**National Awarding Committee (NAC) for *EuroPsy* in Slovenia: Overview**

*Introduction*

Each NAC is requested by the EAC to complete the following overview and submit this to the EFPA Office in Brussels by February each year.

The completed forms will be placed on the *EuroPsy* webpage (<http://www.europsy-efpa.eu/>), and should also be placed on the national EuroPsy website.

The answers on the form should be in line with the application of the NAC as approved by the EAC.

Some items can be completed by providing a check mark or a brief answer (e.g., filling in a date, name, number or address).

With other items further descriptive information is required from all NACs.

There are also items which some NACs can answer by providing a tick while for other NACs there is a need to supply descriptive information. Further clarification will be needed whenever there is not a uniform arrangement for all fields of practice in a country.

Each item has a number and you are asked to provide descriptive information in an Appendix of which the number corresponds with the number of the item.

NB Please indicate with the item where you add an Appendix: “see Appendix 1”, ”see Appendix 2”, etc. The form should be complete when all grey text has been completed.

**National Awarding Committee (NAC) for *EuroPsy* in** [Name of country**]: Overview**

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1. **Composition of NAC and S-NAC**

**1a NAC composition and operation**

Number of members in the NAC: 8

Frequency and dates of meetings: 3 in the year 2014 (11-02-14, 11-03-14, 13-11-14)

Names of the members: see Appendix 1

Number of *EuroPsy* Certificates issued that are listed in the Register: 2 in the year 2014 (altogether 110 issued by the end of 2014)

**1b S-NAC for Psychotherapy**

An S-NAC for psychotherapy **has not been established**

Number of member in the NAC: [nnn]

Frequency and dates of meetings: [nn]/year

Names of the members: see Appendix 1

Number of *EuroPsy* Specialist Certificates (PT) awarded that are listed in the Register: [nn]

**1c S-NAC for Work and Organization Psychology**

□ An S-NAC for work and organization psychology **has not been established**

Number of member in the NAC: [nnn]

Frequency and dates of meetings: [nn]/year

Names of the members: see Appendix 1

Number of *EuroPsy* Specialist Certificates (W&O) awarded that are listed in the Register: [nn]

1. **Psychology programmes**

**2a. Recognition of university education programmes as meeting EuroPsy requirements:**

□ Under the auspices of NAC

□ In cooperation with NAC (e.g. by universities)

□ By a national accreditation authority, of which the judgements are accepted by NAC

□ Other (Appendix 2a)

**2b Structure of accredited / recognized education programmes**

□ Programs follow the format of 3 years BA + 2 years MA

□ Another format is followed (Appendix 2b)

**2c List of programmes that meet EuroPsy requirements**

Names of universities in alphabetical order + Names of programs /degrees at Master Level

