in a European Universities alliance
- **21 May: 10.00-11.30 CEST**:
  European higher education institutions in a country that is not part of the Erasmus+ programme

Participants may be eligible for more than one of these focus groups, but will ultimately only be selected for one focus group based on the information provided in the application.

How to apply

Interested candidates are invited to fill in this short application form by **5 May**. Applicants will be informed on a rolling basis whether their application was successful.

For the convenience of applicants, a summary of questions included in the application form is presented below:

1) Please state your full name, email address, institutional affiliation, European Universities alliance (if applicable) and the country where your institution is located.

2) Please indicate which role you fulfil in terms of organising or managing student mobility or credit recognition at your institution.
3) Please explain briefly your understanding of and prior experience (if any) with automatic credit recognition (max. 100 words), as defined by the 2018 Council Recommendation on promoting automatic mutual recognition of qualifications and learning periods abroad.
4) Please indicate which focus group(s) you are interested in joining. Depending on your answers to the questions above, you may be eligible for more than one focus group. However, all selected participants will be admitted to one focus group only.

Contact

For questions about this call, please send an email to helene.peterbauer@eua.eu. In case of issues with the online application form, please email tania.durt@eua.eu.