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Joint social partner presentation

Background

- The Recommendation on the establishment of the EQAVET invites Member States to "*devise, not later than 18 June 2011, an approach aimed at improving quality assurance systems at national level, where appropriate, and making best use of the framework, involving the **social partners**, regional and local authorities, and all other relevant stakeholders in accordance with national legislation and practice*".
- Social partners are part of this process at all levels: at European, national, regional, local and sectoral

Aims of social partners

- Actively support implementation of EQAVET
- Raise awareness about role of SPs to contribute to successful implementation
- Enable social partners to fully participate in the QA process by strengthening involvement and cooperation
- Raise awareness on QA issues among social partners
- Develop sustainable cooperation and exchange of good practice

Activities in 2010/2011

- Cooperation and support in the framework of EQAVET (Steering Committee, Network, working groups, conferences)
- Disseminating information about developments in EQAVET and QA issues to members of social partner organisations
- Participating in sectoral seminars (Healthcare, Catering/Tourist, Construction)

Policy priorities

- Enhance long-term employability in VET
- Prioritise indicators most relevant to social partners
- Ensure user-friendly and cost-effective implementation of EQAVET
- Involve social partners for interconnected implementation of EQAVET, ECVET and EQF (focus on QA in learning outcomes)
- Long-term: Actively involve social partners for Bruges Communiqué objective „*establish at national level a common QA framework for VET providers, which also applies to associated workplace learning and which is compatible with the EQAVET framework by 2015*“.

Opportunities for cooperation

- Actively involve social partners for implementing EQAVET at European and national level (including implementation plans)
- Engage with social partners in the work of QANRP's (meetings, disseminating information etc)
- Promote mutual learning and exchange of good practice on a bipartite and tripartite basis (seminars, peer learning etc)
- Build on previous successful engagement of social partners in ENQA-VET



Thank you for your attention!