



SHORT CYCLE HIGHER EDUCATION IN MEMBER STATES

2015 – EHEA report by member states

Country	SCHE	Names	Transfer: Credits for first cycle	HE	Comments
Albania	Y	Professional Diploma	>50%	Y	
Andorra	Y	Diploma Professional Avancat	>50%	Y	
Armenia	N			N	
Austria	N		<5%	N	Post-secondary By Kollegs i.c. two-year post-matura programs SCHE is not foreseen in HE – HEIs are not in favor
Azerbaijan	Y	Sub-bachelor degree	<50%	N	Post-secondary HEIs accept credits from a similar SCHE program – in average 30-40% of the SCHE-credits
Belgium-Flemish Community	Y	Gegradueerde / Associate degree	>50%	Y	Based on an agreement. The Ad is awarded as a joint degree: University College and Centre for Adult Education. Specific situation for Nursing.
Belgium-French Community	Y	Higher Education Diploma (Brevet d'enseignement superieur – BES)	>50%	Y	Organised exclusively by Institutions of Social Advancement Education. Professional orientated. Bridging programmes for the B. Target Group: Adults. Level 5.
Bosnia-Herzegovina	N		>50%	Y	
Croatia	Y	Strucni Pristupnik	>50%	Y	Short Professional Study Programme
Bulgaria	Y	Professional Bachelor	100%	Y	100% for professional studies only
Cyprus	N		100%	Y	100% based on agreements
Czech Republic	N			N	Professional Tertiary Education takes 3 years
Denmark	Y		From 0 till 100%	Y	
Estonia	N			N	

Finland	N			N	SCHE programs from abroad can be used for RPL Also no post-secondary programs
France	Y	Diplome Universitaire de Technologie (DUT) Brevet de technicien Superieur (BTS)		Y	Credit transfer is depending of situation. DUT and BTS have 120 ECTS. Transfer from DUT to the License Degree (180 ECTS) is high.
Georgia	Y		<5%	Y	No recognition of SCHE for transfer to B (and M), in practice. The Law grants the possibility.
Germany	N				
Greece	N		0-100%	Y	
Holy See	Y	Propedeutic Philosophy for the Study of Theology	100%	Y	HEIs of the Holy See are operating in 80 countries – so it is depending of the national situation also.
Hungary	Y	Higher educational Vocational Training	>50%	Y	
Iceland	N		50-100%	Y	Based on agreements
Ireland	Y	Higher Certificate	100%	Y	Based on agreements
Italy	Y		<50%	Y	Higher Technical & Training Institutes, in post-secondary-non university education system. Two years, sometimes three years. An Institute involves other Schools, centres...
Latvia	Y	Offered by Colleges...	50-100%	Y	Based on agreements
Kazakhstan	N				
Liechtenstein	N				
Lithuania	N				
Luxembourg	Y	Brevet Technicien Superieure (BTS)	>50%	Y	More vocational oriented
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Y	Certificate License	100%	Y	Depending by HEIs by laws
Malta	Y	Academic: Undergraduate Certificate Undergraduate Diploma Higher Education Certificate Vocational: Higher National Diploma VET Higher Diploma	100%	Y	Based on agreements

Moldova	N				
Montenegro	N				
Netherlands	Y	Associate degree	100%	Y	
Norway	Y	Hogskolekandidat	100%	Y	Part of the first cycle, in same field, in the same HEI. After three year: B. Not frequently used.
Poland	N				In the PQF there is level 5. But HEIs are not offering them – it has to be decided in the coming years.
Portugal	Y	Technological Specialization Diploma	<50%	Y	Recently SCHE (120 credits) only offered by polytechnic HEIs
Romania	N				
Russian Federation	N				
Serbia	N				
Slovak Republic	N				
Slovenia	Y	Diploma o visji strokovni izobrazbi	<50%	N	Depending of agreements – decided by HEI. Criteria within the public Call for enrollment in HE programmes
Spain	Y	Higher VET	<50%	Y	Enrollment in first cycle Grado degree Higher VET / Higher Arts Education...
Sweden	Y	Higher Education Diplom	100%	Y	They are considered to be first cycle degree since they meet the learning outcomes for the first cycle
Switzerland	N				
Turkey	Y		<50%	Y	Graduates at Vocational Higher Schools may access the first cycle programmes – depending of central entrance exam
Ukraine (2014)	Y		>50%	Y	
UK / England-Wales-Northern Ireland	Y	Higher National Diploma (HEIs) Certificates of HE Diplomas of HE Foundation Degree	100%	Y	Based on agreements Decided by HEI Some differences in England, Northern-Ireland and Wales
UK / Scotland	Y	Certificates of HE Diploma of HE Colleges and HEIs: Higher National Certificates and Higher National Diploma	0-100%	Y	These are exit qualifications, for students aiming to leave (and don't want to study for a higher degree) Predominant offered by Colleges. Transfer based on good matches... The receiving HEI will decide about credit transfer.