EQF Advisory Group, 14-15 April 2017, Brussels
Note AG41-2

Synthesis of national developments related to the implementation of the EQF – June 2017

The present document provides information on the state of play of the 39 countries that participate in the implementation of the EQF. It aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the implementation of the two milestones of the EQF as defined in the EQF Recommendation as well as the state of play of national qualifications framework development in each country.

The milestones for the implementation of the EQF are: 1) relating national qualification levels to the EQF by referencing to the levels set out in the Recommendation and, where appropriate, by developing NQFs; writing a draft report on referencing national qualifications levels to the EQF ready for discussion within the EQF Advisory Group and the publication of the referencing report and the results of the referencing on the Learning Opportunities and Qualifications Portal; 2) making reference to the relevant EQF level in new qualifications certificates, diplomas and Europass supplements.

Country representatives in the EQF Advisory Group are invited to regularly update information on the current situation and planned measures with target dates to achieve the above milestones.

Table 1. Estimate date for the presentation of draft referencing report

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Table 2. Overview on EQF implementation based on information provided by members of the EQF advisory group

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Table 3. Information on the implementation of the EQF at national level in 2017

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<th>Presentation of the referencing report to the EQF AG</th>
<th>Publication referencing report on LOQ portal</th>
<th>Results referencing in EQF comparison page</th>
<th>Indicating EQF levels on certificates, diplomas and Europass supplements</th>
<th>Indicating EQF levels in national qualifications databases</th>
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<td>Belgique/Belgie – BEfr</td>
<td>Legal adoption of NQF pending</td>
<td>2013 Q4</td>
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<td>Bulgaria – BG</td>
<td>NQF was adopted by Council of Ministers’ Decision on 1 February 2012</td>
<td>2013 Q2;</td>
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<td>Ceska Republika – CZ</td>
<td>NQF in force</td>
<td>2011 Q4</td>
<td>2016Q4</td>
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<td>As of June 2012 EQF levels (2, 3 or 4) are indicated on Europass CS from initial general and vocational secondary schools (approx. 60% of all secondary schools issue ECSs). As of April 2012, all new certificates for vocational qualifications awarded in the system of VNFIL (and listed in the qualification register NSK) indicate EQF levels. As of January 2015 new templates for certificates are published. Certificates from lower secondary</td>
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(basic) education, from upper secondary general and vocational education and diplomas from tertiary vocational education indicate EQF level. The use of these new templates is voluntary in 2015 and 2016, since 2017 it will be mandatory.

