**Pro-forma for Annual Report of *EuroPsy* National Awarding Committee (and Specialist Awarding Committee where appropriate)**

**Part 1**

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

Date of submission of this report: 15-02-2017

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1. **Composition and operation of NAC**

Number of members in the NAC: 6

Frequency and dates of meetings: 3 (26-01-2016, 15-06-2016, 13-09-2016)

Names of the members: see Appendix 1

Number of *EuroPsy* Certificates issued that are listed in the Register: 191 (3 in 2016)

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 / recognised programmes**

* **Programs follow the format of 3 years BA + 2 years MA**
* **Another format is followed (Appendix 2b)**

**2c Programmes that meet *EuroPsy* requirements**

Recognised programmes exist at 3 universities

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

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| Name of University | City | MA/MSc Degree Programmes |
| University of Ljubljana | Ljubljana | MA Psychology |
| University of Maribor | Maribor | MA Psychology |
| University of Primorska | Koper | BA Biopsychology + MA Applied Psychology |

The listing may be found on the webpage http://www.europsy.si/za-prosilce/priznani-studiji/

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

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

**3b Training of supervisors**

* **National arrangement for training of supervisors is in place,**

□ arranged by the NAC

□ **arranged by the national psychologists association(s)**

□ offered by universities

□ other (see Appendix 3b)

* Various arrangements for training of supervisors are in place (see Appendix 3b)
* There is no organised training program in the country

(The evaluation procedure for *EuroPsy* applicants is specified in Appendix 3b)

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

* Most supervisors meet Level 1 criteria (i.e. the highest 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)**
* For most supervisors it is not known which criteria they meet, or if it is known they 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 for all areas of practice
* **“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

(see Appendix 4b)

* 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

(see Appendix 4c for details)

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

(see Appendix 5)

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 the final EFPA deadline for transitional arrangements (see Appendix 6 for details and special challenges)**

1. **Plans for further development of *EuroPsy* in the coming year (e.g. website, training of supervisors, dissemination and publicity, marketing etc)**

Plans for future development

1. to switch from processing paper applications to electronic ones
2. to implement S-EuroPsy in psychotherapy
3. to launch the entire supervised practice system developed in the SUPER PSIHOLOG project and to achieve a high rate of participation of novice psychologists in this system
4. to improve the information and publicity of the *EuroPsy* certificate (target groups in focus will be: students, employers, competent authorities); information and publicity of the SUPER PSIHOLOG programme will go hand in hand with information and publicity of *EuroPsy*
5. to launch annual meetings with universities and developing a common strategy of EuroPsy promotion, together with the promotion of the supervised practice system
6. to find financial resources for administering the system of supervised practice and for organizing the education for supervisors
7. to plan and carry out the supervisor education programme in 2017
8. to collaborate with the Slovenian Psychologists’ Association (SPA) in developing a CPD evaluation and monitoring system
9. **How frequent contact have you had with your EAC contact person? Would you welcome more contact?**

No specific contact has been needed since October 2016.

**Appendix 1 Members of the NAC**

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| Name | M/F | Area of expertise | Term of office | Association |
| Anja Podlesek | F | Research, psychological methodology | 2016–2020 | Slovenian Psychologists’ Association |
| Vita Poštuvan | F | Health psychology, psychological counselling,  research | 2016–2020 | Slovenian Psychologists’ Association |
| Božena Stritih | F | Educational psychology | 2016–2020 | Slovenian Psychologists’ Association |
| Blanka Tacer | F | W/O psychology | 2016–2020 | Slovenian Psychologists’ Association |
| Brigita Žugman | F | Psychology in social welfare | 2016–2020 | Slovenian Psychologists’ Association |
| Gregor Žvelc | M | Clinical Psychology, psychotherapy (chair of future S-NAC in Psychotherapy) | 2016–2020 | Slovenian Psychologists’ Association |

**Appendix 2a Recognition of university education programmes**

NAC evaluated the study programmes of the University of Ljubljana and Maribor in 2012. In 2016, NAC evaluated the combination of the BA study programme in Biopsychology and MA study programme in Applied Psychology offered by University of Primorska. NAC has also required data on the updates of the study programmes at Universities of Ljubljana and Maribor for re-evaluation, which will be carried out in 2017 by the new NAC that was appointed in 2016.

