



Österreichischer Akkreditierungsrat

**ÖAR - NVAO
Mutual Recognition Procedure
Webster Vienna and Leiden**

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Design of the procedure (draft)

ÖAR	Webster Vienna	NVAO	Webster Leiden
	Formal applying for re-accreditation at ÖAR		Formal applying for programme accreditation at NVAO
	Submitting documentation* (Institution and programmes) to ÖAR		Providing documentation* about teaching staff and facilities of the Leiden Campus (Programme) to NVAO
Appointment of the review team	Agreement to the review team	Agreement to the review team	Agreement to the review team
Organising site visit Vienna		Sending an NVAO observer to the site visit in Vienna	
		Checking facilities of the Leiden Campus	
Accreditation decision (institution and programmes)			
		Accreditation decision based on the recognition of the decision of the ÖAR and the findings of the facility check in Leiden	
ÖAR gives a formal statement on the equivalence of the Leiden and Vienna programme based on the NVAO decision.			

* All documents, reports etc. produced by one partner during the procedure will be made available to the partner institution.

Some points and question for further consideration:

1. The ÖAR procedure covers institutional and programme aspects. The procedure has to ensure that sufficient information on the respective programme is provided.

2. How will be carried out the facility check in Leiden (for teaching staff and facilities)? (Can the Vienna expert team also check the qualification and adequacy of the Leiden teaching staff based on CVs, research records, contracts? Can NVAO check facilities with a ‘site visit light’ of the Leiden campus?)

3. ÖAR could formally accredit the respective programme on the Leiden campus only when Webster Vienna applies to award an Austrian degree in Leiden and I can hardly imagine that this will be intended. But ÖAR could give a statement on the equivalence of the Leiden programme that might be useful for stakeholders and NARICs.