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<td>Danmark – DK</td>
<td>NQF in force</td>
<td>2011 Q2</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>By December 2012 – EQF level on most VET certificates and on all Europass Diploma Supplements accompanying qualifications related to the EQF. Work on the indication of EQF level on Europass Certificate Supplements completed by 2014</td>
<td>NQF levels 1-8 are indicated in the national qualifications database with reference to the EQF</td>
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<td>Deutschland – DE</td>
<td>NQF in force</td>
<td>2012 Q4</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>Gradually as of January 2014 on VET certificates and certificate supplements, in HE on diploma supplements As of June 2014, on all Europass Diploma and Certificate Supplements.</td>
<td>NQF and EQF levels are indicated for all qualifications in the national database. <a href="http://www.dqr.de/content/2316.php">http://www.dqr.de/content/2316.php</a></td>
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<td>Eesti – EE</td>
<td>NQF in force</td>
<td>2011 Q3 2015 Q2 (update of the referencing report)</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>As of 2011 on professional certificates and all Europass diploma and certificate supplements As of June 2012, Diploma Supplement (regulated by law); As of September 2013, EQF levels on VET certificates As of May 2014 on general education certificate supplements</td>
<td>NQF and EQF levels are indicated in one of the national qualification databases Kutseregister <a href="http://kutsekoda.ee/et/kutseregister/kutsestandardid">http://kutsekoda.ee/et/kutseregister/kutsestandardid</a></td>
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<td>Ellas – EL</td>
<td>The development of an NQF based on a structure of 8 levels is on-going.</td>
<td>2015 Q4</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>After endorsement of referencing report</td>
<td>NQF and EQF levels are indicated in the national database. EOPPEP has established the Greek Qualifications Register: <a href="http://proson.eoppep.gr">http://proson.eoppep.gr</a></td>
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<td>Espana – ES</td>
<td>planned in 2017</td>
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| France – FR   | NQF in force | 2010 Q4 | 2011 | 2011                                                                                       | As of March 2012, on Certificate Supplements of all qualifications in the NQF.  
As of March 2012 on diplomas of “non formal” education (1/3 of RNCP) and on the diplomas of the ministry in charge of agriculture.  
As from the end of 2016 also on diplomas of the ministries in charge of youth, sports and culture | As of March 2012, in RNCP |
| Croatia - HR  | NQF in force | 2012 Q1 | 2012 |                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                      |
| Ireland – IE  | NQF in force | 2009 Q3 | 2010 | 2011                                                                                       | As of June 2012, in Diploma Supplement  
As of December 2013, in Certificate Supplement  
As of June 2105 EQF level included on all certificates issued by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) |                                                                      |
<p>| Italia – IT   | 2011 Agreement on levels | 2013 Q2 | 2014 | 2014                                                                                       | As of 2011 on VET certificates for level 3+4, as of February 2013 on University and AFAM diplomas and |</p>
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<td>Kypros – KY</td>
<td>2011 Agreement on levels</td>
<td>2017 Q1</td>
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| Latvija – LV | 2011 Q2 Agreement on levels                                                        | 2011 Q3 | 2012 | 2012 | As of April 2013 LQF/EQF levels on DS  
As of 2015 LQF level on VET certificates |
|              |                                                                                   |      |      |      | Latvian qualifications data base, indicating EQF levels, operating since Q4 2016.  
[https://www.latvijaskvalifikacija.lv](https://www.latvijaskvalifikacija.lv) |
As of January 2014 on doctoral degree diplomas, level 8.  
As of Q2 2014 on bachelor and master degree diploma supplements at levels 6-7.  
As of Q3 2014, on the certificates of general education. |
<p>|              |                                                                                   |      |      |      | As of January 2014 for all qualifications in LTQF. |
| Luxembourg – LU | NQF in force                                                                      | 2012 Q2 | 2013 |      | 2016 on certificate supplements for VET |
| Magyarország – HU | NQF in force                                                                       | 2015 Q1 | 2015 |      | As of September 2015 on Europass supplements (CS, DS) |</p>
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<td>Malta – MT</td>
<td>NQF in force</td>
<td>2009 Q3 2015 Q4 (update)</td>
<td>2010 2011</td>
<td>The Legal Notice gives NCFHE the role of an authority for accreditation. All general, vocational and higher education qualifications provided by public institutions are level-rated and show the MQF/EQF level. All newly developed accredited qualifications from private providers also bear the MQF/EQF level. The University of Malta has been giving a Diploma Supplement to all graduates since 2010. The indication of the MQF/EQF Levels has been implemented on all Diploma Supplements since 2012. In mid-2013 the University of Malta achieved the EUROPASS Diploma Supplement Label. The Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology has been issuing DS since 2013 to all MQF level 6 graduates. During 2015 DS to all MQF level 5 graduates. According to Audit Survey conducted by NCFHE, 11 private institutions are issuing DS to their graduates.</td>
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<td>Nederland – NL</td>
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<td>2011 Q3</td>
<td>2013 2013</td>
<td>NLQF levels on new VET qualifications as of January 2014; The law which regulates the levels on diplomas is being postponed. A new date is not yet clear. In Europass CV EQF/NLQF levels are used. There is at this moment no national database. There are separate registers which have different approaches. For a coherent approach a lot of work still has to be done. There is an initiative to work with linked data,</td>
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but this is still in an initial phase. The register of the NCP NLQF is linked to other registers: http://www.nlqf.nl/register

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<td>2012 NQF for Higher Education implemented; Final version of referencing report endorsed in September 2013; NQF law in force since January 2016</td>
<td>2013 Q2</td>
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Indication of PQF levels on all new certificates and diplomas since January 2017.

