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# Moving from Principles to Implementation Launching Conference

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ECVET Workshops

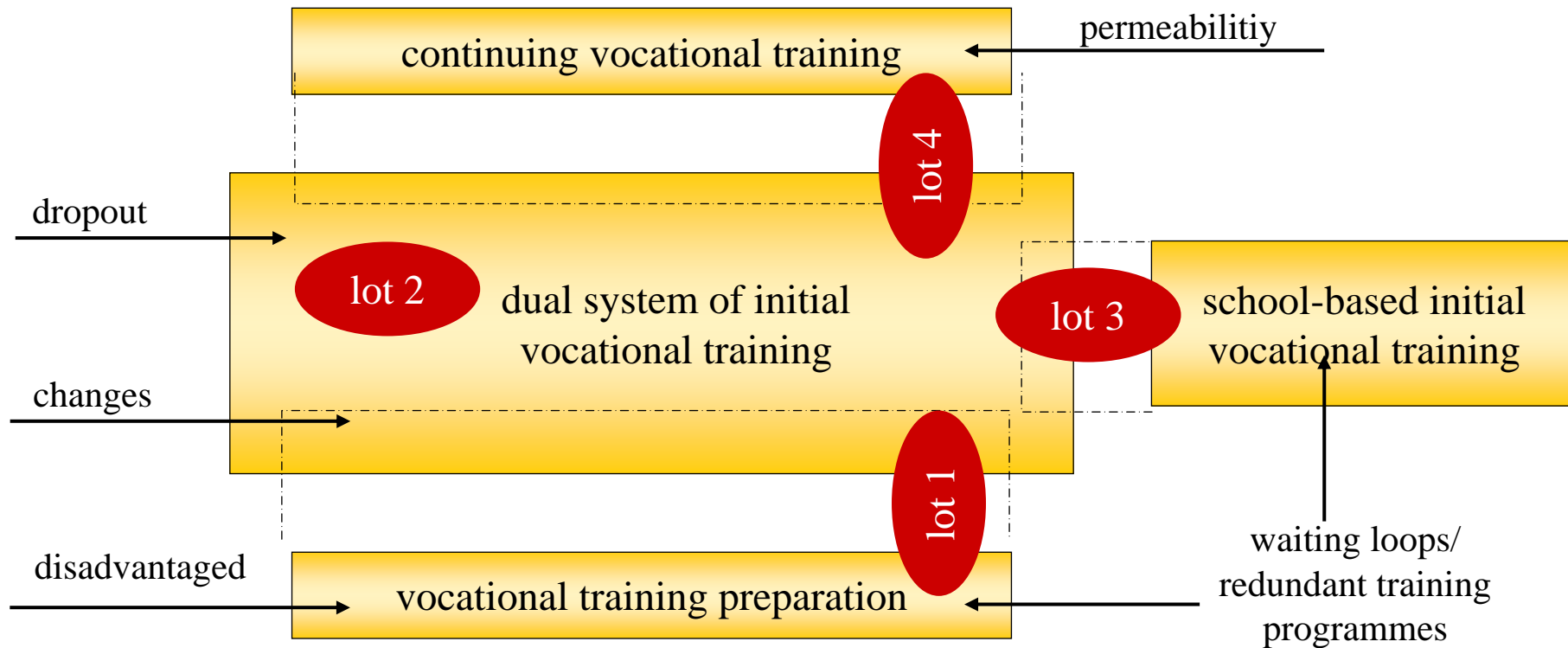
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**ECVET Workshop E: implementing ECVET**

