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Public events

You are invited to attend the following public project events:

Expert Workshop I
February 2011, Malta

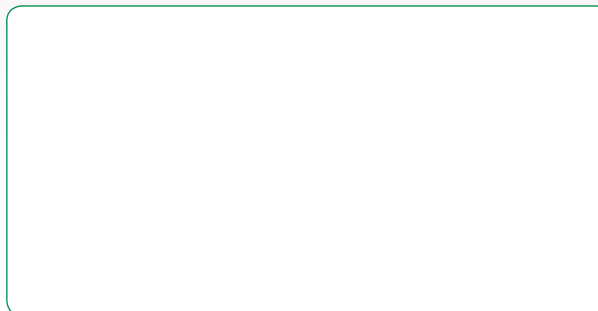
Expert Workshop II
and
Final project conference
January 2012, Brussels (BE)

Workshop and conference programmes will be published on the project website in due course prior to the event.

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Common grounds for referencing NQFs and SQFs to the EQF

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NQF-SQF

National Qualifications Frameworks
Sectoral Qualifications Frameworks



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Objectives

Although learning outcomes should be basically describable for all qualifications by using the EQF descriptors knowledge, skills, and competence in the same way regardless of their origin in terms of country or organisation responsible for maintaining and monitoring structures in which they are embedded, a mere description in EQF terms cannot dispel any doubts about the real value of this qualification: the EQF as such does not deliver enough criteria for assessment and comparison of qualifications.

The overall aim of the project NQF-SQF is to create common grounds for referencing national qualifications frameworks and sectoral qualifications/competence frameworks to the EQF, thereby providing for comparability of qualifications on the basis of learning outcomes defined in terms of abilities required by work processes. This shall be enabled by the use of an instrument to be developed within the project: the employability grid. This grid shall be applicable for the assessment of qualifications as well as for the evaluation of frameworks qualifications refer to. It shall test how far descriptions of frameworks and qualifications make visible what the learning outcomes of qualification processes are in terms of work process requirements, thus supporting employment at the European labour market.

The instrument shall be used in order to draft typologies of national and sectoral frameworks, leading to recommendations for enhancing referenceability of frameworks, encompassing also a work process relationship criterion which can be added to the catalogue of referencing criteria already defined by the EQF Advisory Group. On the basis of this work, a model of future collaboration between private/public stakeholders at European level shall be drafted. The structure of collaboration shall be arranged around a nucleus of already collaborating stakeholders: the EQF Advisory Group and EQF national contact points.

Implementation

In order to reach the aims and objectives defined and to produce the envisaged products the overall project work is divided in the following 8 workpackages:

- Workpackage 1 **Project Management**
(WP leader: DEKRA, DE)
- Workpackage 2 **Employability grid**
(WP leader: DEKRA, DE)
- Workpackage 3 **Referenceability of national qualification frameworks**
(WP leader: 3srl, AT)
- Workpackage 4 **Referenceability of sectoral qualifications, qualifications/competence frameworks**
(WP leader: Politecnico di Torino, IT)
- Workpackage 5 **Case studies piloting the application of methodology**
(WP leader: KCH, NL)
- Workpackage 6 **Model of collaboration between sectoral/public stakeholders**
(WP leader: MQC, MT)
- Workpackage 7 **Overcoming the EQF Information Divide**
(WP leader: ITB, DE and LUX, DE)
- Workpackage 8 **Quality management**
(WP leader: FLM, ES)

Outcomes/Products

The project will produce

- A grid to assess national qualification frameworks, sectoral competence/ qualifications, “isolated” qualifications according to the criterion of creating employability (“employability grid”), at the same time useable as an instrument for setting up new EQF conform work process related occupational profiles/qualifications
- A typology of national qualification systems/ frameworks (resp. draft frameworks) foreseen to be used as interfaces between national educational systems and the European Qualification Framework (EQF), structured according to the employability grid
- A typology of sectoral competence/qualification frameworks (resp. draft frameworks), structured according to the employability grid
- A typology of sectoral competence/ qualification frameworks (resp. draft frameworks), structured according to interfaces to national qualification frameworks
- Case studies based on descriptions of concrete (sector based) work processes, applying methodological instruments developed within the project
- An overall evaluation of applying the employability grid within the project in order to develop an employability criterion of referencing
- A model of collaboration between relevant private/ public stakeholders using the employability grid as referencing tool
- A collection of articles about referencing sectoral and national qualifications to the EQF
- Guidelines for proper use of the employability grid