The portal of the national qualifications system (www.kwalifikacje.gov.pl) is integrated with the portal of the national qualifications register (rejestr.kwalifikacje.gov.pl). The register currently includes qualifications from general and higher education. Initial VET qualifications should be included to the register after the relevant regulation comes into force (expected in December 2016). Other qualifications will be included in the register, once they are included in the qualifications system, based on the decision of the relevant ministers. As of November 2016 there are 5 qualifications proposals under
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<td>Portugal – PT</td>
<td>NQF is in force since 2009, when Order n. 782/2009, 23 July, was established thus regulating the National Qualifications Framework and defining the descriptors of each national qualification level.</td>
<td>2011 Q2</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Planned for 2017</td>
<td>Since 2014 EQF levels on some VET qualifications at EQF levels 1, 2 and 4. Indication of levels on all non-higher education certificates and diplomas expected in the first semester of 2017.</td>
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<td>Slovenija –SI</td>
<td>NQF in force (the NQF Act adopted on 28. 12. 2015 and entered in force on 12. 7. 2016).</td>
<td>2013 Q2 2014 Q3 (update)</td>
<td>2014</td>
<td>2014</td>
<td>As stated by the NQF Act, (a) public documents on the completion of education, (b) supplements to such documents, (c) NVQ certificates, (d) certificates of completion of a training or continuing education programme, and (e) certificates of supplementary qualifications include a reference to the NQF and EQF level and, in the case of higher vocational and higher education qualifications, also the level of the NQF, EQF and QF-EHEA levels are indicated in the SQF register (database). The SQF register is available at: <a href="http://www.nok.si/register-kvalifikacij-sok/">http://www.nok.si/register-kvalifikacij-sok/</a></td>
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<td>Slovensko – SK</td>
<td>NQF approval in Parliament in October 2015</td>
<td>2017 (pending)</td>
<td>For VET, it seems that EQF/NQF-level will be indicated both in qualification certificate and Certificate Supplement as of March 2017. For higher education EQF/NQF-level will be indicated in Diploma Supplements.</td>
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<td>Suomi – FI</td>
<td>The Act on the National Framework for Qualifications and Other Competence Modules has been adopted by the Parliament. The Decree will enter in force on March 1, 2017.</td>
<td>date to be confirmed, possibly 2017 Q3</td>
<td>National website contains information about qualifications (<a href="http://www.studyinfo.fi">www.studyinfo.fi</a>). No qualifications database is planned.</td>
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<td>No plans to insist on EQF levels appearing on certificates but the UK NQF managers maintain ongoing consultations on this with the organisations that award certificates</td>
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<td><strong>Albania - AL</strong></td>
<td>NQF in force from March 2010. Amendments to NQF Law</td>
<td>First half 2018</td>
<td>In the actual draft bylaws of the new HE law it is proposed to introduce also the EQF levels in the Diploma and supplements. The draft bylaws</td>
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<td>Bosnia-Herzegovina - BiH</td>
<td>Baseline QF in BiH has been adopted by the decision of the Council of Ministers of BiH, currently in the approval process.</td>
<td>End 2018</td>
<td>Planned for after 2018</td>
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<td>Island – IS</td>
<td>NQF in force - 2011 Q2 New NQF put in force in Q4 2016. Levels remain the same but some levels will be split up.</td>
<td>2013 Q4</td>
<td>Not yet in place</td>
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<td>Montenegro – ME</td>
<td>NQF in force; The Law on NQF adopted in December 2010</td>
<td>2014 Q4</td>
<td>Revision and update of the national qualifications database is planned, including indicating EQF</td>
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New diploma forms including reference to EQF level in secondary education (for qualifications up to level 5) have been prepared in 2015.

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<td>NQF legal act is in the approval process.</td>
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<td>TQF implementation regulation adopted in November 2015; TQF paper issued in Official Gazette in January 2016</td>
<td>Q1 2017</td>
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<td>Liechtenstein – LI</td>
<td>Agreement on levels and an overarching framework</td>
<td>2016 Q4</td>
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<td>Kosovo¹</td>
<td>NQF in force since 2011</td>
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¹ This designation is without prejudice to position on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.