

FLASH REPORT

Event name

World Reference Levels (WRLs) of Learning Outcomes – 9th Experts' Group meeting, Turin, 7-8 November 2019

Main objective/s of the event

- To further define World Reference Levels;
- To further advance the Expert Group work on developing a universal tool for the recognition of skills across border
- to contribute to specifications of Levels through pilot feedback from respective countries, regions, international bodies etc.

Background

As labour markets and education systems are increasingly globalized, and the range and type of credentials increases, a common system for the recognition of skills and learning outcomes across borders is becoming ever more necessary for peoples' mobility and for their working and learning opportunities.

UNESCO has been working for a number of years to develop such a system and the World Reference Levels (WRL) has become a tool to respond to the demands of increasing migration and internationalization of education.

Short introduction/description of the event

Some 30 participants took part to the event organised jointly with ETF in Torino on 7 and 8 November 2019

KEY OUTCOMES / CONCLUSIONS

The main outcome was the contribution to develop a digital tool that can improve the common understanding of skills and qualifications and help people get their skills recognized across borders and across contexts.

One important focus of the discussion of the meeting was the feedback received from the piloting of the WRL tool and the next steps to be taken in the tool's development. In other sessions there were updates from regional organizations on recent developments in their regions, a discussion on the future international handbook on defining and using learning outcomes, the preparation of the next edition of the Global Inventory of National Qualifications Frameworks and a discussion on digital credentials.

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