



European Qualifications Passport for Refugees

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What is the European Qualifications Passport for Refugees (EQPR)?

- The EQPR is an initiative facilitating the recognition of refugees' qualifications even in the absence of full documentation.
- The EQPR is a document listing refugees' highest education qualifications obtained, work experience and language skills.
- It can be used by refugees when they wish to enter further studies or when they seek employment.

European Qualifications Passport for Refugees No 0123¹
Assessment Part

Issued: 14.03.2017
Valid through: 14.03.2022

Personal information

Surname: Nasry
Father's name: Alawy
Date of birth: 28.08.1983
Nationality: Syria

Given names: Ahmad
Mother's name: Rabaa
Place of birth: Deir Ez-Zor, Syria

Assessed qualifications

Highest achieved qualification: (2011) Bachelor in Electrical Engineering, University of Damascus, Syria²

Additional relevant information from the applicant

Languages: Arabic (native speaker), Arabic (language of instruction), English (language course)

Work experience: 5 years of teaching experience in Syria³

Interview and documentation assessment is conducted by credential evaluators from ENIC/NARICs participating in the project.

On behalf of the project

Evaluation coordinator
Signature:

Evaluator 1
Signature:

Evaluator 2
Signature:

¹ European Qualifications Passport for Refugees is neither a legal document nor replacement for the national recognition schemes, but a document intended to be of use in connection with applications for employment, internships and studies. The evaluation is based on available documentation and a structured interview with a professional credential evaluator. This document is only valid together with the supporting part.

² No available documentation

³ No available documentation

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Why is it useful?

- Many refugees cannot prove their education qualifications. When they flee their countries, they might not be able to bring with them the relevant documents. Some refugees lose their documents in the journey to reach the host country.
- The EQPR can be used in other European countries.

Benefits of the EQPR

- Evaluation costs are reduced as well as efforts as refugees need not to undergo further assessments.
- Both host societies and refugees benefit from a faster integration.

Project funded by:

- Voluntary contributions from Belgium, Greece, Italy and Norway.
- CoE Action Plan on Building Inclusive Societies
- CoE Action Plan on Protecting Refugee and Migrant Children in Europe
- CoE Ordinary budget

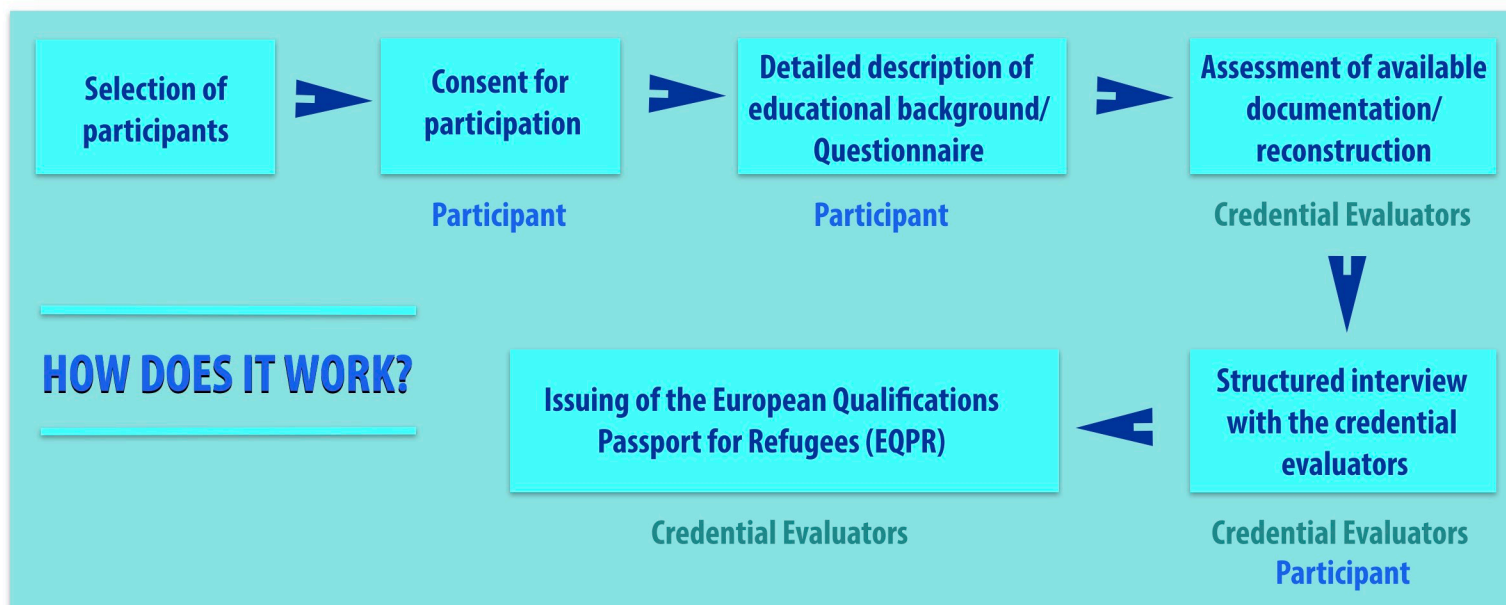
The EQPR supports the implementation of:

THE LISBON RECOGNITION CONVENTION

- Art. 7 - Section VIII of the Convention refers to the recognition of refugees' qualifications in the absence of full documentation
- A Recommendation on the Recognition of Refugees' Qualifications was adopted in 2017

WELL RECEIVED

Universities and also recruitment agencies have accepted the EQPR as a supporting document.



The assessment process

- **Credential evaluators are qualifications experts.** They have experience in foreign qualifications and knowledge of the education system of the countries of the refugees.
- **Refugees fill out a questionnaire then if selected, they meet with a team of credential evaluators for an interview (approx. 45 min) during which their qualifications are assessed.**
- **After the interview, the decision whether to issue the EQPR will be taken.**



QUALIFICATIONS ASSESSED

- **Higher education**
- **Upper secondary education**

Partners

- **ENICs of Armenia, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway and UK.**
- **Ministries of Education of Greece, Italy and Norway**
- **Government of Flanders, Belgium**
- **Conference of University Rectors of Italy**
- **UNHCR**



DOCUMENTARY

A documentary on the EQPR was produced in 2017 presenting the **benefits of the project** and its **positive impact on refugees' lives.**

Watch it here:
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The European Qualifications Passport for Refugees (EQPR) is an international instrument designed to facilitate the recognition of refugees' qualifications even in the absence of full documentation.

The EQPR helps refugees to enter the job market and/or further studies. Refugees can use the EQPR in other European countries.

The EQPR contributes to the integration of refugees into their host societies and in more general terms, to the fostering of democratic inclusive societies where diversity is considered as an added value and a resource.

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