Explanation of response 3 (By a national accreditation authority, of which the judgements are accepted by NAC): For applicants that finished their studies abroad, a national accreditation authority compares the study programme with BSc and MA programmes offered by University of Ljubljana or University of Maribor (these programmes have been recognized by NAC as meeting the required EuroPsy standards). NAC would accept the recognition of the diplomas by the national accreditation authority.

**Appendix 2b Structure of recognised programmes**

A format of a 4-year pre-bologna study programme in psychology (University Degree in Psychology) has also been allowed in the transitional period, if the applicants also provided other evidence of their competence (see Appendix 6).

**Appendix 3a Arrangements for one year (or equivalent) of supervised practice**

Supervised traineeship is required in clinical/health psychology (12 months), social welfare (9 months), in the field of psychology in education (10 months), and in public administration (10 months). The mentoring programme is prescribed by national authorities and the relevant regulations, but the programme is general, prescribed in a similar form to all the professionals in the relevant field, and is not specific for psychologists. A mentor is chosen by the organisation where the practionioner-in-training works. It can happen that the chosen mentor is not a *EuroPsy* psychologist and therefore has no knowledge about the *EuroPsy* certificate and its requirements. Most often, such mentors are not trained in mentoring and supervision. In other fields of practice no supervised practice is required, but practitioners-in-training may want to arrange their own supervision to reach the *EuroPsy* standards.

In 2017, the supervised practice system developed in the SUPER PSIHOLOG project will be launched. In the system, novice psychologists will receive supervision by trained supervisors according to the guidelines for implementing supervised practice that were developed in the project (available in Slovene at: <http://superpsiholog.si/izvajanje-supervizirane-prakse/>; the guidelines will be soon available in English, too). At least 45 hours of supervision will be required (twenty 2-hour meetings in a one-year period and an additional 5-hour visit of the supervisor at the supervisee’s workplace). Supervisory meeting will be regularly documented and monitored by the system administrator.

**Appendix 3b Arrangements for training of supervisors**

NAC was the main promotor of the trainings of supervisors in the past. In collaboration with Slovenian Psychologists’ Association and University of Ljubljana, the trainings were carried out in 2009–2010 and in 2013, and 32 supervisors were trained in the *EuroPsy* competence approach to supervision––they completed a 40-hour programme on the use of the *EuroPsy* competence model in supervision and tested their supervision skills by carrying out 160 hours of supervision of student internship. In 2015–2016 in the project “Supervised practice of psychologists: Development of a training programme for mentors and a model of supervised practice – SUPER PSIHOLOG”, 30 supervisors completed a comprehensive training composed of 160 hours of theoretical and practical workshops­­­­ (on mentoring and supervision, competence approach, developing supervisory relationship, supervision skills, planning, documenting and evaluating supervised practice, and promoting self-care in supervisee), 160 hours of supervising internship, 90 hours of supervision of novice psychologists and approx. 20 hours of supervision on supervision. Our evaluation is that the developed training in supervision is equivalent to two years (part-time) of training as required by the *EuroPsy* Regulations. Future trainings will take into account the experiences gained in the SUPER PSIHOLOG project and will contain all the elements described above. The trainings will be organized by the Slovenian Psychologists’ Association. The next training is planned for 2017. The goal is to expand the network of trained supervisors in the next years, so that (i) the mentors assigned by the institutions in the fields where the traineeship is regulated will get trained in supervision, and (ii) that supervisees will be able to find themselves supervision outside the institution if needed.

**Appendix 3c**

Up to now, 30 supervisors completed a two-year training programme in supervision. They have been trained in supervision and have received supervision of supervision within the training. The supervision training included supervised practise of supervision (video/audiotape presentations), supervisee case conferences, reading of theory and research on supervision, etc.). Additional 27 supervisors completed a one-year (part-time) training in supervision. All these supervisors have fulfilled the *EuroPsy* criteria and have the *EuroPsy* Basic certificate, have at least 5 years of full-time independent practice (or its equivalent). The 5 years have been achieved within one specific field (e.g., health & clinical, education, work & organization), but not as a part of an authorised specialist training programme, and most of them have not received any supervision of their work, as supervision was not mostly not required in Slovenia until now.

