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The European framework of Qualifications: the main challenges

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EUROPEAN COMMON FRAMEWORK

EUROPASS portfolio
LEARNING OUTCOMES
VALIDATION Non Formal and Informal learning
8 LEVELS of qualifications
EUROPEAN CREDIT SYSTEM

COMPETENCIES
European qualifications framework

EQF is based on 8 qualifications levels defined on the basis of learning outcomes and specified through:

- **KNOWLEDGE**
- **SKILLS**
- **COMPETENCE (AUTONOMY AND RESPONSIBILITY)**

EQF covers the entire span of qualifications: from end of compulsory school to highest level of professional and academic qualifications.

**Main Features of the EQF**

- 8 levels defined through learning outcomes – knowledge, skills and competence
- EQF has two main aims; to facilitate trans-national mobility and lifelong learning
Learning outcomes - what a learner knows, understands or is able to do at the end of a learning process

The learning outcomes perspective is currently an important feature of national reforms of education and training systems.

Many European countries are in the process of building a National Qualifications Framework coherent with the EQF.

European road map

- 2010: Countries are invited to refer national qualifications framework to the 8 levels of EQF by 2010-2011
- 2012: Countries are invited to introduce reference to the EQF Levels within certificated and diplomas by 2012
National Qualifications Frameworks a key instrument for the implementation of the EQF

- A snowball effect; the number of NQFs is growing rapidly, impacting
  - international cooperation
  - national education and training policies

Countries are at different stages of development

- **Conceptualisation and design:** EL, LT, SK, BU, HR, CY, HU, IS, IT, NL, NO, PL, PT, SE, TR
- **Design:** AT, BE (Wallonia), DE, FI, IT, CZ, LU, RO, SI
- **Implementation stage:** MT, BE (Flanders), DK, EE,
- **Implemented (revision stage):** IE, UK, FR
A qualification is the formal outcome of an assessment and validation process obtained when a competent body determines that an individual has achieved learning outcomes to given standards.

ECVET Credit points indicate the relative weight of units.

ECVET European credits system
### EUROPASS portfolio of competencies

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### NQF developments a global trend

- While developments in the EU are particularly strong, NQFs are developing all over the world
- More than 70 countries are currently actively developing NQFs
- The developments in the EU neighbouring regions fits into this picture, also reflecting the interest of these countries in the EQF
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