

AGENDA

THE NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (NQF): A NEW IMPETUS TOWARDS IMPROVED GOVERNANCE, INSTRUMENTS AND OUTCOMES.

VENUE: LEOGRAND RADISSON BLU HOTEL, CHISINAU

3-4 DECEMBER 2019

SUMMARY

In line with the activities launched in Moldova in 2019, this workshop combines debate and knowledge-sharing related to the Moldovan national qualifications framework. The main expected outcomes of this workshop are:

- To debate and share views on the ongoing NQF-related reforms in Moldova and on the perspectives for further development.
- To reinforce structured dialogue among stakeholders and government institutions on the development of qualifications, the NQF and its instruments; discuss possibilities, modalities and formats to develop a more systematic basis for sustained dialogue and joint work to operationalise the NQF.
- To share information on NQF registers and how they contribute to make the NQF closer to users and to rise the transparency of the system.
- To update the Moldovan stakeholders on key and interesting developments of qualifications systems and frameworks in the EU, in view of the EU-Moldova association agenda and other cooperation goals;
- To synergise with the actions planned and implemented by the EU Twinning project.
- To share results of the consultation to develop the roadmap for action of the sector committees.

DAY ONE, 3 DECEMBER 2019

Chairperson: Ms Tatiana Gherstega, Head of Department, Ministry of Education

Time	Session
08:30 – 09:00	Registration of participants
09:00 – 09:15	Opening and Objectives <i>Speakers: Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labour, ETF</i>
09.15 - 09.30	Tour de table: introduction of participants
09:30 – 10:30	SESSION 1 NQF Moldova as a pole to support reforms and transparency: overview of the system, linkages between levels and qualifications, roles and governance of NQF functions. Reforms and challenges in their implementation. Monitoring and evaluation of the NQF: setting the base. National qualifications database – a new instrument to support transparency and value <i>Speakers: NQF Department – Ministry of Education</i> Presentation and discussion
10:30-11:15	SESSION 2 NQFs - a global phenomenon. Key trends, new instruments, measuring effectiveness for system and for users. NQFs contribution to systems and people's skills and qualifications. <i>Speakers: Eduarda Castel-Branco, ETF</i> Presentation and discussion
11:15-11:45	Coffee Break
11:45-13:00	SESSION 3 National qualifications frameworks in the European Union Member States – how do they make a difference? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NQFs are in evolution. What drives these reforms? - What is changing with qualifications? Are NQFs ready to include new types of qualifications and under which conditions. - NQFs - main contributions and impact for qualifications systems. - Instruments supporting NQFs – databases, registers, catalogues of qualifications - Linking qualifications and occupations: possibilities and limitations. Role of Classifications and Taxonomies - Stakeholders, the governance and reforms of NQF: what works in which conditions. - How do countries monitor their NQFs. Case study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - France <i>Speakers: Ms Brigitte Bouquet, France Competences</i> Presentation and discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch

14:00-14:30	SESSION 3 – continuation Questions and answers, discussion
14:30-15.45	2 working groups discuss the following questions (one per group): a) Converging towards closer cooperation with EQF: how relevant and is it; and how can Moldova prepare for that journey? b) NQF for end users: how to make it happen? What does this require in terms of more participative governance and partnership with stakeholders / social partners? Which tools to be developed and implemented? How to measure progress and impact? Structured discussion in two working groups. Short reports from each working group (5 minutes)
15:45-16:00	Coffee break
16.00-16:30	SESSION 4 Making sense of the discussions of day 1. Main lessons learned, opportunities and conclusions. Suggestions on next steps. <i>Facilitation: ETF</i>

DAY TWO, 4 DECEMBER 2019

Time	Session
09:00 – 09:30	SESSION 5 NQF Moldova: register of qualifications. State-of-play of development and next steps. <i>Speaker: NQF department Ministry of Education</i> Presentation and discussion
09:30 – 10:15	SESSION 6 Views and contribution of the EU Twinning project: a new impetus for the NQF and its improved governance. Opportunities and challenges, levers for change. Main priorities, important deliverables and milestones. <i>Speakers: Experts EU Twinning project</i> Presentation and discussion
10:15-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-11:30	SESSION 7 Sector Committees: an agreed roadmap for action Overview of main outcomes of consultation with sector committees and other stakeholders. <i>Speakers: national expert ETF; representatives of sector committees.</i> <i>Presentation and discussion.</i> Discussion
11:30-12:15	SESSION 8

	<p>Ministry Education and Ministry of Labour - joint reflection on qualifications and the NQF.</p> <p>Towards a joined-up plan of actions: linking information from skills anticipation and forecast - prioritising and developing qualifications fit for Labour market demand – operationalizing the NQF and register.</p> <p><i>Speakers: representatives of Ministry of Education and Ministry of Labour, Labour Market Observatory</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
12:15-13:00	<p>Discussion, proposals from participants.</p> <p>Final conclusions, next steps</p> <p><i>Ministry of Education, ETF</i></p>
13.00-14.00	<p>Lunch</p>