Name of University City Degree Programmes

1. University of Ljubljana Ljubljana MA Psychology

2. University of Maribor Maribor MA Psychology

1. **Supervised practice arrangements (for the EuroPsy Certificate)**

**3a Please describe the arrangements for one year (or equivalent) supervised practice**

* A year of supervised probation is required in clinical/health psychology, social welfare, in the field of psychology in education, and in public administration. The program is prescribed by national authorities. A mentor is chosen by the organisation where the practionioner-in-training works.
* Up to now 32 mentors have been trained for supervision. They completed a 1-year training (part time) and are able to use the EuroPsy competence model in supervision. A list of their names is published on the Slovenian EuroPsy web page.
* In 2015 and 2016, an additional group of 25 mentors will be trained within the project “Supervised Practice of Psychologists: Development of a Training Programme for Mentors and a Model of Supervised Practice (SUPER PSIHOLOG)”, co-financed within the Norway Grants 2009–2014 programme. The aim of the project is to develop a comprehensive training program for mentors and test a new model of supervised practice and supervision of mentors where different methods of supervision are used. A system of supervision from a distance will be set up. In the project, a model of an occasional use of e-virtual supervision besides regular live supervision meetings will be tested, and an online platform for communication between the supervisee and supervisor will be developed. The training programme for mentors of supervised practice will be upgraded in collaboration between five partner institutions/organizations: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts; Slovenian Psychologists’ Association; Norwegian Psychological Association; University of Primorska, Andrej Marušič Institute; and Institute for Developmental Projects in Psychological Counselling – ISA institute. In the programme, mentors will learn what competences need to be developed in psychologists beginners, how to create a supportive mentoring environment, and they will also upgrade their competence of self-care and mental health promotion in their mentorees and clients. They will test their skills by supervising three mentorees.
* In future, we plan to continue with the supervision system developed in the SUPER PSIHOLOG project. The developed training programme for mentors will be carried out regularly to spread the network of mentors of supervised practice. Our ultimate goal is that all psychology graduates who would want to practice psychology (not only those who would want to obtain the EuroPsy certificate) complete a year of supervised practice under supervision of a trained mentor. This goal will be reached in smaller steps. In the first years probably some supervised practice will also be carried out with mentors that are not trained for supervision, and some graduates will start practicing without getting a supervision. Hopefully, we will make progress towards the situation where all psychologists practice under supervision, at least in their first year of psychological practice. The main risk is the lack of funding for paying mentors for their supervision, and lack of opportunities in recent years for young psychologists to find a job.

**3b Training of supervisors**

□ National arrangement for training of supervisors is in place,

□ arranged by the NAC (see Appendix 3b)

□ arranged by the national psychologists association(s)

□ offered by universities

□ other

□ Various arrangements for training of supervisors are in place

□ There is no organised training program in the country

**3c Level of training of supervisors (see Appendix V of the EFPA Regulations on EuroPsy)**

□ Most supervisors meet Level 1 criteria

□ Most supervisors meet Level 2 or Level 1 criteria

□ Most supervisors meet Level 3 or higher criteria

□ Most supervisors meet Level 4 or higher criteria

□ Most supervisors meet Level 5 or higher criteria (see Appendix 3c)

□ Most supervisors do not meet *EuroPsy* training requirements

1. **Recognition of Title, Licence to Practice, Revalidation & Continued Professional Development (CPD)**

**4a Recognition of title**

□ “Psychologist” is not a legally recognized and protected title

□ “Psychologist” is a legally recognized and protected title

□ “Psychologist” is a legally recognized and protected title for some areas of practice

(see Appendix 4a)

**4b License to practice**

□ There is no license or entry in a register needed for practising psychology

□ There is a license or entry in a register needed for practising in some areas of practice

□ License or entry in a register is needed for practising psychology

**4c Revalidation**

**There is no license or registration (see 4b); hence there is no revalidation**

□ License or registration is not restricted in time (No revalidation is required)

□ Revalidation of the license to practice or entry in a register is required after XX years

1. **Continuing Professional Development (CPD)**

□ Currently no requirements for CPD exist

□ Requirements for CPD exist, but less stringent than for *EuroPsy* revalidation

□ Requirements for CPD exist, at least as stringent as for *EuroPsy* revalidation

1. **Transitional arrangements**

□ No transitional arrangements apply currently for any category of *EuroPsy* applicants (special cases like education and training in a foreign country are excepted)

□ Transitional arrangements apply until 31-03-15 (see Appendix 6 for details)

**Appendix 1 Members of the NAC**

Name M/F Area of expertise Term of office Association

(20xx – 20xx) represented

Anja Podlesek F Research, teaching 2012–2016 SPA

clinical/health

Robert Masten M Research, teaching, 2012–2016 SPA

clinical/health

Vita Poštuvan F Research, 2012–2016 SPA

clinical/health

Maja Smrdu F Clinical/health 2012–2016 ZKPS

Božena Stritih F Education 2012–2016 SPA

Blanka Tacer F W/O 2012–2016 SPA

Brigita Žugman F Social welfare, 2012–2016 SPA

clinical/health

Gregor Žvelc M Research, teaching, 2012–2016 SPA

clinical/health

Note. SPA = Slovenian Psychologists’ Association. ZKPS = Zbornica kliničnih psihologov Slovenije / Chamber of Clinical Psychologists of Slovenia.

