Annex to note AG18-7

NATIONAL APPROACHES TO INCLUDING PRIVATE AND NON-FORMAL QUALIFICATIONS IN NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORKS

Peer learning activity in Sweden, Västerås

**Time:** 2013-02-28 to 2013-03-01  
**Place:** Aros Congress Centrum in Västerås, Sweden [http://www.acc.se/](http://www.acc.se/)  
**Number of participants:** 50

**AGENDA**

**Thursday 2013-02-28**

09.00 – 09.30 Registration and coffee
09.30 – 09.35 Welcome and Opening of the meeting - Carina Lindén
09.35 – 09.55 The Swedish government's view on NQF/EQF. – State Secretary or Head of Department from Ministry of Education or Head of Department from Agency for Higher Vocational Education, tbc.
09.55 – 10.05 Why this PLA? – European Commission.
10.05 – 10.45 The Swedish model - making it possible for qualifications outside the public education system to be included in the NQF and referenced to the EQF - Stefan Skimutis, Agency for Higher Vocational Education and three different Swedish stakeholders
10.45 – 11.00 COFFE BREAK
11.00 – 11.30 Overview of different national approaches in Europe to include in NQFs qualifications outside formal education and training systems – Cedefop.
11.30 – 12.00 Discussion on the overview and the Swedish presentation
12.00 – 13.00 LUNCH
13.00 – 17.30 **Workshop sessions**

Each workshop session is introduced by two short plenary case study presentations. Following the plenary presentations, participants work in 3 parallel workshops of cca 1.5 hours.

13.00 – 15.00 **Session 1** - Why national authorities decide to open up NQFs for private, sectorial etc. qualifications?

- 13.00 – 13.30 Plenary case study presentations by government representatives.
- 13.30 – 15.00 Discussions in three parallel workshops

15.00 -15.30 **COFFEE**

15.30 – 17.30 **Session 2** - Criteria and procedures for the inclusion of qualifications in NQFs

- 15.30 – 16.00 Plenary case study presentations by government representatives.
- 16.00 – 17.30 Discussions in three parallel workshops

19.00 - **DINNER**

**Friday 2013-03-01**

09.00 - 09.20 **Recap day 1** – Carina Linden, Stefan Skimutis representative from the European Commission

09.20 – 11.20 **Session 3** - The use of learning outcomes in qualifications outside formal systems

- 09.20 – 09.50 Plenary case study presentations by representatives awarding these qualifications and government representatives
- 09.50 – 11.15 Discussions in three parallel workshops

11.15 – 11.40 **COFFEE**

11.40 – 13.40 **Session 4** – quality assurance underpinning qualifications in outside formal systems

- 11.40 – 12.10 Plenary case study presentations by representatives awarding these qualifications or relevant QA bodies and government representatives
- 12.10 – 13.30 Discussions in three parallel workshops

13.30 – 14.30 **LUNCH**

14.30 – 15.10 **Interactive session** – reflection in small groups on different national approaches and challenges

15.10 – 15.45 **Plenary discussion** – reporting from workshop sessions and discussion on possible follow-up actions, recommendations to national authorities, stakeholders and EU level.

15.45 – 16.00 **Conclusions**

**COFFEE**