



EQF developments from the perspective of EQF advisory group

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Current state of EQF implementation

- 38 countries participate in the EQF process
- 30 are working on comprehensive NQFs (6 have introduced partial NQFs)
- 25 frameworks have been formally adopted
- 26 countries have presented their referencing reports
- 23 countries have referenced to the EQF

Reporting plan

EQF Advisory Group meetings dates		Countries planning to present their referencing report in the following meetings of the EQF Advisory Group
2014	2-3 December	Presentation from TK on progress
2015	2 – 4 February	?
2015		ES, EE (update) EL, KY, RO – continued ES, FI, HU, MK, SE (2015 2nd half), SK, TK

Meeting dates for 2015:

14-16.04.

27-28.05.

13-15.10.

2-3.12. (together with PLA in Berlin)

Current EQF activities – discussion points

- Role of NCPs and their activities
- RPL & validation of non-formal and informal learning
- European area for skills and qualifications
- External dimension of the EQF

Role of NCPs and their activities

- Development of NQFs
- Clusters of countries and networking, PLAs
- Bringing NQF and EQF closer to public

Validation of non-formal and informal learning

- New task of EQF AG – follow the implementation of the *Council recommendation on the validation of non-formal and informal learning* (20.12.2012)
- Until 2018 each member state should write a report how this recommendation is implemented at national level

Four validation elements for LO

acquired through validation of non-formal and informal learning

- **Identification** of an individual's learning outcomes
- **Documentation** of an individual's learning outcomes
- **Assessment** of an individual's learning outcomes
- **Certification** of the results of the assessment of an individual's learning outcomes

European area of skills and qualifications

- Qualifications frameworks – **EQF & QH-EHEA**
- European skills – **Europass, Youthpass**
- Quality assurance – **ESG, EQAVET**
- Credit points – **ECTS, ECVET**
- Recognition instruments – **Lisbon convention, NARIC network, directives, RPL, NFIL**
- Information centres and web portals – **Ploteus, Europass, EQF NCP, Eurodesk, Euroguidance, Learning opportunities**
- Instruments for promoting common understanding of skills – **Skills Panorama, ESCO**

Global dimension of the EQF

- EQF is internationally recognised as a reference:
 - ❖ Most EU neighbourhood countries develop qualifications frameworks
 - ❖ Many new QFs outside Europe use the EQF as source of inspiration
- Pilots on testing possible alignment of the Australian QF, the New Zealand QF and the Hong Kong QF to the EQF

Current and future challenges

- Bringing the EQF closer to citizens
- Referencing as a process of ensuring trust
- International sectorial qualifications
- Global dimension of the EQF