**Appendix 2a**

Response chosen: Recognition of university education programmes as meeting EuroPsy requirements by a national accreditation authority, of which the judgements are accepted by NAC.

Explanation: For applicants studying abroad a national accreditation authority compares the study programme with:

(i) the programme offered by University of Ljubljana prior to the bologna reform. This programme has been recognized by NAC as a suitable programme in the transitional period.

(ii) the BSc + MA programmes offered by University of Ljubljana or University of Maribor at the moment. These programmes have been recognized by NAC as suitable in the regular period.

**Appendix 2b**

A format of a 4-year pre-bologna study programme in psychology (University Degree in Psychology) is also allowed but for the transitional period only, if the applicant at the same time provides other evidence of his/her competence (see Appendix 6).

**Appendix 3b**

In 2013, NAC arranged for the training of mentors of supervised practice in collaboration with Slovenian Psychological Association and University of Ljubljana. We carried out two trainings in the last 5 years (2010 and 2013). Another one was offered to school psychologists in 2013 (limited to school psychologists due to the requirements of the call for funding) but there was not enough interest.

In 2015, we started the project “Supervised practice of psychologists: Development of a training programme for mentors and a model of supervised practice – SUPER PSIHOLOG”, which is supported by Norway Grants 2009–2014 and by national funds of the Republic of Slovenia. In this project, the training programme we developed in the past (which focuses on the EuroPsy competence approach to supervision) will be upgraded in collaboration with the Norwegian Psychological Association. In the training program, mentors will learn what competences need to be developed in psychologists beginners, how to create a supportive mentoring environment, and they will also upgrade their competence of self-care and mental health promotion in their mentorees and clients. They will test their qualifications by supervising three mentorees (one student during a one-month internship and two practitioners-in-training). Mentors will get a regular supervision (6 supervisors will be trained within the project for doing supervision on supervision).

**Appendix 3c**

Mentors of supervised practice are supposed to have at least 1-year formal training in supervision. Mentors that had been trained so far (32 mentors), had completed a one year (part time) training for mentors of supervised practice. The training that we will develop in the project SUPER PSIHOLOG will later be a two-year-training (part time) in supervision. By the end of the project, there will be 57 mentors of supervised practice available in Slovenia. Therefore, in the coming years, when there will probably not be enough trained mentors, we will also need to involve in the evaluation procedure for EuroPsy applicants some additional mentors, i.e. Level GP mentors (as described in the EuroPsy Regulations). These will be registered EuroPsy psychologists without a formal training, who nevertheless understand the EuroPsy competence model because they needed to define and self-assess their own competences when they applied for EuroPsy certificate in the transitional period.

**Appendix 4a**

**Areas of practice for which “Psychologist” is a legally recognized and protected title**

The title “Psychologist” is not legally protected. The title “Specialist in Clinical Psychology” is used in some documents of Ministry of Health, e.g. in the Order about the Programme of Specialisation in Clinical Psychology.

**Appendix 6**

Transitional arrangements: 4 years of academic training are required. In the pre-bologna educational system, only a 4-year study programme in psychology was offered and needed for work in psychology. This program was leading to the title University Degree in Psychology, which is now at the national level legally recognized as equivalent to the title Master of Psychology. In this programme, students had to complete courses in the amount of 240 ECTS points. In addition to that, they did a one-month internship and research and completed their thesis.

In the transitional period, applicants need to attach the following to the application: (a) CV, (b) an officially authenticated copy of diploma(s), (c) an officially authenticated copy of a state exam diploma if existing, (d) a signed confirmation of an employer for at least 3 years of independent psychological practice in the last 10 years, (e) a list of CPD activities in the last 10 years (> 240 hrs), (f) proofs of CPD (> 120 hrs), (g) self-assessment of competences.