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Accompanying note to the discussion on the results of the study “Mapping Skills Audits in and across EU MS”

1. Introduction

The Council Recommendation on validation of informal and non-formal learning recommended to EU Member States that: ‘individuals who are unemployed or at risk of unemployment have the opportunity, in accordance with national legislation and specificities, to undergo a ‘skills audit’ aimed at identifying their knowledge, skills and competences within a reasonable period of time, ideally within six months of an identified need’.

The Council Recommendation on Upskilling Pathways recommended Member States to “offer adults within the priority target groups defined in accordance with paragraph 2 the opportunity to undergo an assessment, e.g. a skills audit, to identify existing skills and upskilling needs”.

In 2017 the Commission launched the study on mapping skills audits in order to have an overall and detailed mapping of what exist in the EU Member States on national, regional and local level: what type of skills audits exists, where they are applied and who applies them, taking account of public and private providers of skills.

The EQF AG is invited to discuss the following questions after the presentation:

- How is the use of skills audits developing in your country and for what specific purposes?
- How are “skills audits” integrated in validation arrangements in your country?
- How are skills audits used in this context?
- Suggestions for follow-up to the mapping study