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To the Chair of the Slovenian NAC  
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And  
The contact person for the NAC  
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## EAC EuroPsy update letter

Dear Colleague,

Following from the EAC meeting of September 11, 2015, we are writing to all chairs of NACs with an update.

### **1. Following a query raised by the Slovenian Association EAC agreed the following statement. This may be useful for other NACs in relation to their own authorities. Please use it if it is useful.**

The European Federation of Psychologists' Associations, which brings together psychology associations from 36 European countries, including all the countries of the EU, has developed EuroPsy as a quality standard of education for psychologists across the whole of Europe. The EuroPsy standard is as follows:

- five years of university education in psychology (following a curriculum which meets the EuroPsy requirements)
- one year of supervised practice

The EuroPsy standard aims to ensure quality, to facilitate international mobility and to promote a commitment to professional development and ethical practice. All 36 countries are committed to the EuroPsy standards, and the reduction in any country of these standards may restrict the professional movement of psychologists and may limit the opportunity to be certified.

The European EuroPsy Awarding Committee supports the efforts of the Slovenian Psychologists' Association to fully comply with the EuroPsy standards. We support their activities towards a sustainable system of supervised practice in which all practitioners-in-training would be given access to the supervision. We also support the activities related to the development of an educational programme for supervisors. In order to be able to both support practitioners-in-training and perform a gate-keeping function, supervisors need to have knowledge and skills of supervision. We encourage the competent authorities to provide conditions in which future practitioners-in-training and their supervisors will be able to carry out high quality supervised practice in order to enhance the well-being and quality of life of the public.

### **2. The Register of EuroPsy psychologists**

EFPA HO is organising migration to a new database and new EuroPsy website.

### **3. Fields of Practice**

Following the discussion at the GA in July and the failure of the motion to introduce 5 new fields of practice, as requested by registrants, EAC considered the nature of the applications under 'Other', and their fields of practice and country of origin. EAC will be working on this issue and bring a proposal to the next meeting of (S)NAC Chairs in March 2016.

### **4. Transitional arrangements**

A number of countries have requested an extension to the period of transitional arrangements. EAC has agreed that there should be some flexibility, though also with some requirement for a clear rationale and plan for the next period.

EAC therefore agreed to ask NACs for a clear rationale for requesting the extension. Why is there a need? What is the plan for growing the regular route. This issue will need to be taken up in the annual report.

### **5. Re-authorisation**

The first NACs were approved in 2010 for a period of four years.

The following countries have been re-authorised to award the EuroPsy: France, Norway, Italy, Austria.

It is reasonable that there have been developments in the countries, and that NACs are able to demonstrate progress towards full compliance with EuroPsy standards.

EAC agreed that a letter should be sent from EFPA HO in advance of the date for re-authorisation with a template for the re-application.

### **6. Liaison members of EAC:**

Jose Maria: Cyprus, France, Italy, Slovenia (Portugal)

Ingrid: Greece, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, (Iceland)

Rosaleen: Denmark, Finland, Spain, Turkey

Vlasta: Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Russia (Croatia)

Ype: Austria, Estonia, Germany, UK (Belgium)

Please do not hesitate to be in contact with EAC, either through the liaison person, EFPA HO, or myself as Chair of EAC.

### **7. The next meeting of (S)NAC Chairs will take place in EFPA HO on Friday March 4, 2016.**

Best wishes,



Prof. Ingrid Lunt  
EAC Chair