



## Virtual workshop

### Building the European map of qualifications – Latest NQF developments

**Date:** 21 March 2024

**Time:** 9.15 – 13.00 (CET)

### Agenda

CET	
9.00 - 9.15	Joining online – technical tests
9.15 – 9.20	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> Loukas Zahilas, Head of department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop
9.20 – 9.40	<b>Opening address</b> <b>EQF process: distance covered and future priorities</b> Jürgen Siebel, Executive Director, Cedefop (TBC) Ann Branch, Head of the Skills Agenda Unit, DG EMPL, European Commission, (TBC)  Chair: Loukas Zahilas, Head of department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop
9.40 – 10.10	<b>Keynote speech</b> <b>Latest NQF developments</b> Iraklis Pliakis, Expert in qualifications and credentials, Cedefop  Chair: Loukas Zahilas, Head of department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop
10.10 – 10.40	<b>Inspirational talks – NQFs as a driver of change</b> Grant Klinkum, Chief executive, NZQA, New Zealand Borhene Chakroun, Director of Policies and Lifelong Learning Systems Division at UNESCO-Headquarters and interim Director of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning  Chair – Loukas Zahilas, Head of department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop
10.40 – 11.00	Health break
11.00 – 12.20	<b>Parallel breakout sessions</b>  <b>Topic 1: End user perspective: increasing citizens’ awareness and use of NQFs</b> Moderator: Anastasia Pouliou, Expert in qualifications and credentials/future of VET, Cedefop  Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anja Trier Wang, Senior Advisor, Dansk Industri</li> <li>• Thérèse Zhang Pulkowski, Deputy Director for Higher Education Policy, European University Association (EUA)</li> <li>• Anna Jakobek, Learner representative for Sectoral Report Panel for QQI</li> </ul>



	<p><b>Topic 2: Developing inclusive NQFs</b>          Moderator: Iraklis Pliakis, Expert in qualifications and credentials, Cedefop</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna Kahlson, Senior Advisor, Swedish National Agency for Higher Vocational Education</li> <li>• Seifert Maria, Division 300 – Policy issues, digitalization and transfer, Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany</li> <li>• Órla Barry, Head of qualifications information and learning opportunities, Quality and Qualifications Ireland</li> </ul> <p><b>Topic 3: Capturing the impact of NQFs</b>          Moderator: Zelda Azzarà, Expert in qualifications and credentials, Cedefop</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rose Anne Cuschieri, Chief Executive Officer, Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA)</li> <li>• Lina Vaitkutė, Qualifications and Vocational Education and Training Development Centre, Lithuania</li> <li>• Ernesto Villalba-Garcia, Expert in VET supporting policies/validation, Cedefop</li> </ul>
<p><b>12.20 – 12.50</b></p>	<p><b>Panel discussion</b>  <b>NQF developments across the globe: the way forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katerina Ananiadou, Programme Specialist, UNESCO-UNEVOC</li> <li>• Koen Nomden, Team Leader for ‘Transparency and recognition of skills and qualifications’, DG EMPL, European Commission</li> <li>• Michael Graham, Senior human capital development expert – Qualifications systems, ETF</li> <li>• Iraklis Pliakis, Expert in qualifications and credentials, Cedefop</li> </ul> <p>Chair – Loukas Zahilas, Head of department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop</p>
<p><b>12.50 – 13.00</b></p>	<p><b>Concluding remarks and work ahead</b>          Iraklis Pliakis, Expert in qualifications and credentials, Cedefop          Loukas Zahilas, Head of department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop</p>