

EQAVET IN PRACTICE



Q-SPIRIT A TOOL FOR VET PROVIDERS

Are you a Vocational Education & Training (VET) provider?
Are you familiar with EQAVET?

Do you know how the EQAVET framework can contribute
to your own institute's Quality Assurance policies?

Find out how to align your internal quality management
system to the European dimension on quality!

European context

Introducing quality assurance frameworks in Vocational Education and Training (VET) has become a priority for Member States in recent years. The European Quality Assurance Reference Framework for VET (EQAVET) provides a European-wide system to help Member States and stakeholders to document, develop, monitor, evaluate and improve the effectiveness of their VET provision and quality management practices.

What is happening regarding implementation?

The Framework is a voluntary instrument that can be implemented progressively and in accordance with national legislation and practices. Since its adoption in 2009, VET providers in the EU countries tend to make less use of the descriptors than is evident at system level. VET providers often go through an accreditation and external or internal review process, but widespread use of the EQAVET cycle is not common. This shows that there is still room for improvement in reaching the VET provider level. The addressing of this is where the Q-Spirit project has set its objectives for.

Background

Q-Spirit project capitalises on the result of three projects carried out within the Leonardo da Vinci programme in three different partnerships coordinated by three different member states.

Partners in this consortium have been engaged in all three projects namely:

“CQAF-VET Online provider Online Model” (<http://www.cqaf-online.eu/>),

“EXPERO2EU” (<http://www.expero2.eu/>)

and “Facilitating a Common Quality Assurance Framework through Peer Review for VET” (<http://www.peer-review.gr/>).

The project

The partnership will develop guidelines to increase the benefit of EQAVET's criteria to national framework at provider level. The EQAVET secretariat will be given the needed input from providers on how to successfully implement EQAVET at national level.

The objectives of the project "EQAVET in Practice" are:

- I. Transnational Report on the usage of existing criteria, descriptors and indicators at provider level;
- II. Development of web-based interactive guidelines for interpretation of EQAVET criteria, descriptors and indicators according to national VET context;

III. Updating of existing tools, methodologies and quality procedures according to the above guidelines.

Q-Spirit combines a top-down approach to criteria, descriptors and indicators with a bottom-up provider need approach. The result will be a common framework with criteria which are workable and possible to implement. In this way EQAVET becomes a European tool/instrument used by VET providers with real practical impact on quality in VET thereby increase transparency and facilitate mobility.

Why Q-Spirit

- National associations of VET providers will facilitate the testing of the tools.
- Coverage of all three aspects of quality assurance in VET, namely Management Systems, Methodologies and Procedures, and EQAVET quality cycle due to the linkage to the above three projects.
- Advanced cooperation between providers across EU by using the same QA framework.
- Promotion of transparency and mobility enhancement between member states.



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