

AGENDA

Defining the methodology of DARYA multicountry qualifications' pilot in Central Asia

DARYA THEMATIC MODULE 2 – STAKEHOLDER DRIVEN FLEXIBLE AND PERMEABLE APPROACHES TO QUALIFICATIONS

DATE AND TIME: 4 AND 5 JUNE 2024

CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME: 4 JUNE, 11.00 – 13.00 AND 5 JUNE 11.00 – 13.00

DUSHANBE, TASHKENT, ASHGABAD, ASTANA TIME: 4 JUNE 14.00 – 16.00 AND 5 JUNE 14.00 – 16.00

BISHKEK TIME: 4 JUNE 15.00 – 17.00 AND 5 JUNE 15.00 – 17.00

SUMMARY:

DARYA will support a pilot development of 5 multicountry qualifications in Central Asia. Consultations with the countries have already led to the identification of priority sectors for cooperation at regional level: tourism, construction, transport and logistics, agrifood, housing/utilities management, textile, e-commerce.

The selection of sectors and occupations for the pilot is focusing on occupations in demand regionally that lead to productive employment and incorporate skills and innovations for the changing world. Based on these criteria, further consultations identified **tourism (guide, tour-operator manager) construction (surface finisher), transport and logistics (logistics specialist, international truck driver), housing/utilities management (energy efficiency specialist), e-commerce (marketplace/e-commerce specialist)** as preferred sectors and occupations for the pilot. The pilot will be complemented with a regional study to identify future needs for skills in the **transport and logistic sector** for the region (for this specific sector, piloting of multicountry qualifications will build on the evidence from the study).

Prior consultations have already identified that **common occupational profiles** will be final outputs of the 1st phase of the multicountry pilot. To start the development work, countries will have to define the preferred methodological approach and essential components of these multicountry qualifications, and plan how they will be used.

The event will provide an opportunity to learn about the existing methodologies to developing and using occupational standards at regional and national levels, as well as to discuss preferred approaches for the pilot.

Planned objectives of the event are the following:

- 1) To familiarise with the experience of [Q4M](#) and [EQET SEE](#) practices of developing common qualifications, related methodological approaches, and usage of final outputs by the countries,
- 2) To learn about national approaches to developing and using occupational standards: countries of Central Asia, France ([Afp](#) - National Agency for Adult Vocational Training of France),

- 3) To exchange and collect views and inputs for the development of methodology to pilot multicountry qualifications in Central Asia

The event is organized in the framework of DARYA thematic Module 2.

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/recognition of formal, non-formal and informal learning,
- Stakeholder engagement in the implementation of national qualifications systems,
- Regional cooperation in the field of qualifications in Central Asia

Target audience:

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

Day 1 – 4 June 2024

Central European Time	Sessions
11.00 – 11.10	<p>Welcome and introduction to the agenda Sectors and occupations selected for the multicountry pilot</p> <p><i>ETF DARYA Team</i></p>
11.10 – 11.25	<p>National approaches to development and usage of occupational and qualification standards in the countries of Central Asia: outcomes of online survey</p> <p><i>ETF DARYA Team</i></p>
11.25 – 11.50	<p>Development and usage of occupational and assessment standards in selected occupations by Afpa - National Agency for Adult Vocational Training of France</p> <p><i>Romain Abd-El-Kader and Jean-Philippe Dumont, Afpa</i></p>
11.50 – 12.10	<p>Questions & answers</p>
12.10 – 12.25	<p>Competence-based methodological approach to occupational standard development</p> <p><i>Sholpan Erzhigitova, independent expert on National qualifications systems, Kazakhstan</i></p>
12.25 – 12.40	<p>Questions & answers</p>
12.40 – 13.00	<p>Discussion Closure of Day 1</p>

Day 2 – 5 June 2024

Central European Time	Sessions
11.00 – 11.10	Takeaways from Day 1
11.10 – 11.55	Experience of 2 regional projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- EQET SEE (Enhancements in the Quality of Education and Training in South Eastern Europe) – regionally based occupational and qualification standards <i>Tina Šarić, Director, Education Reform Initiative of South Eastern Europe – ERI SEE</i>- Q4M (Qualifications for the Mediterranean) – common occupational profiles <i>Pasqualino Mare, Senior Human Capital Development Expert, Country Liaison for Egypt, European Training Foundation</i> <p>Presentations and panel discussion</p> <p><i>Moderator of the panel : Arjen Deij, Senior Expert on Qualifications Policies and Systems, European Training Foundation</i></p>
11.55 – 12.10	Questions & answers
12.10 – 12.30	Group work to discuss and collect inputs: essential elements to build a methodology for pilot multicountry qualifications in Central Asia Participants discuss in online breakout rooms
12.30 – 12.50	Groups report to plenary
12.45 – 13.00	Wrap up and next steps