

FLASH REPORT

Event name

Workshop: “Rethinking the Georgian NQF: achievements, priorities and way forward. Strengthening exchanges with international partners”, 28 -29 March 2019, Tbilisi, Georgia

Main objective/s

The workshop contributes to the ongoing reform of the Georgian National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and preparation for implementation of its new governance and instruments. The workshop sums-up the main results of NQF reform process and promotes experience sharing with other NQFs in order to:

- ✓ Identify conceptual and structural changes of the NQF, achievements, priorities and way forward;
- ✓ Present newly developed legal base and proposals for new NQF tools;
- ✓ Discuss synergies between quality assurance of education and training and the NQF;
- ✓ Learn from peers of NQF developments in Europe: 3 case studies – the Netherlands, Estonia and Slovenia, and exchange experience with Moldova;
- ✓ Work better together for successful transition to the reformed NQF.

Background

The Georgian authorities and the stakeholders have undertaken decisive steps in 2017-2018 to reform the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), by streamlining its structure and levels, and opening it up to new objectives, improving governance and monitoring.

Transition to the new NQF in 2019 is based on national ownership, and joins-up with other ongoing reforms, such as the renewed quality assurance policy of all levels of the education and training system. In implementing the transition to the new NQF, the Georgian authorities and stakeholders will be supported by a new EU project, planned to start in 2019.

Georgia has the ambition to compare its NQF with the EQF in a medium-term perspective, in accordance with the EU-Georgia Association Agreement, as well as with the newly adopted (22/05/2017) Council Recommendation on the EQF for LLL and repealing the EQF Recommendation of 2008¹. This workshop represents a first interaction with representatives of the EQF Advisory Group.

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT

50 workshop participants represent relevant Ministries and public agencies, education and training providers of various types, socio-economic partners and experts (higher education, general education, VET, training for employment).

The proceedings of the workshop are published on the ETF website:

<https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/events/rethinking-georgian-national-qualifications-framework-achievements>

¹ [http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017H0615\(01\)&from=EN](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017H0615(01)&from=EN)

KEY OUTCOMES/CONCLUSIONS

Participants shared their knowledge on the current stage of the NQF reform in the context of the overall education and training strategy of Georgia, in particular, discussed the achievements of this cycle of the NQF reform process, the priority areas for further discussion and development, the anticipated challenges of the transition to the new NQF and the possible discussion points with the European Qualifications Framework (EQF)

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