



Working Group 2: developing a common format for the presentation of learning outcomes

Proposed workshop structure

- 9:30 *Introduction to the workshop*
- 9:40 *Discussion in small groups (3-4 people)*
- 10:40 *Five key messages to be presented in plenary (2-3 messages per group)*

EQF Proposal: explanatory memorandum

No common European format exists for describing qualifications and their learning outcomes: this hinders their comparability. Moreover, information on the content of a qualification is often difficult to find as it is in general neither systematically included in qualifications databases and registers nor shared at European level. The Commission and the Member States have agreed at technical level to present a minimum set of information. This would contain not only information on the learning outcomes of the qualifications but also information on quality assurance and possible credits

EQF Proposal

Recommendation nr 13 (to Commission in cooperation with MS and stakeholders):

Develop a standard format for describing learning outcomes to be used for comparison purposes



Indicative elements of a common format for the electronic publication of information on qualifications

DATA			Required / Optional
Title of the qualification			Required
Subject*			Required
Country/Region (code)			Required
EQF Level			Required
Description of the qualification	Either	Knowledge	Required
		Skills	Required
		Responsibility/Autonomy	Required
	Or	Open text field describing what the learner is expected to know, understand and able to do	Required
Awarding body**			Required
Credit points/ notional workload needed to achieve the learning outcomes			<i>Optional</i>
Internal quality assurance processes			<i>Optional</i>
External monitoring body			<i>Optional</i>
Further information on the qualification			<i>Optional</i>
Source of information			<i>Optional</i>
Link to relevant qualification supplement			<i>Optional</i>
URL of the qualification			<i>Optional</i>
Information language (code)			<i>Optional</i>
Entry requirements			<i>Optional</i>
Expiry date (if relevant)			<i>Optional</i>
Ways to acquire qualification			<i>Optional</i>
Relationship to occupations			<i>Optional</i>

Section 7 of the draft Handbook on defining and writing learning outcomes for VET

Workshop questions

1. *What added value can a common format presenting learning outcomes bring?*
2. *For which purposes can a format be used?*
3. *Which are the obstacles to be addressed for a common format to be widely used across Europe?*
4. *What is required for the current (rough) draft of a common format to be of practical use?*
5. *Which could be the basic structure or the requirements of the format? (i.e. short? supported by guidelines? a description with limited characters, etc?)*