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Comparing VET qualifications

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Thursday 28 November 2019

9.00-9.30

REGISTRATION

EUROPA ROOM

Chair: **Loukas Zahilas**, Head of DSI, Cedefop

9.30-09.45

WELCOME AND OPENING

Learning by comparing: why do we need international comparisons of qualifications?
Jürgen Siebel, Executive Director, Cedefop

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9.45-11.00

SETTING THE SCENE

Comparing the content of qualifications across borders; the strengths and limitations of the learning outcomes approach
Jens Bjørnåvold, Cedefop

Building blocks for a European comparative methodology – Lessons from Cedefop's *Comparing VET qualifications* project
Simon Broek, Ockham IPS and **Karin Luomi-Messerer**, 3s

11.00-11.30

COFFEE BREAK

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11.30-13.00

DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO COMPARISON – SIMILAR CHALLENGES?

The VQTS model and its applications in European projects, **Monika Auzinger**, 3s

Testing approaches to automatic comparison of qualifications in Poland – Initial results, **Wojciech Stęchły** and **Marcin Będkowski**, IBE-Education Research Institute, Poland

UNESCO World reference levels tool, **John Hart**, independent consultant, Sequel IEC

Comparing VET excellence: exploring data from WorldSkills competitions, **Jenny Shackleton**, WorldSkills International

13.00-14.00

LUNCH BREAK

14.00-14.30

KEY QUESTION 1: DO WE HAVE A FIXED REFERENCE POINT FOR COMPARISON?

Key findings from work assignment 1 of Cedefop's *Comparing VET qualifications* project, **Simon Broek**, Ockham-IPS and **Karin Luomi-Messerer**, 3s



14.30-15.30**WORKSHOP SESSIONS****WORKSHOP 1****EUROPA ROOM***Chair: Jens Bjørnåvold, Cedefop**Rapporteur: Christopher Winch, King's College London, UK***PRESENTATION OF FOCUS QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION IN SMALL GROUPS****WORKSHOP 2****MONTESSORI ROOM***Chair: Anastasia Poulidou, Cedefop**Rapporteur: Chris Humphries, WorldSkills***PRESENTATION OF FOCUS QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION IN SMALL GROUPS****WORKSHOP 3****ROUSSEAU ROOM***Chair: Jiri Branka, Cedefop**Rapporteur: Jouko Luomi, Austrian reference point for quality assurance in vocational education and training (ARQA-VET), Austria***PRESENTATION OF FOCUS QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION IN SMALL GROUPS**

15.30-16.00**TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

16.00-16.30**KEY QUESTION 2: DO WE HAVE THE NECESSARY DATA FOR COMPARISON AND WHERE CAN WE FIND THOSE?***Key findings from work assignment 2 of Cedefop's Comparing VET qualifications project, Karin Luomi-Messerer, 3s and Monika Auzinger, 3s*

16.30-18.00**WORKSHOP SESSIONS****EUROPA ROOM****PRESENTATION OF FOCUS QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION IN SMALL GROUPS (CONTINUED)****WORKSHOP 1****EUROPA ROOM***Chair: Jens Bjørnåvold, Cedefop**Rapporteur: Baiba Ramina, Academic Information Centre, Latvia***WORKSHOP 2****MONTESSORI ROOM***Chair: Anastasia Poulidou, Cedefop**Rapporteur: Kinga Szebeni, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion***WORKSHOP 3****ROUSSEAU ROOM***Chair: Jiri Branka, Cedefop**Rapporteur: Tony Mizzi, Directorate for Quality and Standards in Education, Malta*

18.00-18.30**MEETING OF CHAIRS AND RAPPORTEURS OF THE WORKING GROUPS**

18.30**DEPARTURE FOR DINNER**

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FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS FROM WORKING GROUPS

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9.30-11.00

KEY QUESTION 3: PROCESSING DATA: HOW CAN WE BALANCE HUMAN INTERPRETATION AND AUTOMATED ANALYSIS?

Interim findings from Cedefop's *Comparing VET qualifications* project

Claudia Plaimauer, 3s and **Marye Hudepohl**, Ockham IPS

Comments by panel of experts working with relevant technology and automated analysis

11.00-11.30

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

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11.30-12.45

CONCLUDING PANEL DISCUSSION

Q1. Can comparisons add value? If yes, for what purpose?

Q2. Where do we go from here?

Anja Trier Wang, Business Europe, Denmark

Jenny Shackleton, WorldSkills International

Georg Spöttl, University of Bremen, Germany

Shawn Mendes, Swedish Council for Higher Education, Sweden

12.45-13.00

CONCLUSIONS

Loukas Zahilas and **Jens Bjørnåvold**, Cedefop



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