SLOVENIAN QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK and REGISTER - more visible and reaching out to users

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DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SQF

For better transparency and accessibility of qualifications in Slovenia and the EU
## MILESTONES
**SQF development and referencing process**

### RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE EQF (2008)

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<th>Recommendation to MS to designate NCP EQF and define their responsibilities and competences</th>
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<td>In October 2009 the Institute of RS for VET appointed as NCP EQF in Slovenia.</td>
<td>In October 2014 final version of Referencing report was published.</td>
<td>The SQF Act stipulates that from 12 July 2016 onwards, the SQF and EQF levels, and for higher education qualifications, the QF-EHEA level, will also be recorded in all public documents.</td>
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SLOVENIAN QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK
The purpose of the SQF is to achieve transparency and recognisability of qualifications in Slovenia and the EU.

- to support lifelong learning
- to integrate and harmonise Slovenian qualifications subsystems
- to improve accessibility and quality of qualifications with regard to the labour market and civil society

Structure: comprehensive framework

The Slovenian Qualifications Framework (SQF) is a unified system of qualifications in the Republic of Slovenia for the classification of qualifications into levels with regard to learning outcomes.
### SQF – 10 levels / EQF – 8 levels

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#### SQF Level Descriptors

- **SQF 1:** Elementary school leaving certificate (lower educational criteria)
- **SQF 2:** Elementary school leaving certificate
- **SQF 3:** Final examination certificate (Lower VET)
- **SQF 4:** Final examination certificate (Secondary VET)
- **SQF 5:** General and vocational matura certificate
- **SQF 6:** Higher vocational diploma
- **SQF 7:** First-cycle diploma (professional & academic)
- **SQF 8:** Second-cycle diploma (professional master)
- **SQF 9:** Magisterij znanosti (master of science)
- **SQF 10:** Doctorate degree

The SQF level descriptors include 3 categories of learning outcomes: KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND COMPETENCES.
NCP SQF-EQF TASK

Workshops:

USING LEARNING OUTCOMES IN PRACTICE

Target group:
Professionals who prepare description for qualifications
The diagram illustrates the qualifications and education levels in Slovenia. It includes:

- **Basic education qualifications**
- **Vocational qualifications**
- **Supplementary qualifications**

The scheme includes all the current qualifications which can be obtained in Slovenia. It also includes the qualification Magistrat, 4th cycle, which is classified as an EQF level 9 qualification and was included into EQF level 9 during the referencing of EQF qualifications in the SQF.

Information about other qualifications included is available at www.okei.si/en.
QUALITY ASSURANCE OF THE SQF

CORE INSTITUTIONS

- Interdepartmental Working Group NQF
- NCP SQF-EQF
- NCP SQF-EQF Expert Panel

QUALITY ASSURANCE BODIES

- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Labour
- National QA Agency for HE

ONLY ACCREDITED QUALIFICATIONS ARE INCLUDED IN SQF
DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SQF REGISTER

For better transparency and accessibility of qualifications in Slovenia and the EU
The SQF portal, together with the SQF Register, is a publicly accessible information system of SQF that provides insights into all of the individual qualifications that can be obtained in Slovenia.

All qualifications are presented in Slovenian and English.
Purpose of SQF Register

The SQF, in particular with the help of the Register of SQF qualifications, significantly increases the transparency of the qualifications system in the country.

It is used by different target groups:
- Individuals: learners, unemployed, employees
- Employers
- Educational institutions
- Career counsellors
- Recognition bodies
Development of SQF Register

- **2009**: Preparing descriptions of individual qualifications in selected sectors
- **2012**: Online platform Register of the SQF qualifications
- **2014 – 2016**: Qualifications described in Slovenian and English
- **2018**: Published on portal LOQ
- **2019**: Published on portal ESCO
- **2020**: New Europass portal
Implementation of SQF Register

Legal framework for SQF Register

SQF Act (2015)

1.677 qualifications

Description of the qualification

- Name of Q
- Type of Q
- Category of Q
- Duration
- Credits
- Admission requirements
- ISCED field
- SQF level
- EQF level
- QF EHEA level
- Learning outcomes
- Assessment procedure
- Providers
- Possibility of progression to further education
SQF Register - functionalities

✓ Various methods to search for qualifications (name or advanced searching with several parameters)
✓ A user video guide of the SQF Register (in Slovenian language)
✓ Transparent presentation of Qualification structure
✓ Distinction between past and actual qualifications
✓ Comparison between qualifications
✓ Career path presentation
✓ Connecting qualifications with occupations
Quality assurance in the SQF Register

NCP SQF-EQF is in charge for managing of the SQF register.

Only accredited qualifications are included in SQF.

Establishing electronic communication with system of NAKVIS and NRP portal – to provide accurate and up-to-date information about qualifications in Slovenia.
Promotion of SQF through SQF Portal

FOR DIFFERENT TARGET GROUPS!

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www.nok.si
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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