

Building the European map of qualifications

Latest NQF developments

21 March 2024
9.15-13.00 (CET)
 Virtual event



PROGRAMME #NQFs

THURSDAY, 21 MARCH 2024

9.00-9.15 **Joining online – technical tests**

9.15-9.20 **Welcome and introduction**

Chair: Loukas Zahilas, *Head of department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop*

9.20-9.40

Opening address

EQF process: distance covered and future priorities

- Jürgen Siebel, *Executive Director, Cedefop*
- Ann Branch, *Head of the Skills Agenda Unit, DG EMPL, European Commission*

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9.40-10.10

Keynote speech

Latest NQF developments

- Iraklis Pliakis, *Expert in qualifications and credentials, Cedefop*

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10.10-10.40

Inspirational talks – NQFs as a driver of change

- Grant Klinkum, *Chief executive, NZQA, New Zealand*
- Borhene Chakroun, *Director of Policies and Lifelong Learning Systems Division at UNESCO-Headquarters*

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10.40-11.00

Health break

11.00-12.20

Parallel breakout sessions

Topic 1

End user perspective: increasing citizens' awareness and use of NQFs

Moderator:
 Anastasia Pouliou, *Expert in qualifications and credentials/ future of VET, Cedefop*

Panellists:

- Anja Trier Wang, *Senior Advisor, Dansk Industri*
- Thérèse Zhang Pulkowski, *Deputy Director for Higher Education Policy, European University Association (EUA)*
- Anna Jakobek, *Learner representative for Sectoral Report Panel for QQI*

Topic 2

Developing inclusive NQFs

Moderator:
 Iraklis Pliakis, *Expert in qualifications and credentials, Cedefop*

Panellists:

- Anna Kahlson, *Senior Advisor, Swedish National Agency for Higher Vocational Education*
- Maria Seifert, *Policy Advisor at Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany*
- Órla Barry, *Head of qualifications information and learning opportunities, Quality and Qualifications Ireland*

Topic 3

Capturing the impact of NQFs

Moderator:
 Zelda Azzarà, *Expert in qualifications and credentials, Cedefop*

Panellists:

- Jana Kazarjan, *Manager Research and Policy, Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA)*
 - Lina Vaitkutė, *Qualifications and Vocational Education and Training Development Centre, Lithuania*
 - Ernesto Villalba-Garcia, *Expert in VET supporting policies/validation, Cedefop*
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12:20 – 12:50

Panel discussion

NQF developments across the globe: the way forward

- Katerina Ananiadou, *Programme Specialist, UNESCO-UNEVOC*
- Koen Nomden, *Team Leader for 'Transparency and recognition of skills and qualifications', DG EMPL, European Commission*
- Michael Graham, *Senior human capital development expert – Qualifications systems, ETF*
- Iraklis Pliakis, *Expert in qualifications and credentials, Cedefop*

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12:50 – 13:00

Concluding remarks and work ahead

- Iraklis Pliakis, *Expert in qualifications and credentials, Cedefop*
- Loukas Zahilas, *Head of department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop*