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European Commission Consultation
'European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training'

Institutional Response on the behalf of the University of Glasgow

The University complies with the terms of the Scottish Credit & Qualifications Framework, which itself accords with the European Qualifications Framework. The University recognises and supports the underlying objectives of the SCQF, which are closely comparable with those of ECVET: centrally, the facilitation of credit recognition, accumulation and transfer.

The difficulties of establishing the proposed ECVET framework are recognised. We would endorse the proposal that it should be developed and implemented gradually and on a voluntary basis.

With respect to the specific questions asked of bodies being consulted, we would comment as follows:-

1. The main secondary added value would be the development of links and partnerships between competent bodies/consortia of competent bodies.
2. It is important that technical specifications are as simple as possible in their demands on those producing the specifications. This will also assist those dealing with specifications from other countries.
3. Could the reference figure of 60 credit points be adopted rather than 120? - 60 would match ECTS.
4. It would be helpful if guidance publications could be developed at the broadest levels - national/federal state/equivalent, to assist with rapid introduction and facilitate transnational harmonisation.

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