



Annex to note AG18-7

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

Peer learning activity in Sweden, Vasteras

Time: 2013-02-28 to 2013-03-01

Place: Aros Congress Centrum in Västerås, Sweden <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