FLASH REPORT

Event name
ETF Quality Assurance Forum webinar on quality assurance of work-based learning (WBL), 16 June 2021

Main objective/s
To create an opportunity for discussion, reflection, and the sharing of knowledge and experience among participants (Quality Assurance Forum members and wider public) on the topic of quality assurance of work-based learning, by presenting:

- European Union policies and tools supporting the quality of WBL;
- National approaches to quality assurance of WBL in Georgia and France.

Background
The webinar was organised in the framework of the ETF Forum for Quality Assurance in Vocational Education and Training (ETF QA Forum). 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.

WBL 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. While WBL 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 at the level of VET system, providers and enterprises. The webinar addressed exactly these issues.

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT
The webinar was attended by approximately 50 participants. It began with a short introduction to the topic by Hugues Moussy, Head of Systems Performance and Assessment Unit, ETF. It was followed by a presentation of Stefan Thomas, ETF work-based learning expert, presenting the IPOO model (inputs, processes, output, outcome) for WBL, with focus on monitoring and evaluation issues that emerge when countries introduce more work-based learning. Anette Curth, Senior Technical Expert of EQAVET Secretariat, introduced two policy tools and instruments developed at the EU level, to support providers, companies and VET system (6 EQAVET building blocks for WBL, the European framework for quality and effective apprenticeships). This was followed by a presentation on the quality assurance system for WBL in Georgia, by Kakhaber Eradze, Deputy Director of the National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement of Georgia, as well as on quality assurance of apprenticeships in France, by Brigitte Bouquet, General manger of France Compétences.

KEY OUTCOMES/CONCLUSIONS
Presentations of the speakers are available on the ETF Open Space, ETF webinar on quality assurance of work-based learning | Open Space (europa.eu), together with the full report of the webinar, as well as its recordings.

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