

Transferable credit system

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

REGULATION/LEGISLATION

 ROMANIA

Timeline

2022 Approved/Agreed

2023 Implementation

2024 Implementation

ID number 44145

Background

The 2020 Council Recommendation on VET invited Member States to work towards VET policies supporting sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience and to promote European VET in an international context.

To achieve the objectives of the recommendation, the Member States can use European transparency tools such as the European qualifications framework, the European credit transfer and accumulation system (ECTS), Europass and the European skills, competences, qualifications and occupations (ESCO), which support automatic mutual recognition of qualifications and the outcomes of learning periods abroad.

Objectives

To aid lifelong learning and recognition of competences and qualifications through establishing a system of transferable credits used in the professional training of adults.

Description

The development of the transferable credit system includes methodology for granting transferable credits for the professional training of adults including categories of skills to be considered for certification of competences: key, technical and occupation-related. It facilitates mobility and complies with the general provisions regarding competences acquired in education and training, including adult training.

2022 Approved/Agreed

In June 2022, the government approved a methodology for granting transferable credits for the professional training of adults. The methodology includes categories of skills to be considered for certification of competences - key, technical and occupation-related.

2023 Implementation

In 2023, the new framework legislation for education and training was adopted (Law no

168/2023 on Pre-University Education and Law no.199/2023 on Higher Education). Following this, a new methodology for granting transferable credits in lifelong learning was adopted. The methodology describes how transferable credits can be granted and for which qualifications.

The order by which the methodology was approved integrated the ECTS Users Guide from 2015, and also Council Recommendation on Vocational Education and Training (VET) for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience, regulating transferable credits both in lifelong learning.

The methodology also described the three types of qualifications stipulated by Law No. 199/2023, professional competences, key competences and transversal competences, and how credits can be granted for each category. The distribution can be found in Annex 2 of the methodology.

2024 Implementation

In June 2024 the methodology was updated by the Minister for Education. The update included a new method how study hours are calculated into transferable credits.

Bodies responsible

- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity
- National Qualifications Authority (ANC)

Target group

Learners

Adult learners

Education professionals

Trainers

Adult educators

Entities providing VET

VET providers (all kinds)

Thematic categories

Modernising VET offer and delivery

Acquiring key competences

Transparency and portability of VET skills and qualifications

Using EU transparency tools (EQF, Europass, ESCO, ECTS, ECVET principles)

Learners' possibilities of accumulation, validation and recognition of learning outcomes acquired non-formally and informally

Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation

Permeability between IVET and CVET and general and vocational pathways, academic and professional higher education

Ensuring equal opportunities and inclusiveness in education and training

European and international dimensions of VET

European priorities in VET

VET Recommendation

Flexibility and progression opportunities at the core of VET

Subsystem

CVET

Further reading

[Government decision No. 772/2022 regarding the approval of the Methodology for granting transferable credits for professional training of adults](#)

[Ministry of Education \(2023\), Order no. 6 768 , December 12, 2023 for the approval of the Methodology for granting transferable credits in lifelong learning](#)

[Parliament of Romania, \(2023\), Law no.198/2023 on Pre-University Education](#)

[Parliament of Romania, \(2023\), Law no.199/2023 on Higher Education](#)

[Ministry of Education \(2024\), Order no. 4623, June 6, 2024 for the UPDATE of the Methodology for granting transferable credits in lifelong learning \(in Order no.6 768/2023\)](#)

Related policy developments

2024 Implementation

National strategy for adult training 2024-27

The strategy was developed with the support of EU funding (Erasmus+ 101051428-SNFA-ERASMUS-EDU-2021-AL-AGENDA-IBA).

During the design phase, the labour ministry consulted employers, professional training providers, social partners, regional employment agencies, and NGOs.

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Type of development

Strategy/Action plan

Subsystem

CVET

2024 Implementation

National strategy for employment 2021-27

The strategy was developed in a challenging economic time. It needs to support the recovery of the labour market after the COVID-19 crisis and continue the previously implemented policies, including Youth Guarantee actions.

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Type of development

Strategy/Action
plan

Subsystem

IVET CVET

2021 Completed

Support for adults acquiring key competences

The 2015-20 lifelong learning strategy addressed the acquisition and validation of key competences that help early leavers from education to find jobs. The measures included revision of the validation methodology, quality assurance and training of staff in assessment centres of prior learning.

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Type of development

Practical
measure/Initiative

Subsystem

CVET

2024 Implementation

Referencing the national qualifications framework to EQF

The Romanian national qualifications framework was referenced to the EQF in April 2018 and the next revision of the referencing report is foreseen to take place in 2023.

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Type of development

Regulation/Legislation

Subsystem

IVET CVET

2024 Implementation

Developing mechanisms for recognition of prior learning

In 2018, the regulatory framework for validation and recognition was revised with a view to introducing QA measures for validation and recognition.

Type of development

Regulation/Legislation

Subsystem

IVET CVET

2021 Completed

Lifelong learning strategy 2015-20

Lifelong learning strategy 2015-20 was adopted in 2015. It addressed the need for strengthening partnerships between VET providers and enterprises, to increase the quality and labour market relevance of VET.

Type of development

Strategy/Action
plan

Subsystem

CVET

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