



**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**  
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Europe 2020: Policy development and country analysis  
**Skills and qualifications strategies; Multilingualism policy**

**Increasing synergies between the implementation of the learning outcomes approach  
and quality assurance arrangements**

**Peer learning activity**

**28-29 November 2013, Leuven, Belgium**

Venue: Leuven Institute for Ireland; Janseniusstraat 1, 3000 Leuven, Belgium

**AGENDA**

**Thursday 2013-11-28**

09.00 – 09.30 Registration and coffee

09.30 – 09.40 Welcome and Opening –

Dana-Carmen Bachmann, head of unit, B2 Vocational training and adult education; Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig, DG EAC, European Commission,  
Bryan Maguire, member of Structural Reforms Working Group under the Bologna Process, head of qualifications, Quality and Qualifications Ireland

09.40 – 10.00. Introduction to the PLA: The implementation of the learning outcomes approach and its implications on quality assurance

Presentation by Jens Bjornavold, Cedefop

10.00 – 11.00 First insights on how quality assurance systems address the learning outcomes approach in European countries

Presentation of the outcomes of the study of the Nordic Quality Assurance Network in Higher Education (NOQA) – "Learning Outcomes in External Quality Assurance Approaches" –  
Hannele Seppala, Finnish Higher Education Evaluation Council, Finland

Presentation of the outcomes of EQAVET mapping "Quality assurance procedures in the processes of certification, curricula setting, accreditation and training of trainers in European VET systems" –  
Sean Feerick, EQAVET Secretariat

Discussion

11.00 – 11.10 Introduction to workshops

11.10 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.15 Quality assurance supporting the implementation of the learning outcomes:  
National case studies – vocational education and training (3 parallel workshops)

Each workshop in this session will discuss

- how quality assurance arrangements in VET support the implementation of the learning outcomes approach?
- what are the success factors of the various national approach?
- What are the challenges?

Workshop 1:

Case study presenter: Kati Lounema, FNBE, Finland,

Chair: George Kostakis, Cedefop

Workshop 2:

Case study presenter: Ron Creutzburg, ECABO, Netherlands;

Chair: Sophie Weisswange, DG EAC

Workshop 3:

Case study presenter: Aleksandra Grašič, Slovenia,

Chair: Carlo Scatoli, DG EAC

13.15 – 14.15 Lunch

14.15 – 16.00 Quality assurance supporting the implementation of the learning outcomes:  
National case studies – higher education (3 parallel workshops)

Each workshop in this session will discuss

- how quality assurance arrangements in HE support the implementation of the learning outcomes approach?
- what are the success factors of the various national approach?
- What are the challenges?

Workshop 1:

Case study presenter: Anna Prades, AQU Catalunya, Spain;

Chair: Mike Coles, external consultant

Workshop 2:

Case study presenter: Axel Aerden, NVAO, Netherlands;

Chair: Anita Kremo, DG EAC

Workshop 2:

Case study presenter: Ewa Chmielecka, Poland,

Chair: Margie Waters, DG EAC

16.00 – 16.20 Coffee break

16.20 - 17.20 What have we learnt from the various national approaches? Can common principles or practises be identified in the various sub-systems? (plenary) – facilitated by Mike Coles, external consultant

19.30 Dinner – Restaurant "Les Rodins"

## **Friday 2013-11-29**

09.00 – 09.10 Introduction to day 2 - Mike Coles

09.10 – 10.40 How can quality assurance make use of the learning outcomes approach?  
Reflection on next steps – group discussions: Volker Gehmlich, University of Bremen, Germany; and George Kostakis, Cedefop; followed by plenary discussion

10.40 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 13.15 European quality assurance tools in support of national developments - (plenary with cabaret round tables)

Building on current evaluations of EQAVET and EQF and the ongoing revision of the EHEA European Standards and Guidelines, how can common QA principles be strengthened to improve and take on-board the learning outcomes approach?

Introductory contributions by Stefan Deplace, EURASHE, Sean Feerick, EQAVET Secretariat, Anita Kremo, DG EAC

Exchange of views on how the European quality assurance tools can ensure and improve the quality of the use of learning outcomes and how to ensure coordinated implementation of the tools at national level

Conclusions

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch