

# Stay connected to implement ECVET

Prague

13 June  
& 14 June  
2013

### The 2013 ECVET Forum will be on June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in Prague.

350 VET policy-makers, VET providers, practitioners, social partners and representatives from sector organisations and regions will meet to build stronger relationships and improve their knowledge of developments in ECVET and the other European instruments in education.

During the Forum the ECVET Team will launch the ECVET Communities of Practice portal which will help ECVET members stay connected and support collaboration. We hope ECVET members will take responsibility for the Portal and engage in regular dialogue. The new ECVET web site will also be presented at the Forum.

ECVET is working. Increasingly Member States have established the necessary conditions for ECVET implementation. At a European level ECVET development is linked to core issues such as the building of a *European Area of Skills and Qualifications*, and at the national level it is linked to the evolution of VET systems and the revision of qualifications and educational standards. ECVET has been successfully tested through many pilot projects and is used in a large number of mobility schemes.

At a European level ECVET has produced many resources to assist and support policy makers, project leaders, competent authorities and VET designers in Member States. These resources include templates, practical guides and information on effective communication. Networking opportunities such as the Peer Learning Activities, conferences and seminars have helped National Coordination Points, national teams of ECVET experts and projects networks to share their experiences and find out more about ECVET's implementation.

ECVET is closely connected with the other European instruments and principles - together these enhance lifelong learning and mobility in Europe. EQF/NQFs, EQAVET, ECTS, Europass and the validation of non-formal and informal learning are all part of this process. The learning outcomes approach plays a crucial role in facilitating this interaction.

### Stay connected to implement ECVET!

The 2013 ECVET forum is co-organised by the European Commission and Cedefop with the support of ECVET team.

The forum is open to any interested member of the European ECVET network and interested parties.  
For registration: <http://www.ecvet-team.eu>

The documentation of the previous ECVET annual forums is available at <http://www.ecvet-team.eu/en/content/annual-forums>



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08:00 - 09:00 Registration

**09:00 - 09:40 Welcome & Introduction**

Ms. Alison Crabb (European Commission, DG EAC, Vocational training and adult education)

**Coffee table: ECVET is working!**

- Ms. Alison Crabb
- Cedefop expert
- Representative of the Czech Republic (tbc)
- Company representative
- A VET student and her/his teacher
- A national ECVET expert

**09:40 - 09:55 Questions**

(for discussion with the European Commission after lunch)

09:55 - 10:15 Coffee break

**Session 1 - IMPLEMENTING ECVET: STAY CONNECTED TO WHAT IS GOING ON**

10:15 - 12:15

**Parallel workshops (round 1)**

**Focus 1 - the use of ECVET**

- Workshop 1: fostering geographical mobility
- Workshop 2: fostering lifelong learning
- Workshop 3: ECVET implementation – the current state of play / CEDEFOP (translated into French and German)

**Focus 2 - ECVET and stakeholders**

- Workshop 4: the role of VET qualification designers in ECVET implementation
- Workshop 5: the role of VET providers in ECVET implementation
- Workshop 6: the role of companies in ECVET implementation
- Workshop 7: the role of VET teachers and trainers in ECVET implementation
- Workshop 8: the role of regions in ECVET implementation

**Focus 3 - ECVET in the European VET context**

- Workshop 9: Learning outcomes as a common language

12:15 - 13:45 Lunch

13:45 - 14:15

**Question and answer session with the European Commission**

14:15 - 15:00

**Plenary discussion: towards a European Area of Skills and Qualifications**

EQF, EQAVET, ECVET, ECTS, Europass.

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 - 17:30

**Parallel workshops (round 2: a repeat of round 1)**

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19:30 - 22:30 Networking and dinner

**Session 2 - ECVET COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE - STAY CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER**

**09:30 - 10:00 Plenary**

- Presentation of the new ECVET Team website
- Presentation of the “prototype” web platform for the communities of practice (CoP)

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 - 12:00

**Parallel workshops**

**Workshops 1-7: the CoP is yours creating the content of the web platform!**

- What could a CoP do for my mobility programme?
- How could a CoP help me to implement the ECVET Recommendation?
- How could a CoP help me to create a bridge between ECVET and ECTS?
- I have trouble understanding ECVET’s technical specifications. What role could the CoP play in helping my understanding?

**Workshops 8-9: two months of COP testing by the ECVET experts**

- “Reviewing the first two months’ use of the web platform”
- How to make it better from an expert angle?

12:10 - 12:20

**ECVET Team news**

12:20 - 12:50

**Observers’ feedback from the workshops**

12:50 - 13:00

**Conclusion from the European Commission**

13:00 Lunch and departure