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EPIR | E-Procedure of Institutional Recognition of Foreign Higher Education Documents

WORK PACKAGE 3

WP3 – Development and improvement of IT systems for the recognition process of foreign students' HE documents

Implementation report

Introduction

The objective of this activity was to implement the upgraded in-house platform used by the “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia to manage the admission and recognition procedure for non-EU candidates (intladm.uab.ro). Following the system analysis, design and testing carried out earlier in Work Package 3, Activity 5 covered putting the new functionalities into production, training the staff who use the system, providing documentation, and handling data between the previous and the upgraded versions of the platform. The implementation took place between 1 March and 30 June 2026.

Because the platform is developed and maintained in-house, implementation meant deploying an upgraded version of an existing, operational system rather than replacing one system with another. This shaped how the data-conversion and continuity aspects of the activity applied at UAB, as described below.

Implementation Overview

Objective

To bring the new and upgraded functionalities into everyday use at UAB, so that staff and candidates work with them in the current admission cycle.

Scope of the implementation

- the functionalities developed and tested under WP3, two-factor authentication and a custom authorisation system, GDPR-compliant archiving of old applications, statistics, and payment-data collection for refunds;
- the changes required by the UAB Scholars Programme, a new category of candidates introduced for the 2025-2026 admission and adopted under WP2, which were reflected on the platform.

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Implementation period

1 March – 30 June 2026.

Deployment (putting the system into production)

The upgraded functionalities were released into the production environment of `intladm.uab.ro` and are in active use in the current admission cycle. Because the work extended an existing architecture, deployment preserved full compatibility with the running system and caused minimal disruption to ongoing admissions. An automatic error-reporting system notifies the development team of any issue arising in production, which is then resolved and a new deployment to production is triggered.

User training (through the WP2 activity)

The staff who operate the platform, administrative and International Relations Centre (CRI) staff, were trained on the new functionalities. This training is connected to the WP2 activity on tailor-made trainings in digital skills and competences for the recognition process, and to the Blended Intensive Programme hosted by UAB (“Global Citizenship in Multicultural Academic Settings”). New features are developed together with these users and are treated as complete only when they meet the users’ requirements for usability, clarity and performance.

Documentation provided

Documentation for the implemented system is provided through the WP3 deliverables, the system analysis and design report and the testing report, together with internal user guidance for administrative and CRI staff. These describe the platform’s workflow (registration, application, application processing, document generation, transmission of the file to the Ministry of Education, and enrolment) and the operation of the new functionalities.

Data conversion and continuity

As UAB implemented an upgraded version of its existing in-house platform rather than migrating from a different system, no conversion from a separate previous system was required. Existing application data remained fully compatible with the upgraded platform, and the new data structures, the archiving of old applications, the payment and refund data, and the UAB Scholars Programme category of candidates, were integrated with, and remain back-compatible with, the existing data. Old applications are archived in line with GDPR.

Results and status

- **Overall assessment:** the upgraded system is implemented and in production; staff are using the new functionalities in the current admission cycle.
- **Issues:** all reported issues have been resolved; ongoing support is provided through the automatic error-reporting system.

- **Data continuity:** confirmed full compatibility with existing data; no migration from a separate system was needed.

Readiness for the next phase

- **System readiness:** the new functionalities are deployed to production and in daily use.
- **Planned next steps:** continued expansion and improvement of the platform, with greater automation of decision-making as the main direction.

Conclusion

The implementation of the upgraded platform was completed within the 1 March - 30 June 2026 period. Building on an already-digital, in-house system, UAB deployed the new functionalities into production, trained the staff who use them, provided documentation, and ensured continuity of data between the previous and upgraded versions, advancing the digitalisation of the admission and recognition procedure.

Appendix

The platform is hosted at <https://intladm.uab.ro/>, where the implemented functionalities are in active use, and can be demonstrated at any time with real user data in production.