Even though we will try to promote the idea that for obtaining the *EuroPsy* certificate one needs to receive supervision of the trained supervisor, most probably we will have applicants in the coming years, before the network of supervisors is spread, who will perform their practice under supervision of non-trained mentors, i.e. Level GP and Level D supervisors (as described in the *EuroPsy* Regulations). Supervision will not be systematic in such cases. Level GP supervisors will be registered *EuroPsy* psychologists without a formal training who understand the *EuroPsy* competence model because they needed to define and self-assess their own competences when they applied for the *EuroPsy* certificate in the transitional period. Level D supervisors will need to get informed about *EuroPsy* requirements and evaluation of competence. NAC will offer support and guidelines for supervised practice will be available, but most probably the supervision offered in such cases will not be at the required level. At the moment, NAC has not yet decided how such cases will be handled, but plans to do that in 2017.

**Appendix 4a Recognition of title of psychologist**

The title “Psychologist” is not legally protected. The title “Specialist in Clinical Psychology” or “Clinical Psychologist” is used in documents of Ministry of Health, e.g. in the Order about the Programme of Specialisation in Clinical Psychology, and is a regulated profession within Ministry of Health. The entrance into independent practice is also regulated in the field of education and social welfare with the acts related to the requirements for traineeship in those fields and the professional exam at the end of the traineeship period; the requirements are general and relate to different professional profiles working in those fields, not specifically to psychologists. Other standards of psychological practice are not regulated.

**Appendix 4b License to practise arrangements**

There is no license as a document or entry in a register needed for practising psychology. However, in healthcare (and clinical psychology), social welfare, education, and public administration, psychologists need to follow a prescribed traineeship programme and do a state exam before they are allowed to work independently in the field.

**Appendix 4c Arrangements for revalidation**

For revalidating the *EuroPsy* Basic certificate, NAC will follow the *EuroPsy* Regulations.

**Appendix 5 Arrangements for CPD**

According to EAC suggestion, NAC facilitated the discussions within Slovenian Psychologists’ Association how continuing professional development could be evaluated, documented, and monitored. In collaboration with NAC, the SPA Board of Professional Affairs started discussion on a system for CPD evaluation and monitoring in 2016.

**Appendix 6 Transitional arrangements**

Four 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 needed 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.

Not all applicants could fulfil the conditions for receiving the certificate according to the transitional arrangements by March 31, 2015. Applicants who did not have three years of independent practice, but submitted their application before March 30, 2015, were given another two years by NAC to fulfil this requirement. But according to the Higher Education Act, the last possible date for graduating from the pre-bologna study programmes was Sept 30, 2016, so there are some fresh graduates from the pre-bologna programmes who had not yet have the opportunity to obtain three years of work experience. Those who enrolled in the pre-bologna study programme in 2008 (the last year before the Bologna reform) graduated at the end of 2013 or later. Due to the present economic crisis, most young psychologists face difficulties with getting their first job as psychologists or can only get a short-time job. Work experiences may also not be gained due to the maternity leave, health problems, etc. NAC decided to address individually such late applicants until the final EFPA deadline for transitional arrangements, if possible and if approved by EAC. Applicants will need to attach to the application an extensive explanation about the reasons for the delay in their submission of the application.

**Part 2a**

**S-NAC for Psychotherapy in** [Name of country]**:** **Overview**

Date of approval (or re-approval) of the S-NAC by S-EAC: [dd-mm-yy]

Latest previous update of this overview: [dd-mm-yy]

Website address of the S-NAC in [Name(s) of language(s)]:

www. [XX]

Name of contact person: [XX]

E-mail address: [XX]

Postal address: [XX]

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

The S-NAC for psychotherapy has been established on: [date]

Number of members in the S-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]

1. **Structure of accredited / recognised programmes**
2. **Please describe the main activities undertaken during the past year to promote and develop the specialist certificate and any plans for further development of the S-NAC in the coming year (e.g. website, developing training of supervisors, listing accredited programmes, working on ECTS equivalence etc)**

**Appendix 1 Members of the S-NAC**

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**Part 2b**

**S-NAC for Work & Organisational Psychology in** [Name of country]**:** **Overview**

Date of approval (or re-approval) of the S-NAC by S-EAC: [dd-mm-yy]

Latest previous update of this overview: [dd-mm-yy]

Website address of the S-NAC in [Name(s) of language(s)]:

www. [XX]

Name of contact person: [XX]

E-mail address: [XX]

Postal address: [XX]

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

The S-NAC for work and organisational psychology has been established on: [date]

Number of members in the S-NAC: [nnn]

Frequency and dates of meetings: [nn]/year

Names of the members: see Appendix 1

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

1. **Structure of accredited / recognised programmes**
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**Appendix 1 Members of the S-NAC**

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