

European Qualifications Framework & Europass

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EQF Objectives



Transparency, comparability and portability of people's qualifications

Employability, mobility and social integration of workers and learners

Linking formal, non-formal and informal learning

Supporting the validation of learning outcomes acquired in different settings

Contributing to modernising education and training systems



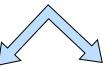
EQF: institutional basis

2017 EQF Recommendation: based on articles 165 & 166 TFEU



Voluntary process and tool

<u>Governance</u>



<u>EU level</u> EQF Advisory Group <u>National level</u>
EQF National Coordination Points

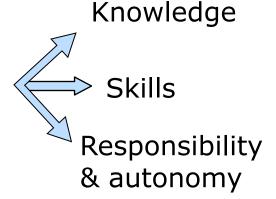
28 EU MS + 11 additional European countries



What is the EQF?

 8-Level reference framework, covering <u>all</u> types and all levels of qualifications

Defined in terms of learning outcomes



A translation grid for qualifications across countries







What NOT?

- It does not provide automatic European widerecognition
- It is not about harmonising education and training systems
- It is not a competence framework



EQF Recommendation of 2008 replaced by Recommendation of 2017: new elements

- 1) Review and update, when relevant, the referencing
- 2) Inclusion of EQF Referencing criteria in the Recom.
- 3) Annexes on quality assurance and credit systems
- 4) International qualifications
- 5) Third country dimension
- 6) Communication & databases/registers
- 7) Consistency of referencing



Current state of EQF implementation

State of play of EQF referencing





EQF/NQF Levels

33 on qualifications/ Europass supplements





28 in qualifications databases



33 countries: NQF/EQF levels on certificates, diplomas and supplements









Main impacts of the EQF

Development of NQFs: **3** → **43** (since 2008)

Mutual learning → TRUST

Change in thinking



EQF levels





Main impacts of the EQF

Different types of qualifications in the frameworks

Interconnected landscape of NQFs

Map of qualifications in Europe



Links NQFs - validation NFIL





Communication/transparency/classification

- Improved transparency and understanding of national education and qualifications systems: a comprehensive map of qualifications
- Qualifications registers/ databases improve understanding of single qualifications
- NQFs have contributed to visibility of VET at higher levels (EQF levels 5-8);
- Identifying gaps in provision of qualifications EQF level 5
- Opening up toward qualifications outside regulated qualification system
- Comprehensive character of NQFs, including all levels and types of qualifications is becoming stronger



Focus on learning outcomes

- NQFs have strengthened use of learning outcomes and competence approach
- NQFs have pushed forward quality assurance of qualifications –
 'gate-keepers' of quality assured qualifications
- NQFs have facilitated the implementation of validation of nonformal learning /recognition of prior learning
- **Updated/extended** qualifications standards



Remaining challenges for the EQF

- Full implementation of learning outcomes
- Bringing the EQF closer to learners, workers, employers
- Consistency in referencing across countries
- Qualifications outside the formal domain (private sector, international)
- International dimension



Europass europa.eu/europass



Europass: *the* European tool to manage your skills, and plan your learning and career.

E-Portfolio

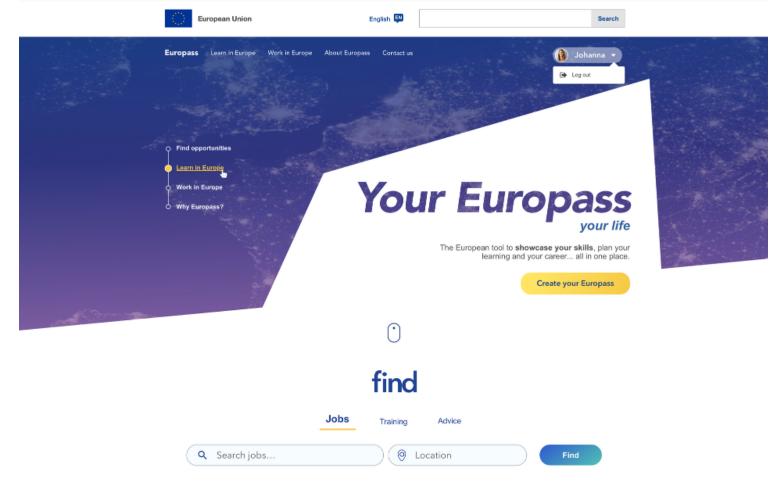
The European place to record and manage skills and qualifications

Information

Reliable and transparent information on education, training, learning opportunities, qualifications and skills needs

