

# **RPL**

# **Case of University of Rijeka**

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# Policy underpinnings

- Strategy of the UofR 2007-2013:
  - “Uof R will introduce an institutional structure for recognition of prior learning.”
  - “Task no. 15: At least 10000 ECTS will be gained through RPL.”
- LLL policy document
  - “UofR will direct its efforts in designing an accreditation system for RPL.”

# Institutional introduction of RPL

- Formation of Working group for RPL

Main task:

Deliver UNIVERSITY RULEBOOK that regulates RPL procedures

# Outcomes

- no Rulebook passed yet
- 14th version of a Rulebook present
- 2 rounds of public debate at HEIs organized
- gained input from CROQF team to use it as a helpful instrument – “common language”
- presently in a “wait and see” mode

# Issues detected

- RPL already exists but procedures are not TRANSPARENT enough
  - Ex. Records are kept for positive outcomes and not for negative ones.

# Issues detected

- Many PROFESSORS as major stakeholders are opposed to RPL
  - Fear of taking away their autonomy or something else?

# Issues detected

- Low level of knowledge in HEIs on RPL
  - Basic categories not clear to many

# Issues detected

- Different attitude to RPL among different PROFESSIONS
  - From “strongly opposed” (law) to “strongly in favor” (construction engineering)



# Issues detected

- Could RPL become a “grey zone” of HEI?
  - Many see RPL as a possible major source of corruption in HE

# Issues detected

- Fear of the UNKNOWN
  - How many applications will we get per year?
  - What about our workload – tailor made approach?
  - How much will that cost?
  - Who is going to pay?

# Issues detected

- Fear of “overregulating” by imposing a RPL procedure
  - Trade off: simplicity-transparency?

# Issues detected

- Inexistence of legal framework
  - Should we persue RPL at this point in time, or should we wait for the wider institutional framework to develop?

# Issues detected

- Diversity of approaches in Europe
  - Are we going to add to the diversity or should we try and have at least nationally coordinated procedures for RPL?

# Issues detected

- There are probably many more, and please do add to the list....

Thanks...