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EQAVET
European Quality Assurance in VET

- Quality assurance $\rightarrow$ process to ensure quality
How are qualifications created?

1. **Need for a new skill/competence/qualification**
2. **Request (by industry, social partners etc.)**
   - **Elaboration/design (of qualification)**
     - **Curricula/programme settings**
       - **Standards settings**
         - **Assessment settings**
           - **Delivery of training (training provision) including teachers and trainers related issues – WBL**
           - **Validation/recognition**
             - **Diploma/Qualification/Certification**
EQAVET
Underlying objectives

- Better employability
- Better match between training supply and demand
- Better access to VET notably for disadvantaged groups
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(Resolutions, recommendations and opinions)

RECOMMENDATIONS

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 18 June 2009

on the establishment of a European Quality Assurance Reference Framework for Vocational Education and Training

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2009/C 155/01)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 149(4) and Article 150(4) thereof,


(3) The Lisbon Strategy Guidelines for Growth and Jobs...
What is EQAVET?

THE QUALITY CYCLE

of the European Quality Assurance Reference Framework for Vocational Education and Training

1. Purpose and Plan
Set up clear, appropriate and measurable goals and objectives in terms of output, procedures, tasks and human resources.

2. Implementation
Establish procedures to ensure the achievement of goals and objectives (e.g., development of partnerships, involvement of stakeholders, allocation of resources, and organisational or operational procedures).

3. Assessment and Evaluation
Design mechanisms for the evaluation of achievements and outcomes by collecting and processing data in order to make informed assessment.

4. Review
Develop procedures in order to achieve the targeted outcomes and set new objectives after processing feedback, key stakeholders conduct discussion and analysis in order to devise procedures for change.
EQAVET Annex 2 - List of indicators

- Underlying objectives:
  Better employability
  Better match between training supply and demand
  Better access to VET

- No 1 Relevance of quality assurance systems for VET providers
- No 2 Investment in training of teachers and trainers
- No 3 Participation rate in VET programmes
- No 4 Completion rate in VET programmes
- No 5 Placement rate in VET programmes
- No 6 Utilisation of acquired skills at the workplace
- No 7 Unemployment rate
- No 8 Prevalence of vulnerable groups
- No 9 Mechanisms to identify training needs in the labour market
- No 10 Schemes used to promote better access to VET
European quality assurance in VET

ENQAVET

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PAST

PRESENT
EQAVET process

- **Member States**
  - Regional and local authorities
  - Other relevant stakeholders

- **Social partners**
- **National reference points**

- **EQAVET network**

- **European Commission**

- **Council**

- **European Parliament**

June 2011

June 2013
EQAVET in Bruges Communiqué
Strategic objectives for 2011-2020

- Member States should establish quality assurance frameworks in accordance with EQAVET recommendation.

- Member States should, by the end of 2015, establish at national level a common quality assurance framework for VET providers:
  - Which also applies to workplace learning
  - Which is compatible with the EQAVET framework
EQAVET
Short-term deliverables for 2011-2014

- Actions at national level
  - Take adequate measures to implement the EQAVET Recommendation and make progress towards national quality assurance frameworks for VET

- Support at EU level
  - Guidance and technical support for EQAVET implementation
  - Review the implementation of EQAVET in 2013
  - Thematic networking of Quality Assurance projects in VET and adult learning
EQAVET State of play

Objectives/outcomes
- Guidance IT Tool (system level)
- Implementation Recommendation
- Coordination with VET providers
- Coordination EU tools in VET

Methodology
- Working groups
- Sectoral seminars
- Reflection group (with EQF, ECVET)
- Communication strategy

16 EQAVET national reference points officially nominated but also 12 acting as such without formal nomination 28 in total

- 30 projects labelled
- Suggestions for action
- Second round of selection
- Conference on 28.11.11

National approach due by 18 June 2011 → 20 MS have or plan to have a Nat. Appr.
Currently used quality management models in the MS

- ISO standard
- EFQM
- CAF
- Local quality standards
  - Germany: DVWO-Qualitätsmodell/JQW-Modell/Bremer Modell/Hamburger Prüfsiegel
  - Austria: QIBB
  - Finland: Recommendation