

European Training Foundation webinar: Quality Assurance of work-based learning

The Forum for Quality Assurance in Vocational Education and Training (QA Forum) of the European Training Foundation (ETF) is organising a webinar dedicated to the **quality assurance of work-based learning**. The webinar will take place on 16 June 2021. The webinar will be held in English.

The ETF QA Forum is a transnational collaboration initiative between national institutions with VET quality assurance mandates in ETF's partner countries. The aim of the Forum is to support member countries to modernise and improve quality assurance in VET.

The aim of this webinar is to create an opportunity for discussion, reflection, and the sharing of knowledge and experience among participants (forum members and wider public). The discussions are informed and prompted by presentations of experience from QA Forum members and EU Member States. Participants will be encouraged to reflect on own quality assurance approaches.

The webinar will focus on quality assurance in work-based learning.

Work-based learning in vocational education is an increasing priority among the ETF partner countries, as in the European Union, to improve skills and employability, and enhance economic competitiveness and social inclusion. It is the predominant training modality in many ETF partner countries, while the Council Recommendation of 24 November 2020 on vocational education and training for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience has set up a target of 60% of recent graduates benefit from exposure to work-based learning during their VET, by 2025.

While Work-based learning can be a win-win-win situation providing benefits for all major stakeholders involved – the learner, the employer, and society - it poses specific questions in terms of quality assurance in the planning and preparation phase as well as in the training and assessment one.

- Should companies fulfil any specific requirements (size, availability and qualification of tutors, etc..) to 'host' trainees?
- Is there a formal agreement between the school and the company (eventually the learner or the parents) about the conditions of workplace learning, learners follow-up, etc.?
- Do the relevant teachers and workplace trainers prepare work-based learning plans and evaluation tools?
- Is there a communication strategy between schools and workplace partners?
- What tools are in place to ensure that the learner get what they expect at the workplace? How is the learning acquired at workplace assessed?
- What monitoring and evaluation processes are in place to assess the performance of workplace learning?

These are some of the questions that the webinar on QA in WBL will try to address.

The experiences of Georgia, France and the EU will be presented and discussed.

Agenda

Webinar of ETF Forum for quality assurance in VET: Quality assurance for work-based learning

Date: 16 June 2021, 10:00 – 11:30 (Turin / Central European Time)

Chairperson: *Nadezda Solodjankina, Human Capital Development Expert, ETF*

10:00 - 10:05	<p>Welcome</p> <p><i>Hugues Moussy</i> <i>Head of Systems Performance and Assessment Unit, ETF</i></p>
10:05 - 10:15	<p>Quality assurance of work-based learning: importance and challenges</p> <p><i>Stefan Thomas</i> <i>Human Capital Development Expert – Work-based learning, ETF</i></p>
10:15 - 10:30	<p>Quality assurance for work-based learning: an EU perspective</p> <p><i>Anette Curth</i> <i>Senior Technical Expert Education and Training (Public Policy), Project manager of the EQAVET Secretariat</i></p>
10:30 - 10:45	<p>Quality assurance for work-based learning: experience of Georgia</p> <p><i>Kakhaber Eradze</i> <i>Deputy Director, National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement, Georgia</i></p>
10:45 – 10:55	<p>Q&A</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Eva Jansova, Human Capital Development Expert - Skills Demand Analysis, ETF</i></p>
10:55 – 11:10	<p>Quality assurance for work-based learning: experience of France</p> <p><i>Brigitte Bouquet</i> <i>General manager, France Compétences</i></p>
11:10 - 11:20	<p>Q&A</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Eva Jansova, Human Capital Development Expert - Skills Demand Analysis, ETF</i></p>
11:20 – 11:30	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <p><i>Stefan Thomas</i> <i>Human Capital Development Expert – Work-based learning, ETF</i></p>