DRAFT AGENDA (version 22.03.23)

TITLE:

Online familiarisation event – Identifying the pillars of National Qualifications Systems

SUBJECT:

DARYA Thematic Module 2 – Stakeholder driven flexible and permeable approaches to qualifications

DATE and time:28 & 30 March 2023

central european time: 28 march (10.00-12.20) and 30 march (10.00-11.40)

Dushanbe, tashkent, ashgabad time: 28 march (13.00-15.20) and 30 march (13.00 – 14.40)

bishkek, astana time: 28 march (14.00-16.20) and 30 march (14.00 – 15.40)

SUMMARY:

The event on 28 and 30 March 2023 will discuss the understanding and expectations of Central Asian representatives in relation to modern qualifications and functions of National Qualifications Systems, and dwell on the key components of these systems. The event will look into the experience of the Central Asian and European Union countries and several sectors in reforming their qualifications systems.

The event will open a series of familiarisation events in DARYA Module 2. Familiarisation events will preceed the capacity building activities and are aimed providing basic familiarisation on the key elements included in the Thematic Module 2 and establishing a joint understanding among the countries of Central Asia on concepts, definitions, state of play and challenges in the reform of national qualifications systems.

DARYA Thematic Module 2 aims at responding to the needs of the countries for relevant skills and qualifications that allow people to realise their personal and professional aspirations, and companies to prosper. It will cover familiarisation, peer-learning, capacity development and piloting activities in the core areas of development of national qualifications systems:

* Methodologies for the development of learning outcomes-based qualifications,
* Implementation of national and sectoral qualifications frameworks,
* Validation of non-formal and informal learning,
* Stakeholder engagement in the implementation of national qualifications systems,
* Regional cooperation in the field of professional qualifications in Central Asia

*Objectives of the meeting*

* To start a discussion on a joint understanding of definitions and concepts. This discussion will be continued in the next three familiarisation events in order to develop a common Glossary,
* To jointly reflect on the functions and attributes of qualifications nowadays in the countries,
* To jointly reflect on the functions of National qualifications systems,
* To present common components of NQS: regulatory framework, stakeholder dialogue, institutional arrangements, quality assurance,
* To share experience of Central Asian and European Union countries (both at national and sectoral level, by national and sector representatives) – path of NQS reform, stages, learning, priorities, challenges

*Target audience:*

Practitioners/technical level staff from relevant institutions (Ministries of Labour, Ministries of Education, VET and skills agencies, qualifications and quality assurance bodies), employers’ organisations, sectoral and professional organisations, educational institutions, trade unions.

Day 1

| Date & Time (Central European Time)  28 March | Agenda Item |
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| 10:00 - 10:15 | **Welcoming, technical introduction to ZOOM and agenda**  **Getting to know each other**   * Technical introduction into Zoom * Brief intro to DARYA project * Objectives of the meeting and its structure * Getting to know each other   *Nadezda Solodjankina, Coordinator DARYA Module 2 (Qualifications), ETF* |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | **Interactive session (poll) – how can people demonstrate the possession of skills and competences? What are functions and attributes of modern qualifications?**  Participants are asked to answer several questions through a poll to explore their understanding and opinions on the aims, attributes, functionalities of qualifications nowadays.  Wrapping up the answers, questions, discussion  *Moderator and commentor:*  *Nadezda Solodjankina, ETF*  *Arjen Deij, Lead expert in qualifications policies and systems, ETF* |
| 10:30 – 10:50 | **Common components of National Qualifications Systems**  Thepresentation will look into the elements that are common to qualifications systems in all countries and interrelation between these elements. What’s important to make these elements work effectively as an ecosystem. Latest trends and new developments across qualifications systems globally.  Interactive exercise/poll: what types of qualifications are needed in our countries ?  *Speaker: Arjen Deij, Lead expert in qualifications policies and systems, ETF* |
| 10:50 – 11:05 | **Comments, questions, clarifications, discussion**  *Moderator: Nadezda Solodjankina, ETF* |
| 11:05 – 11:10 | **Coffee/tea break** |
| 11.10 – 11.30 | **Reform of National Qualifications system in Uzbekistan: state of play, future challenges, interest in external assessment**  *Speaker: Shihnazar Sharofaddinov, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan* (*to be confirmed*) |
| 11.30 – 11.45 | **Comments, questions, clarifications, discussion**  *Moderator: Nadezda Solodjankina, ETF* |
| 11.45 – 12.05 | **Latvian National Qualifications System: key elements, path of reform**  Latvian reform of qualification system, key developments, achievements, challenges, priorities. Mechanisms and channels to address the labour market needs and support the relevance of qualifications. Impact of the Latvian qualifications framework.  *Speaker: Ilze Buligina, Senior expert,* [*Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia*](https://www.izm.gov.lv/en) |
| 12:05 - 12:20 | **Comments, questions, clarifications, discussion**  *Moderator: Nadezda Solodjankina, ETF* |
| 12:20 | **Closure of Day 1** |

Day 2

| Date & Time (Central European Time)  30 March | Agenda Item |
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| 10:00 – 10:15 | **Welcome and recap of previous session/warm up poll**  *Speaker: volunteer from the audience* |
| 10.15 – 10.35 | **State of play and challenges of professional qualifications in the transport and logistics sector of Kazakhstan**  *Speakers: Julia Statsurina, Marat Isabekov,* [*“Kazlogistics” - The Union of Transport workers of Kazakhstan*](https://kazlogistics.kz/en) |
| 10.35 – 10.50 | **Comments, questions, clarifications, discussion**  *Moderator: Nadezda Solodjankina, ETF* |
| 10:50 – 11.10 | **Sharing national and sectoral experience of Polish Integrated Qualifications System**  Experience in setting up national and sectoral qualifications systems, links between the national and sectoral systems. Reform path: achievements, challenges, priorities. Mechanisms, steps and challenges to launch sectoral councils/bodies.  *Speakers: Maciej Tauber, Project leader Supporting IQS functioning and improvements in order to use its solutions in achieving the country's development strategy aims*  *Agnieszka Szymczak,*  [*IBE (Educational Research Institute)*](https://www.ibe.edu.pl/en/)*, Poland* |
| 11:10 – 11:25 | **Reactions, questions, clarifications, discussion**  *Moderator: Arjen Deij, ETF* |
| 11:25 – 11.40 | **Next steps & homework**  **Closure of the event**  *Arjen Deij, ETF*  *Nadezda Solodjankina, ETF* |