Revision of the *EQF* and of *Europass*: proposal for governance structures at EU and national levels
Existing Skills and Qualifications Groups

- EQF Advisory Group
- EQF NCPs Network
- ESCO: MS Working Group, Board, MAI
- NECs Network
- PLOTEUS/ EQF Portal
- Euroguidance Network
- ELGPN (until 2015)

Other groups in education and training

- OMC/ ET2020
- VET
- HE/ Bologna
- other national contact points
Issues

- Absence of forum for horizontal communication in S&Q
- Absence of a structure at the crossroads of E&T and employment
- Current structures not adapted to deliver on the Skills Agenda
- Burdensome administration and reporting processes
- No EU level governance structures for Europass and Skills Panorama
EQF and Europass proposals

**EQF proposal, recital 24:**

"The Commission intends to set up a platform for cooperation between the Commission, Member States and relevant stakeholders on the implementation and monitoring of this Recommendation. This will include the tasks implemented by the EQF Advisory Group since 2008"

**Europass proposal, recital 27:**

"The Commission will guarantee a platform of cooperation with Member States and relevant stakeholders to ensure the overall coherence of implementation and monitoring of this Decision"
European Commission expert groups

- **Formal expert group**: set up by a Commission Decision.
- **Informal expert group**: set up by a Commission service (e.g. DG EMPL, or DG EAC)
- The EQF AG is an informal expert group (set up by DG EAC in 2009)
- In the E&T area all Member States groups are informal groups, with the exception of the ACVT and the National Europass Centres
- The proposed platform (in EQF and Europass) for cooperation between the Commission, Member States and stakeholders will have the status of an informal Commission expert group
## EU Level: tasks

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  • Learning outcomes  
  • Quality of information on EQF  
  • Criteria and procedures for EQF int'l dimension | • Monitoring of 2018 deadline  
  • Inventory  
  • Guidelines | • Documentation and assessment tools  
  • Interoperability  
  • ESCO  
  • Skills intelligence  
  • Information on recognition  
  • Learning opportunities | • Guidance policy and services  
  • Peer learning and best practice exchanges  
  • Consultation on future developments |
EU level

Composition of EU platform

**MS, EEA, CH, (potential) candidates:**
- 2 members
- 2 alternates
- High level of expertise from E&T and Employment

**European social partners**
- European level stakeholders from E&T and Employment

**European Agencies (Cedefop, ETF)**
- Council of Europe

Ad hoc groups with time-defined mandates and tasks

Community of practice (e.g. PLA participants)
National level

Synergies

Simplification

National Skills Coordination Points

Single beneficiary of EU grants

Communication with EU level
National Level

**Tasks**

- Promoting EU tools at nat. level
- Supporting EQF referencing
- Putting EQF levels on certificates/diplomas/supplements
- Information tools on guidance
- Skills intelligence at national level
- Learning opportunities
- National databases and registers
- Involving national stakeholders

**Financing**

- One lead beneficiary per MS
- Multi-annual framework partnership agreement
- Specific agreements with 2 year duration
- Simplified reporting
- Foreseen budget for 2 years: 13.3 mln euros