

EU Skills and Talent Mobility Package: recognizing vocational qualifications: ETF webinar

Zoom Webinar: Wednesday 11 June 2025 Time: 10:00 to 12:30 CET Interpretation English, French, Russian

SUMMARY:

This webinar is about recognition of vocational qualifications internationally, between EU and non-EU countries.

While effective and fair recognition is always important, there is an urgency in the current climate to adopt measures facilitating mobility. In response to skills needs, there is growing labour migration to Europe and increasing circular migration back to non-EU countries. The EU responded with the Skills and Talent Mobility package in November 2023, including the Talent Partnerships between EU and non-EU countries and legal acts on recognition.

ETF, whose remit is to advise the EU's partners on reform of their vocational education and training systems, is cooperating with EU and non-EU countries in improving recognition systems to facilitate labour and learner mobility.

At this webinar, ETF shares the results and recommendations of our new study, which addresses recognition processes, tools, systems and data needs.

We report:

- how far EU countries can access reliable data on vocational qualifications from third countries.
- how the information available from non-EU countries, such as data they provide in their databases of qualifications and on their websites, is used by EU countries and what gaps there are.
- the arrangements that the non-EU countries make to recognise the qualifications and skills that their returning citizens have acquired in EU countries.

We uncovered good practices and growing convergence in use of common systems and tools, but also misalignment in information supplied and information needed, and a gap between the rhetoric on encouraging lifelong learning and the inflexibility of some systems when confronted with the newer or non-traditional types of qualification.

This new study, rich in detail, and challenging in its implications for EU policies and non-EU country implementation, tells us something we need to know. We hope you can join us and contribute your experiences and proposals.

Time	Agenda Item	Owner
10:00 -10:10	Welcome. Introduction: background to the study	ETF <i>Michael Graham</i>
10:10- 10:40	Presentation of the study: findings and recommendations	EPRD consultancy <i>Karen Adam</i>
10:40 – 11:00	Q & A on study	ETF <i>Michael Graham, Alessandra Massaro</i>
11:00- 11:15	Break	
11:15 - 12:15	Panel	ETF <i>Sona Kalantaryan</i> Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vasyl Fediuk, National Qualifications Agency, Ukraine • Olfa Laribi, Ministry of Employment and Vocational Training, Tunisia • William O'Keeffe, European Commission • Vasileios Symeonidis, Cedefop • Alexander Studthoff, BIBB, Germany
12:15 - 12:30	ETF responses and way forward	ETF <i>Michael Graham, Anatolii Garmash</i>