

**JOINT STATEMENT ON THE EDUCATION OF CONSERVATOR-RESTORERS OF
CULTURAL HERITAGE**

**The European Confederation of Conservator-Restorers' Organisations ECCO and The European
Network for Conservation-Restoration Education ENCoRE**

With reference to the ECCO Professional Guidelines (III) ¹ and the ENCoRE Clarification Document² and in response to the Bologna Declaration³ and the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the recognition of professional qualifications. 2002/0061 (COD).

ECCO and ENCoRE state that –

The cross-disciplinary nature of the conservation-restoration profession requires that applicants to conservation –restoration education undertake specific entrance appraisals.

A graduate of conservation-restoration of cultural heritage at Bachelor's Level (Level 4)⁴ will be qualified to enter to study at Master's Level and/or work in the conservation-restoration of cultural heritage in the public or private sectors only under the direction and supervision of a conservator-restorer of cultural heritage⁵.

A graduate of conservation-restoration of cultural heritage at Master's Level (Level 5) ⁶ will be qualified to register for PhD studies or to work as a conservator-restorer of cultural heritage in the public or private sectors.

Signed

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¹ ECCO Professional Guidelines (III) Basic Requirements for Education in Conservation-Restoration. Promoted by the European Confederation of Conservator-Restorers' Organisations and adopted by its General Assembly Brussels 1 March 2002.

² Clarification of Conservation /Restoration Education at University Level or Recognised Equivalent. Adopted by the Members and Partners of ENCoRE at the 3rd General Assembly 19-22 June 2001, Munich, Germany.

³ The Bologna Declaration. The European Higher Education Area. Joint declaration of the European Ministers of Education. Bologna 19th June 1999

⁴ the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the recognition of professional qualifications 2002/0061 (COD). Chapter 1 General system for the recognition of evidence of training. Page 25-26

⁵ idem as 4

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