



AGENDA

Towards referencing to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF)

ONLINE EVENT 10 APRIL 2024 10:00 - 13:30 CET

SUBJECT:

Webinar supporting the EQF referencing process for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine

SUMMARY:

The European Qualifications Framework serves as a common reference and a translation tool between different qualifications of the European area. EQF aims at enhancing the transparency of qualifications, facilitating mobility of people and encouraging lifelong learning.

Referencing reports presented by the countries participating in the works of the EQF Advisory Group (EQF AG) serve as a rich source of information supporting understanding of their qualifications. In case of countries aspiring to the EU membership, referencing to EQF demonstrates alignment of their education and skills development systems with the European education and labour market and their commitment to the implementation of the EU acquis.

The European Training Foundation (ETF) in collaboration with the European Commission's Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL) and the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) is organising this webinar targeted specifically at the EU-candidate countries that are planning to start working on the referencing process: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The webinar aims to support the partners in understanding the referencing process and provide them with knowledge and tools necessary for the preparation of their referencing reports.

The agenda includes the presentation of the referencing process, offering a clear overview of the steps to be taken. It features interviews with partners from countries that have completed the referencing process (Albania and Serbia) as well as with the international experts clarifying their role in the process. The webinar will cover issues related to the referencing criteria, providing practical advice on how to address them in the referencing report.

LANGUAGES: English with interpretation to BCMS, Georgian, Romanian, Ukrainian

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| Time | Agenda Item | Owner |
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| 10:00 - 10:10 | Opening | Manuela Prina, ETF Koen Nomden, DG EMPL |
| 10:10 - 10:30 | Presentation of the referencing process | Tiina Polo, DG EMPL |
| 10.30- 10.45 | Round table of PCs | Partner Countries |
| 10:45 - 11:15 11:15 - 12:00 | Overview of steps in the referencing process and in self-certification to the Bologna process (Q&A in the chat) Experiences from the past referencing processes: organisation of the process, challenges and advice. Involvement and role of the international experts - interviews | Arjen Deij, ETF Jean Philippe Restoueix, Council of Europe Ejvis Gishti, National VET and Qualifications Agency, Albania Vesna Fabian, Ministry of Education, Serbia Mile Dželalija, University of Split, Croatia Horacy Dębowski, Central Examination |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | (Q&A in the chat) | Commission, Poland |
| 12:30 - 13:20 | Referencing criteria - presentation of issues to be covered in the referencing report. (Q&A after each criterion) | Zelda Azzara and Iraklis Pliakis, Cedefop |
| 13:20 - 13:30 | Next steps and closing | Koen Nomden, DG EMPL |