Digital Credentials

One European Framework for issuing digital credentials





Europass Hello Johanna Smith

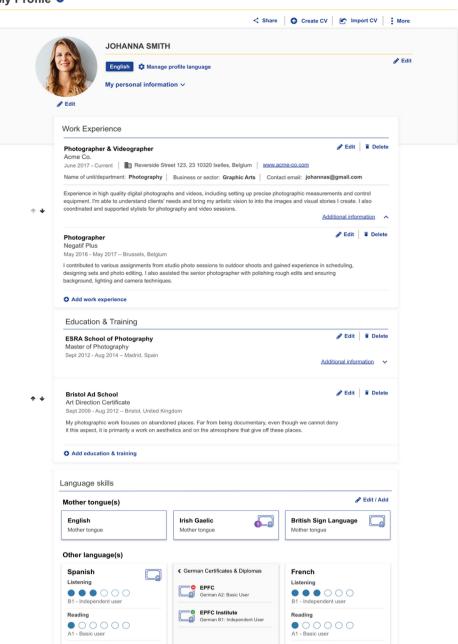
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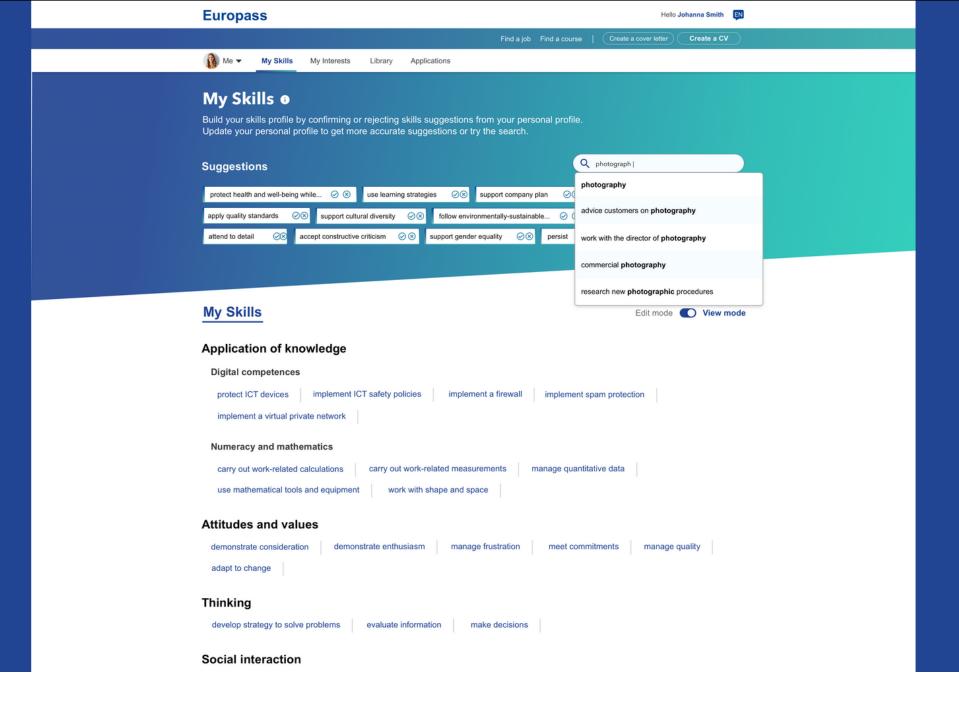


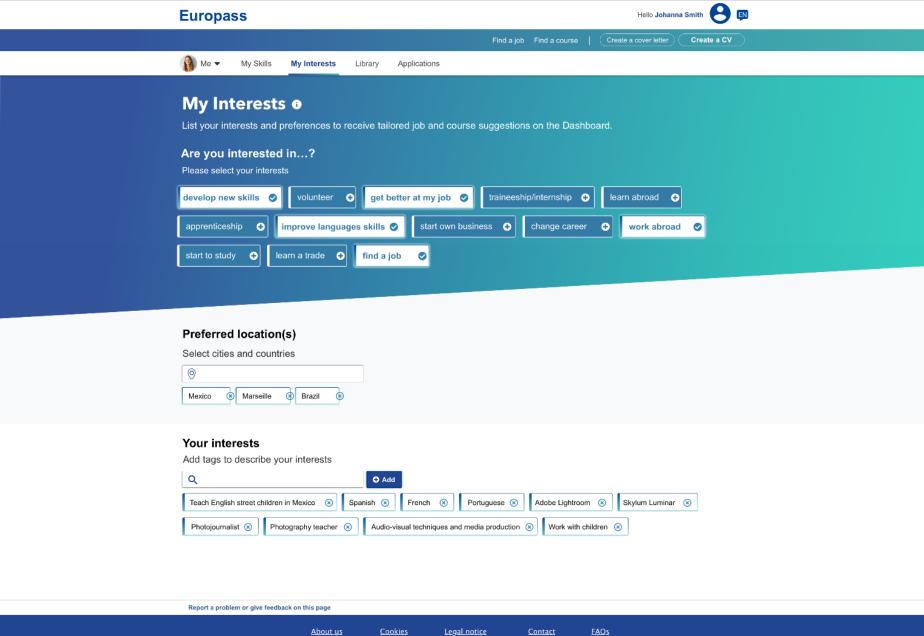
My Skills

My Interests

Library











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Johanna Smith
"Keep calm, take photos"

Profile language: English ▼

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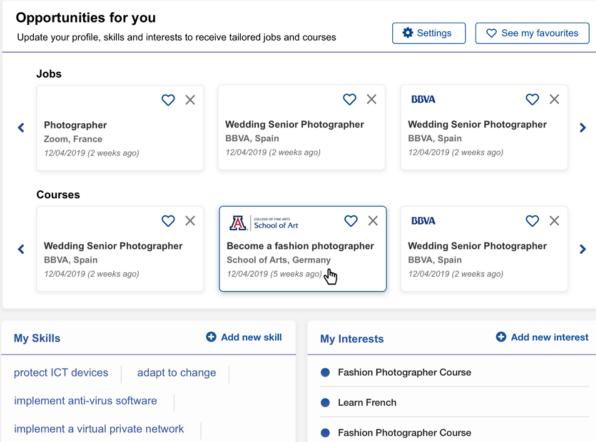
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Europass Digital Credentials

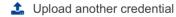


Diploma in Sociology

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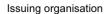








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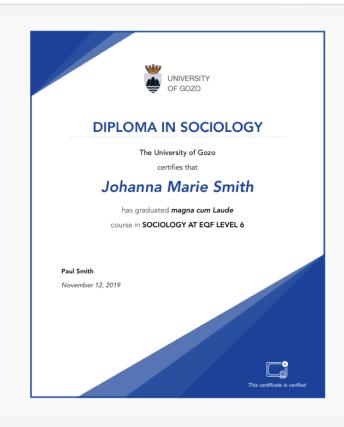
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Activities

Entitlements

Sub-credentials

Other Data



Authenticity and Verification Check

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Owner

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Accreditation

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