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# EU policy context and the role EQAVET and national reference points

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# European quality assurance in VET

PAST

ENQAVET

EQARF

PRESENT



EQAVET

European Quality Assurance  
in Vocational Education and Training



# EU policy context

- EQF
  - First issue of the EQF newsletter
  - EQF subgroup on the learning outcome approach will be set up
  
- ECVET: First meeting took place on 27-28 May 2010
  - ECVET Network → Two layers
    - First: ECVET User's group>
    - Second: Network itself (very broad but quite formal)
  - Training offer
  - 24-25 June: Annual forum - Paris
  
- Cedefop study on the links between ECTS and ECVET



# EU policy context

- 12 May 2010: Agreement on targets  
reduce the school drop-out rate from 15 to 10%  
increase the share in higher or equivalent  
education to 40%
- VET communication adopted on 9 June 2010
- Bruges review 7 December 2010: Need for  
concrete outputs in QA for VET



# Events since last DGVT

- Secretariat of the network chosen.  
FETAC of Ireland
- Kick-off meeting: 23 February 2010
- First plenary meeting:  
Annual Forum – Madrid – 29-30 April 2010

# Annual Forum

## Madrid 29-30 April 2010

### Outcomes:

- Priorities identified
- Steering committee nominated
- Mandate of working groups discussed
- Networking started
  - within EQAVET
  - between projects/tools (EQF, QALL, ECVET, ...)
  - between organisations (associations, Social partners,...)

# Priorities of the network

- Designing of the national approach (June 2011)
  - Working group 1
- Development of the indicators
  - Working group 2
- Development of a common understanding of the quality assurance systems building on work already done notably by Cedefop and ENQAVET
- Coherence with other tools (EQF, ECVET...)

# Working groups

- 2 working groups :
  - national approaches
  - Indicators
- Moderators : experts
- Appropriate members
- Regular reporting to DGVT-ACVT

# Findings of the annual forum

- The development stage of quality assurance is very different from country to country
  - Explicit – implicit – underdeveloped
  - Build on what exists at national level
- Structure of the country influences the strategy
- Need to catch up with work already done and use it
- Different status for QANRPs
  - Resources - Decision making power - ..
- Funding: Setting up projects using available resources, e.g. EU funding.



## Outcomes expected from national reference points (QANRPs)

Inform stakeholders  
about the European  
Network activities

Ensure that information is disseminated  
to stakeholders effectively

Take concrete  
initiatives to promote  
further development of  
EQAVET in the nat.  
context

Brings together relevant  
bodies and involve social  
partners and all  
stakeholders concerned  
at national and regional  
levels

Support self evaluation as a  
complementary and effective  
means of QA in respect of the  
implementation of the European  
Network's work programme

Support actively  
implementation of  
European Network's work  
programme

# Support of LLP for EQAVET

- Thematic networking QALLL
- Call for proposals EACEA/09/10
- Call for a coordinator for the projects of EACEA/09/10
- LDV priorities 2010
- LDV priorities 2011
  - For Transfer of innovation projects
  - For development of innovation projects



# Call for proposals EACEA/09/10

- **Objectives** : help the QANRPs
- **Eligible persons**
- **Eligible actions**
- **Length of projects** : 18-24 months
- **Start** first 3 months of 2011
- **Budget**: 1,2 million euros
- **Grant**: 50 000 to 200 000 euros
- **Deadline for submission**: 16 July 2010





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**Thank you!**