

National Awarding Committee (NAC) for *EuroPsy* in Czech Republic: 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 overview is intended to enable EFPA (through EAC) to have an overview of developments in the different countries, and to try to support progress with the implementation of *EuroPsy* across EFPA countries. It is important that *EuroPsy* serves the function of maintaining and ensuring high standards. The answers on the form should indicate progress since the application of the NAC as approved by the EAC.

The completed forms received from each country will be placed on the *EuroPsy* webpage (<http://www.europsy-efpa.eu/>) (as a resource for a wider audience to gain information about EuroPsy) and your report should also be placed on your national *EuroPsy* website.

A further purpose of the annual overview is to stimulate NACs to reflect on the extent and quality of their activities, and the awareness of *EuroPsy* in their country, during the previous year. Thus EAC hopes to encourage reflection and a focus both on plans for future developments, and also challenges in each country. For this reason, please include in the final appendix detailed and complete information about the state of your activities in the previous year and your plans for the next year. This appendix will not appear on the EFPA website since its purpose is more formative and to encourage reflection.

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

With other items further descriptive and textual information is required from all NACs. Detailed descriptive information, in order to clarify the meaning of the tick, is welcomed from all NACs. Further clarification will be especially 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.

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Date of submission of this report: 29-02-16

Date of approval (or re-approval) of NAC by EAC: 31-03-2013

Latest update of this overview: 29-02-16

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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/year; 13.4., 4.6., 3.12. 2015

Names of the members: see Appendix 1

Number of *EuroPsy* Certificates issued that are listed in the Register: 44
(8 applications in process)

1b S-NAC for Psychotherapy

An S-NAC for psychotherapy has been established: NO

Number of members 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 been established: NO

Number of members 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]

2. 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

2b Structure of accredited / recognised education programmes

- Programs follow the format of 3 years BA + 2 years MA**
- Another format is followed

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. Charles University, Faculty of Education	Prague	MSc Psychology
2. Charles University, Faculty of Arts	Prague	MSc Psychology
3. Masaryk University, Faculty of Arts	Brno	MSc Psychology
4. Masaryk University, Faculty of Social Studies	Brno	MSc Psychology
5. Palacky University, Philosophical Faculty	Olomouc	MSc Psychology

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

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

Universities are responsible for internships during the studies of the students. Individual ministries and professional associations are responsible for supervision after graduation. Supervision is well developed in health care, education, labour and social services and security forces – from the practice under supervision up to the training of the supervisors. Standard is at least 40 hours of work per year under supervision (including external supervision).

The NAC considers each application individually when considering the one year of supervised practice. It gathers the knowledge of the different types of the one year practice and in the future plans to develop clearly guidelines.

3b Training of supervisors

The NAC has held 2 seminars for psychologists who were nominated by the Associations to be the EuroPsy supervisors. Each applicant has to have an evaluation from these designated supervisors.

- National arrangement for training of supervisors is in place,
 - x **arranged by the NAC**
 - x **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
- x **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
- Most supervisors do not meet EuroPsy training requirements

4. 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
- x **"Psychologist" is a legally recognized and protected title for some areas of practice**
(see Appendix 02)

4b License to practice

- There is no license or entry in a register needed for practising psychology
- x **There is a license or entry in a register needed for practising in some areas of practice**
(see Appendix 03)
- x **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 10 years**
(see Appendix 04 for details)

5. 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

6. 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 [31-03-16]** (see Appendix 05 for details)

Please indicate any challenges faced by your NAC in relation to transitional arrangements, and plans to address these.

As reported in a letter sent on February 24, 2016 the Czech NAC would wish to extend the transitional arrangement for at least two years. This is due to the slow embrace of the *EuroPsy* by the Czech psychological community. The extension will provide the NAC to build *EuroPsy* membership with seasoned and valued psychologists, who will then help to build the membership will younger psychologists.

7. Plans for future development of *EuroPsy* and any challenges faced by the NAC

- 1. Transitional arrangements** – As stated before the Czech NAC would like to request the extension of the transitional arrangement.

