

# AGENDA

## COMPARING REGIONAL QUALIFICATIONS INITIATIVES AROUND THE GLOBE

- EXPLORING THE FEASIBILITY OF COMPARISON WITH THE EQF
- CREATING A GLOBAL DIALOGUE FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN RQFs

### ONLINE EVENT

19 MAY 2021

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### RATIONALE

The ETF study **Regional Qualifications Initiatives around the Globe 2020**, was developed by ETF to map the latest developments of Regional Qualifications Frameworks (RQFs) and explore the feasibility of comparison with the EQF (European Qualifications Framework).



The EQF Recommendation of 2017 is opening the possibility to compare the EQF with other RQFs and NQFs based on common interests. The ETF study was undertaken in the framework of the work of the project group on **Comparison of the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning with other RQFs and NQFs** outside the European Area for Education.

While there is a lot of literature on NQFs, the literature on RQFs is much more limited, and there was a need **to get a better overview of the RQF initiatives** in the world in order to understand the potential for comparison with the EQF. The study showed that there are more RQF initiatives existing than were known before, but many of them are still in an early stage of development. RQFs share common features and challenges but are also unique in many ways. Most of the information on RQFs was obtained through interviews as only limited information is available online. The COVID crisis has changed the way RQFs are perceived and functioned.

The interviews that were organized with representatives of the RQF initiatives clearly showed a strong interest in the collaboration and dialogue between RQFs and with EQF. **The webinar is therefore an opportunity to discuss the role of RQFs and exchange views on how to support dialogue and cooperation, beyond the comparison with the EQF.**

Participants from 83 countries have been invited, including representatives from 17 RQFs and the members of the EQF Advisory Group, and members of international organisations. The discussion on RQFs is a global debate. In order to allow as many participants to participate in the live session, the event is organized in two parts from 10.00-12.00h and from 16.30-18.30h Central European Time (GMT+2). This first discussion will have interpretation in **English** and **French**. A second session will be in **English** and **Spanish** as we anticipate more participants from the Eastern Hemisphere in the first session and Western Hemisphere in the second session. Invitees will be free to choose the most time convenient session to register.

The webinar is part of ETF's work on the **internationalization** of qualification systems and will feed into its support for the maximalization of the currency of qualifications and international transparency. ETF will follow up with conclusions from the discussion and is committed to develop a dedicated page on RQFs on [ETF Open Space](#) to facilitate the exchange of information and dialogue, please sign up to access the page.

## AGENDA

**19 MAY 2021- 10.00 – 12.00 CET (GMT+2)**

### SESSION 1 EASTERN HEMISPHERE

| Time         | Session                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 10:00- 10:10 | <b>Opening and objectives of the workshop</b><br>Cesare Onestini, ETF, Director                                                                                        |
| 10:10-10:20  | <b>Comparison of the EQF with other RQFs – considerations</b><br>Koen Nomden, European Commission, DG EMPL, Team Leader<br>Skills and qualifications recognition tools |

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| <b>10:20-11:05</b> | <b>Presentation of the Regional Qualifications Initiatives around the Globe 2020</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Objectives and methods of the ETF study</li> <li>➤ Overview of RQF initiatives</li> <li>➤ ACQF Mapping</li> <li>➤ Findings: Comparative matters, differences</li> <li>➤ Possible recommendations</li> </ul> <p>Arjen Deij, ETF<br/>Eduarda Castel-Branco, ETF<br/>Monika Auzinger,3S</p> |
| <b>11:05-11:20</b> | <b>Questions and Answers</b><br><br><i>Facilitated by Arjen Deij</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>11:20-11:25</b> | <b>Mentimeter exercise</b><br><br>Measure appetite for follow-up                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>11:25-11:50</b> | <b>Group discussions in break-out rooms (In English or French)</b><br>Identifying elements for a dialogue between Regional Qualifications Frameworks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>11:50-12:00</b> | <b>Conclusions and next steps</b><br>Arjen Deij, ETF                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## AGENDA

**19 MAY 2021- 16.30 – 18.30 CET (GMT+2)**

### SESSION 1 WESTERN HEMISPHERE

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| <b>16:30- 16:40</b> | <b>Opening and objectives of the workshop</b><br><br>Cesare Onestini, ETF, Director                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>16:40-16:50</b>  | <b>Comparison of the EQF with other RQFs – considerations</b><br><br>Koen Nomden, European Commission, DG EMPL, Team Leader<br>Skills and qualifications recognition tools                                                                      |
| <b>16:50-17:35</b>  | <b>Presentation of the Regional Qualifications Initiatives around the Globe 2020</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Objectives and methods of the ETF study</li> <li>➤ Overview of RQF initiatives</li> <li>➤ ACQF Mapping</li> </ul> |

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| <b>17:35-17:50</b> | <p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p> <p><i>Facilitated by Eduarda Castel-Branco</i></p>                                                                                                                          |
| <b>17:50-17:55</b> | <p><b>Mentimeter exercise</b></p> <p>Measure appetite for follow-up</p>                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>17:55-18:20</b> | <p><b>Group discussions in break-out rooms (In English or Spanish)</b></p> <p>Identifying elements for a dialogue between Regional Qualifications Frameworks</p>                                                |
| <b>18:20-18:30</b> | <p><b>Conclusions and next steps</b></p> <p>Eduarda Castel-Branco, ETF</p>                                                                                                                                      |