

# National Reference Point for quality assurance of vocational education and training

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT****PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE** POLAND

## Timeline

**2022 Implementation****2023 Implementation****2024 Implementation****ID number 45397**

## Background

The EQAVET network is a community of practice bringing together the Member States, social partners and the European Commission to promote European collaboration in developing and improving quality assurance in VET by using the European quality assurance framework.

EQAVET supports the implementation of the 2020 recommendation on vocational education and training for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness, and resilience. The National Reference Point (NRP) brings together various national and regional institutions, social partners and VET providers to pool actions to improve the quality of VET in the country.

## Objectives

- (a) to increase the knowledge of European frameworks supporting quality assurance in vocational education and training;
- (b) to initiate activities to support the further development of quality assurance frameworks at national level;
- (c) to ensure the functioning of the National Reference Point.

## Description

The EQAVET Network develops knowledge and capacity through various exchange and learning activities. These activities address the current thematic priorities and are organised as part of a comprehensive work programme.

One important activity is peer learning activities, which enable EQAVET national reference points (NRPs) to share and compare approaches to specific topics. These activities foster collaboration and provide valuable insights into different perspectives and practices within the network.

Another key activity is peer reviews, which support the EQAVET Network in assessing and improving the quality assurance of national vocational education and training (VET) systems. The EQAVET Network has developed a manual that outlines its approach to VET

system level peer reviews.

The EQAVET Network also holds an annual network meeting to review progress and discuss future activities. This meeting serves as a platform for stakeholders to come together, exchange ideas, and reflect on the achievements and challenges within the network. Typically, the meeting takes place in June, hosted by the country holding the European Union (EU) Presidency.

These activities collectively contribute to the growth and development of the EQAVET Network, enabling stakeholders to improve the quality assurance of vocational education and training systems across Europe.

The EQAVET Network showcases the work and developments in the EQAVET newsletter, as well as in country factsheets, case studies and other publications available from the virtual library.

In Poland, representatives in the EQAVET network are the Ministry of Education and Science and the Centre for Education Development. The Centre for Education Development also became the National Reference Point.

The main functions of national reference points are as follows:

- (a) actively supporting the implementation of the EQAVET work programme;
- (b) taking specific initiatives to support the further development of quality assurance frameworks at the national level;
- (c) supporting self-assessment as a complementary element and effective quality control measures that measure success and identify areas for improvement in the implementation of the EQAVET work programme;
- (d) ensuring effective dissemination of information to stakeholders.

## **2022 Implementation**

Participation in conferences and working meetings, dissemination of information on the EQAVET network took place during the year.

- (a) Participation of a Ministry of Science and Education representative in the EQAVET Annual Network Meeting 2022 on 9-10 June 2022, in Paris. Participation in lectures, group work, exchange of good practices, and in peer review.
- (b) Participation in the webinar Quality assurance of flexible VET pathways, on 16 December 2021, and presentation of the Polish vocational education system by a representative of the Ministry of Education and Science.
- (c) Participation in the ERASMUS-EDU-2023-EQAVET-IBA application meeting in December 2022.
- (d) Participation in Quality assurance of micro-credentials in VET in December 2022.
- (e) Organisation by the Centre for Education Development of the international conference Models of consulting work in Poland and Europe - good practices. The conference took place on 15 June 2022.
- (f) Maintaining the EQAVET/NRP website on the Centre for Education Development website, posting information from the European Commission;
- (g) Providing information on enquiries from interested groups. For example, on 15 February 2023, a consultation with a representative of the Institute of Economics and Finance of the Warsaw University of Life Sciences.
- (h) Providing information to the EQAVET newsletter about the activities of the NRP.

## **2023 Implementation**

The national reference point continued its work by participating in working meetings and conferences, as well as disseminating information on the EQAVET network throughout the year:

- (a) presentation on VET in Poland during the official visit of the Turkish community from Cyprus to the Centre for Education Development;
- (b) maintaining the EQAVET/NRP website on the Centre for Education Development

website, posting information from the European Commission;

- (c) preparing and publishing an article on career counselling in social policy;
- (d) providing information on enquiries from interested groups;
- (e) conference organised by the Centre for Education Development entitled Skills development of formal education managers according to the Integrated Skills Strategy 2030;
- (f) conference organised by the Centre for Education Development entitled Crucial skills development in the context of career counselling;
- (g) seminar organised by the Centre for Education Development on Polish skills policy).

## **2024 Implementation**

Several activities took place during the year, such as:

- (a) participation in the EQAVET annual meeting in Brussels (12-14 June 2024) contributing to the discussions on quality assurance in VET.
- (b) co-organising a study visit for French education representatives during which the EQAVET NRP coordinator presented the activities of the Educational Development Centre in relation to national education policy and international quality assurance cooperation (30 September);
- (c) participation in an international seminar on self-assessment in VET, discussing the peer review method and highlighting eco-social education within the EQAVET framework (10 October).

Further promotion of EQAVET included presentations at conferences on challenges in VET and labour market adaptation in November 2024. Ongoing cooperation with the EQAVET Secretariat and the Ministry of National Education ensured effective quality assurance measures. Active participation in monthly online meetings with EQAVET members facilitated the exchange of knowledge, while NRP managed the EQAVET section of its website to provide resources and updates. The organisation also contributed to educational research and the EQAVET newsletter to share information and good practice.

## **Bodies responsible**

- Ministry of National Education
- Centre for Education Development
- Ministry of Education and Science (from 2021 until 2024)

## **Target group**

### **Entities providing VET**

VET providers (all kinds)

### **Other stakeholders**

Social partners (employer organisations and trade unions)  
National, regional and local authorities

## **Thematic categories**

### **Governance of VET and lifelong learning**

Further developing national quality assurance systems

## **European priorities in VET**

## VET Recommendation

VET underpinned by a culture of quality assurance

## Subsystem

IVET CVET

## Further reading

[EQAVET: National Reference Point](#)

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[EQAVET governance and work programme](#)

## Related policy developments

### 2024 Implementation

#### Sectoral skills centres (SSCs)

Sectoral skills centres (*branzowe centra umiejętności*) are to be technologically advanced education, training and examination centres in a given industry.

This initiative comprises the following main activities:

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#### Type of development

Practical  
measure/Initiative

#### Subsystem

IVET CVET

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