The *EuroPsy* is slowly being accepted and the knowledge is spreading. There are *EuroPsy* presentations in most of the national conferences; we have a *EuroPsy* Facebook page which has growing number of followers.

The more challenging is getting the information to the people in practice, especially those who are not part of the Czech UPA or do not go to conferences. Also people are asking about the benefits of *EuroPsy* for people who work in Czech environment. The Czech NAC is discussing this and is preparing overall strategy to answer such concerns. NAC is also preparing press release and information package to be sent to different ministries and organisation in private sector.

The number of certificates is slowly growing but currently we are building the reputation and knowledge base.

The Czech NAC organised InfoDay on Charles University on 13th of January, 2015. Students and others had a possibility to learn more about the EuroPsy.

2. Supervised practice

As states above, Czech NAC has appointed EuroPsy supervisors, who have been trained and informed about the EuroPsy regulations. All applicants have to have recommendation from these supervisors. The Czech NAC is working on expanding the number of supervisors. There are annual seminars for the supervisors which concentrate on the latest developments in EuroPsy and the state of psychology in Czech Republic.

3. CPD - the plans for CPD to reach EuroPsy criteria

So far, we have not had any applicants who would fall into CPD category. However, during seminars and on conferences, the Czech NAC reports about the CPD and uses the criteria mentioned in the EuroPsy regulations.

In the meantime, the Czech NAC is discussing the use of these criteria in the Czech environment or the possibility of, for example, using the experiences of the Association of Clinical Psychologists, which have 7 years and 45 credits or registered seminars.

In this, the Czech NAC is still discussing the different experiences in different specializations and how to approach this holistically in the future.

4. Other activities

Besides creating the EuroPsy Facebook page, the Czech NAC held meeting of the supervisors on December 9th, 2015 and EuroPsy seminars were held during several national conferences (Czech Association of Work and Organisational Psychology on November 20th, 2015 and Association of School Psychology in August 2015).

Czech NAC cooperates closely with the Board UPA CR and agenda EuroPsy is regularly discussed at meetings of the Board (8 per year).

Appendix 01

Members of the NAC

Name	M/F	Area of expertise	Term of office	Association represented
Prof. PhDr. Marek Blatný	M	Clinical and health	since 2010	CMPS
Prof. PhDr. Vladimír Kebza	M	Clinical and health	since 2010	CMPS
PhDr. Vlasta Rehnová	F	Traffic Psychology	since 2010	ADP
Prof. PaedDr. Iva Stuchlíková	F	Education	since 2010	CMPS
PhDr. Miloslav Šolc	M	Work & organisation	since 2010	CAPPO
Prof. PhDr. Lenka Šulová	F	Clinical and health	since 2012	CMPS
PhDr. Jaroslav Šturma	M	Clinical and health	since 2010	CMPS
Doc. PhDr. Irena Sobotková	F	Counseling Psychology	since 2014	CMPS


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ADP - Association of the Traffic Psychologist of the Czech Republic

CAPPO - Czech Association of Work and Organizational Psychologists

CMPS - The Czech-Moravian Psychologists Society

Appendix 02

“Psychologist” is a legally recognized and protected title for the health sector – “registered clinical psychologist”.

“Psychologist” is a legally recognized title for the education sector (school counselling)

“Psychologist” is a legally recognized title for the traffic area (“traffic psychologist”)

“Psychologist” is a legally recognized title for private practice in area “Diagnostics and counselling in psychology”.

Appendix 03

There is a license and an entry in a register needed for practising in the health sector (clinical psychology).

There is a license and an entry in a register needed for practising in the traffic area (“traffic psychologist”).

There is a license for private practice in area “Diagnostics and counselling in psychology”.

Appendix 04

Revalidation of the license to practice or entry in a register is required after 10 years – in the health sector (area clinical psychology).

Appendix 05

Transitional arrangements apply until 31-03-2016, because date of Czech NAC approval is 31-03-2013.

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