**DECVET and ECVET-  
Experimentation of Credit  
Systems in VET in Germany**

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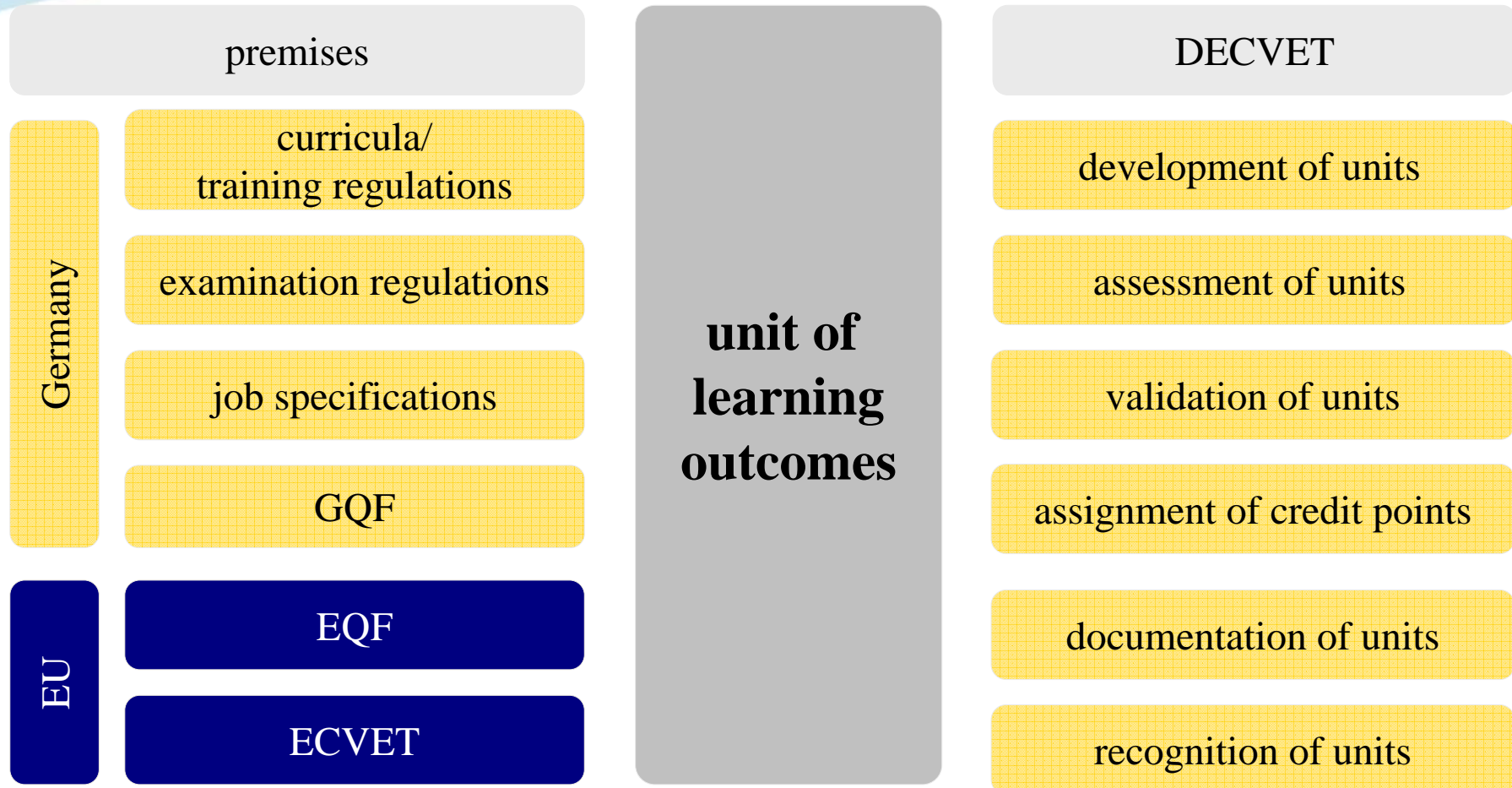
## DECVET: Bridging gaps in the German VET-System - Permeability and interface cooperation -



## **DECVET - Procedere**

- development of units of learning outcomes on the basis of existing qualifications
- transmission of the curricula to outcome-based approach
- creation of assessment procedures and criterias
- analysis of equivalences between different units
- assignment of the credit points
- documentation of the units
- development of recognition facilities

## Core of DECVET - Units of Learning Outcomes



## **ECVET – Experimentation/Implementation in Germany**

- **ECVET in Germany** aims at promotion, validation and quality assurance of transnational mobility in VET (formal system); Germany is an active actor in EU working groups on ECVET
- **Testing phase** (running) Active participation or leadership in most of the 10 ECVET-Pilot Projects of the EU; Priority on ECVET in german LEONARDO – mobility projects; National guidebook on ECVET for users; joint DECVET/ECVET conference with all project leaders
- **Implementation phase** (starting): Creation of a National Advisory Body on ECVET involving relevant stakeholders on political level i.E. social partners, chambers and Länder; Development of a framework for national ECVET implementation; Preparation for final implementation from 2012/2014

## **ECVET: Advantages for the VET Systems**

- Increasing transparency and recognition of parts of qualifications and learning outcomes acquired abroad
- Bridging different VET systems (i.e. school/work) within the EU via common definitions of learning outcomes
- Promoting standards and performance criteria concerning content and structure of transnational mobility periods in VET (MoU)
- Improving sustainability in transnational VET cooperation and promoting the extension of periods of transnational mobility within VET systems
- Completing EQF regarding the permeability between qualification levels

## **ECVET – Challenges for national implementation**

- definition and recognition of joint units for transnational mobility versus national qualification standards
- definition of „competent bodies“ for the design of units, the validation of learning outcomes and the allocation of credit points (different actors; bottom up approach)
- added value of credit points in relation to units, but also in relation to final national examinations
- value of credit points beyond partner agreements (MoU)
- quality assurance: assuring standards and performance criteria in the assessment of learning outcomes
- learning outcome approach versus EU-standard of 60 points/year
- benefit-cost-ratio of the adoption of credit systems

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**Thank You for Your Attention.**