

EQAVET peer review Spain

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

 SPAIN

Timeline

2022 **Implementation**

2023 **Completed**

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Background

The National reference points (NRPs) in the EQAVET network are requested to conduct so-called peer reviews at system level based on the overarching Council Recommendation on Vocational Education and Training.

Objectives

To strengthen the supranational exchange in quality assurance in vocational education and training in the European area, to provide more transparency and to provoke for further development in the subject area.

Description

The 2020 Council Recommendation on VET calls on the EQAVET network to develop a specific methodology for EQAVET peer reviews, with the objective of supporting the improvement and transparency of quality assurance arrangements at system level in the member states. Over the course of 2021, with the support of DG EMPL and the EQAVET Secretariat, the EQAVET network agreed on a joint methodology and prepared a peer review manual. The quality assurance national reference points from 21 member states agreed to take part in the first phase of the EQAVET network's peer review initiative.

2022 Implementation

The first EQAVET peer review was hosted by the Spanish Ministry for Education and Vocational Training, General Secretariat of Vocational Training and took place virtually on 30-31 March. EQAVET network members from the following five countries acted as peers: Austria, Belgium-NL, Greece, Italy, and Portugal.

In this first peer review meeting, the topic of the discussion was the project 'Quality EQAVET Model for Spain' (QEMS), launched by the Spanish Ministry for Education and Vocational Training, through the General Secretariat of Vocational Training. QEMS has the objective to design and implement:

- (a) a quality model based on the EQAVET framework for the vocational training system in Spain, that includes the self-assessment by training providers and that allows the measurement of success and the identification of areas for improvement;

(b) a quality assessment system that facilitates the collection of relevant, sufficient and updated data from all stakeholders involved in the VET system. The data will feed into evidence-based decision-making processes to ensure the quality of VET in Spain.

At this meeting, the five participating peer countries reflected on the information gathered during the peer review and shared their initial feedback on the strengths of the suggested model, and the risks and challenges identified with the host country.

2023 Completed

The project ended in August 2023, and as a result, the basis for a quality model was developed. This model serves as a proposal for a national reference framework for vocational training aligned with the European EQAVET framework, the ISO 9000 internationalisation standards, and other international quality models.

Bodies responsible

- Ministry of Education and Vocational Training (until 2023)

Target group

Other

Policy makers

Thematic categories

Governance of VET and lifelong learning

Further developing national quality assurance systems

Subsystem

IVET CVET

Further reading

[Spain hosted the first pilot EQAVET Peer Review](#)

[Organic Act 3/2022, of 31 March, on the organisation and integration of Vocational Training](#)

[Royal Decree 659/2023, of July 18, which develops the organisation of the Vocational Training System](#)

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