

Conference: Towards an ECVET model: New Approaches to transparency, mobility and international recognition of competences

Monday, 18th of September 2006 – Prague, CZ
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Aim

In the course of the „Bruges-Copenhagen Process,“ projects and initiatives are being promoted that are working on the exemplary development of a credit transfer system for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET). The development of an ECVET is seen as one of the common measures necessary for promotion of transparency, comparability, transferability and recognition of competences and/or qualifications, between different countries and at different levels of VET.

One such model is the approach taken by the “Competence Matrix” that has been developed in the Leonardo da Vinci project VQTS (Vocational Qualification Transfer System), a large pilot project focussing on the sector of “mechanical engineering”.¹ This approach in particular offers a solution for the description of the acquisition of competences within VET that could support the understanding between the world of education and the world of work.

The aim of this conference is to present and discuss the current developments on European level (preliminary results of the Technical Working Group on ECVET, status quo of the EQF in relation to ECVET) as well as the core results of the VQTS project. These presentations (morning session) will be followed by workshops in the afternoon focussing on new practical approaches to transparency, international recognition of competences and mobility developed in European projects.

Target group / Participants (100-150)

- Experts of ECVET on European level as well as from several European countries
- Representatives of European projects related to transparency, ECVET, mobility, international recognition of competences

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Programme

08.00 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 09.40	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction – Jörg Markowitsch, 3s ▪ Opening address – representative of the Czech ministry of education ▪ Opening address – Marta Ferreira, European Commission (invited) ▪ Opening address – Peter Kreiml, Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Culture / Wolfgang Krebs, Austrian Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour
09.40 – 10.30	<p>European developments – ECVET/EQF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Michele Aribaud, European Commission
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.30	<p>Practical Solutions and Open Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of the VQTS model Jörg Markowitsch and Karin Messerer, 3s ▪ Short introduction into the workshops
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.30	<p>Workshops:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relation of ECVET and EQF/NQF The workshop will address questions concerning the contribution of ECVET to the development of EQF/NQF and vice versa. 2. Practical approaches to improve the quality of mobility This workshop will focus on different methodologies and instruments that have been developed and tested to improve the quality of mobility. 3. Transparency, allocation of credit points - Interface with Higher Education The role of transparent descriptions of competences and the ECVET to enhance vertical mobility (in particular between VET and Higher Education) are main aspects to be dealt with in workshop 3. 4. Description of competences – Methodological questions The workshop will present methods for describing competences (decontextualised versus contextualised) and include a discussion on the consequences and usability of different methods. 5. International recognition of competences/qualifications The principles to develop a system of international recognition of competences or qualification and how to make best use of successful initiatives will be discussed in workshop 5.
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break
16.00 – 16.30	Short reports of the workshop rapporteurs
16.30 – 17.30	Panel discussion – Moderator: Peter Kreiml / bm:bwk