Twenty-sixth meeting of the EQF Advisory Group  
1-2 October 2014  
Novotel Leuven centrum, Vuurkruisenlaan 4, LEUVEN  

Draft agenda  
Wednesday 1 October

10:00 – 10:45  Welcome and introductions  
Ana Carla: to introduce the Australian delegation: Lyndal Groom, Executive Director, and Diane Booker, Director, and the Hong Kong delegation, Ms Pecvin Yong, Ass. Secretary Education, Mr. Anthony Chan, Dr. Eva Cheng, Senior Manager, Ms Alice Wong, Assistant Manager, and to explain they will attend the meeting except during item 5  
To introduce Susanne  
Technical point: to remind participants to give correct email address to the secretariat as there were quite a few mail failures in the mailing list

Adoption of the agenda  
Ana Carla: to introduce the agenda

Adoption of the minutes and action points of the meeting of the EQF Advisory Group on 4-6 June 2014

Ana Carla: before the meeting UK (Mike Coles) commented to the action points in suggesting a highly consultative method in producing the action points and minutes. To explain that the draft minutes have not been sent earlier in summer due to ..... To ask if there are any comments; if not,
they are approved.

1. – Relevant developments in European cooperation in the field of education and training

Information on latest developments and follow-up to the meeting of the EQF AG on 4-6 June 2014

Ana Carla: to refer to new Commission and to changes in GDs/reorganisation

To refer to the meeting of NCPs held on 12th September. NCPs agreed upon their role of communication and coordination, for this an E-Forum should be set up. NCPs asked COM to develop a list of questions to be used as a checklist for referencing.

To refer to the calls for proposals for NCPs: in 2014 24 NCPs received a grant. The results for the 3rd restricted call to be notified in November, start of action 1/12/14.

By the deadline 11 September 2014 for submitting proposals on qualifications databases: 15 projects submitted, grant request: 1.151.885 €

Ana Carla: To refer to the main outcomes of the EASQ conference and to mention the upcoming CEDEFOP conference on transparency tools (27-28/11/14, Thessaloniki)

To refer to the ESCO Board meeting on 16th September. Re-election of Mr Jeremy Groombridge as Chair and Mr Peter Thiele as Vice-chair. Wilfried and Brigitte remain the two EQF AG representatives in the board. Newe terms of reference of the board: no longer a decision making body, but provide strategic advice a support the COM. Complementarity between ESCO and EQF was underlined.

Information on developments in the Bologna and Copenhagen Processes

Ana Carla: To refer to BFUG discussion on the future of EHEA after 2015
To invite the Council of Europe to present (Jean-Philippe)

Information from Presidencies

To invite the Italian presidency

Information from the 21th ENIC-NARIC Annual Meeting – experiences in using learning outcomes and qualifications in the assessment of foreign qualifications

Ana Carla: To invite Eduard Staudecker who attended the meeting as one of three members of the EQF AG (together with Agnieszka Chlon-Dominczak and Gan briella Di Francesco) to present the main outcomes of the meeting from an EQF perspective

Information from the Transversal skills thematic working group

Ana Carla: To show the presentation on the meeting of the Transversal Skills Working Group (N.B.: Elin has not yet delivered the ppt.)

10:50 – 11:15

2. – Overview of national developments related to the implementation of the EQF

Ana Carla: to invite Susanne to present the state of play (PPT)

Tour de table

Ana Carla: To invite planning to present their referencing report on 6-7 November (only RO and on 2-3 December (ES, HU, SE) to confirm; to invite other countries to provide further updates. To assess, on the basis of the proposed referencing reports, whether the November meeting shall take place. To remind MS that they should come up with realistic estimations as to the presentation of their referencing report

11.15 – 12.30

Presentation of the Montenegrin referencing report

Ana Carla: to invite the Montenegrin delegation to present their report
To invite Cedefop (Slava) and the Council of Europe (Jean-Philippe) to comments

To invite other countries to comments

12:30 – 14:00  Lunch break

14:00 – 14.30  3. – Following up the first referencing reports

Proposal from Hungary and Poland for a peer learning activity on methodologies for relating qualifications to national qualifications levels and referencing to the EQF

Note AG26-4

Ana Carla: To invite Agnieszka and Erzsebet to present their proposal

Discussion

14:30 – 15:15  4. – Follow-up to the presentation and discussion of the referencing report of Greece

Information from Greece regarding the concerns raised by a Greek social partner regarding the Greek referencing

Ana Carla: to refer to interpretation for this part of the meeting (Greek into English)
To refer to the meeting and written exchange. To give the floor to the Greek delegation (there are no names yet communicated who will represent the Greek Ministry).
To ask CEDEFOP to comment.

15:15 – 16:00  5. – Exploring the role of the EQF in cooperation with third countries

Information on the developments in the technical work with Australia, Hong Kong and New Zealand

Ana Carla: to ask Susanne to show presentation as introduction to the item (PPT).
Koen and Eduard Staudecker to report on the meetings with Australia (9 July, 9 September of 29-30 September)
Ana Carla to invite the members of the working group with NZ (DE, CZ, IRL) to add on Discussion

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:30 5. – Exploring the role of the EQF in cooperation with third countries – continued

Proposal for "Features for framework maturity"
Ana Carla: to refer to note in that the IE proposals have been taken up in order to present a revised version of the document now called "Features for framework maturity".

(item restricted to the EQF AG members)
Note AG26-5

Discussion
Thursday 2 October

09:00 – 10:30

6. – External dimension of the EQF:
Presentation of the Hong Kong Qualification Framework (HKQF)

Exchange of views on possible relations between the HKQF and the EQF

Ana Carla: To invite the HK delegation to introduce themselves and to present the HKQF

Discussion

10:30 – 10:45

Coffee break

10:45 – 11:45

7. – Work towards linking international qualifications to the EQF

Report from the subgroup on international sectorial qualifications

Ana Carla: to invite Wilfried to present the interim report of the subgroup on ISQ

Discussion

11:45 – 12:45

8. – Validation of non-formal and informal learning

Presentation on the European Inventory for Validation of Non-formal and Informal Learning

Ana Carla: To invite Ernesto to present the European Inventory for VNIL
To open the floor for comments and
12:45 – 14:15      Lunch break

14:15 – 15:30
8. – Validation of non-formal and informal learning

Proposal for the revised European Guidelines for the Validation of Non-Formal and Informal Learning

Note AG26-7

Ana Carla: to invite Jens to present the draft proposal for the revised European Guidelines for VNIFL

Discussion

Proposal for a peer learning activity on using and writing learning outcomes: validation vs. formal education

Note AG26-8

Ana Carla: to invite Andrina Wafer (or if not present Bryan Maguire) to present the PLA proposal

Discussion

15:30 – 16:00
Conclusions and AOB

Ana Carla:

Next AG meetings: 6-7 November (if confirmed) and 2-3 December, Brussels

PLA on VNFIL: 19-20 November 2014 in Cork, Ireland

Policy Dialogue between the Commission and Australia: 20 November 2014