



Peer Learning event: “Comparison of the EQF and third country qualifications frameworks. What have we learned from pilots? How can we take it forward?”

29-30 October 2024, ETF, Turin, Italy

Draft agenda

Tuesday, 29 October 2024, 09.00 - 17.30

Time	Item
9.00 – 9.20	Registration and welcome coffee Testing online connection
9.20 – 11.00 <i>Face to face and online</i>	Welcome and setting the scene Welcome and practical information <i>Manuela Prina, ETF and Koen Nomden, DG EMPL</i> Starting points for comparisons <i>Moderation by Michael Graham, ETF and Tiina Polo, DG EMPL</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour de table on expectations – PLA participants in room and online • Reasons for comparisons, principles of a comparison, how to prioritise comparisons – Koen Nomden, DG EMPL, Elin Danielsson, DG HOME • Introduction of the procedures and comparison topics - Eduarda Castel-Branco, ETF
11.00 – 11.20	Coffee break

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11.20 – 13.30 Face to face and online	<p>Looking back at experiences gained thus far</p> <p><i>Moderated by Maria Rosenstock, ETF and Koen Nomden, DG EMPL</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey results from participants in comparisons – Arjen Deij, ETF • Reflections on the process from the pilot comparisons <i>Panel discussion moderated by Eduarda Castel-Branco, ETF</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yuriy Rashkevych, NQA Ukraine ○ Amilcar Mendes, UC-SNQ, Cape Verde ○ Fiona Ernesta, CEO SQA Seychelles, Southern African Development Community • Presentation on the bilateral comparisons conducted in Member States <i>Moderator Tiina Polo DG EMPL</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Andrina Wafer, QQI, Ireland, ○ Sabine Tritscher-Archan, ibw, Austria • Discussion on the EQF and bilateral comparisons – what are the links and implications? • What is the role of qualifications frameworks in recognition seen from ENIC-NARICs perspective - <i>Chiara Finochietti CIMEA, President of ENIC NARIC Network</i> <p>Poll and discussion in plenary – moderated by Anatolii Garmash, ETF and Tiina Polo, DG EMPL /Mentimeter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are we making enough use of comparison’s results? • Comparison now requires an operational qualifications framework, but third countries are often in activation stage starting to implement NQFs – how can we support transparency of qualifications in this case? • We can currently carry out one comparison process per year – what could be done to make the process leaner and more efficient? • <i>Plenary review of the results</i>
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch break
14.30 – 17.30 This session is only face to face	<p>Improving the process and outcomes of comparison – parallel workshops in World Café style</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to prepare an effective and result-oriented process and how to conduct the comparison with a lean process? How to engage EQF AG members more? <i>Tiina Polo, Dg EMPL – moderator and Michael Graham, ETF – rapporteur</i> 2. Are there better ways to document and communicate the outcomes? What possible tools could we use to disseminate the outcomes? <i>Arjen Deij, ETF – moderator and Zelda Azzara, Cedefop – rapporteur</i> 3. How to measure and support the use of the comparison? How to keep the results up to date and continue cooperation with third countries? <i>Koen Nomden, DG EMPL – moderator and Maria Rosenstock, ETF – rapporteur</i>

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	<i>World café style: Participants will be divided in 3 groups (except moderators and rapporteurs) and circulate the three themes and work on the results of the previous group(s). The first group gets most time to look at the theme (80 minutes), second round 60 minutes, third round 40 minutes.</i>
17.30	Closure of the 1 st Day

Wednesday, 30 October, 9.00 – 13.00

Time	Item
9.00 – 9.30	Registration and welcome to the 2 nd Day Testing online connection
9.30 – 11.00 <i>Face to face and online</i>	Reporting from the workshops <i>Moderators: Tiina Polo, DG EMPL and Eduarda Castel-Branco, ETF</i> Workshops report with suggestions on possible changes and updates on the comparison process, documentation of comparison, dissemination tools and follow-up <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leaner and more effective process – Michael Graham, ETF 2. Documentation and communication of the results – Zelda Azzara, Cedefop 3. Assessing outcomes and follow up – Maria Rosenstock, ETF <i>Poll and plenary discussion after each workshop report</i>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 13.00 <i>Face to face and online</i>	Way forward: suggestions for a road map for future comparisons <i>Moderated by Maria Rosenstock, ETF and Tiina Polo, DG EMPL</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining the way forward and suggested road map for future comparisons – participants provide actions for years 2025-2029 • What does this all mean for recognition and future work of the new Commission? <i>Chiara Finochietti and Koen Nomden</i> Conclusions by the European Commission and ETF <i>Manuela Prina, ETF – Koen Nomden, DG EMPL</i>
	Closure of the PLA