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**DRAFT MAIN CONCLUSIONS AND ACTION POINTS**  
**OF THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE EQF ADVISORY GROUP**  
**BRUSSELS, 29-30 MAY 2013**

**The referencing process**

The AG discussed the referencing reports of Italy and Poland, EQF referencing and QF EHEA self-certification report of Slovenia. The updated EQF referencing and QF EHEA self-certification report of Bulgaria was presented to the AG.

Action points:

- EQF AG members to provide written comments on the Bulgarian referencing report, if key information still needs to be clarified or provided by 20 June 2013
- Cedefop and Council of Europe to prepare a summary of comments/questions made by the EQF Advisory Group on the Bulgarian and Slovenian referencing and self-certification reports and the Italian, Polish referencing reports as presented in the meeting of the EQF Advisory Group on 29-30 May (the record and summary of the comments of the AG will be enclosed to the detailed minutes of AG20)
- Italy, Poland, Slovenia to send its referencing report to the Commission when it is ready to be published on the EQF portal

Two countries (BE-fr, KY) plan to present their national referencing report to the EQF Advisory Group in the meeting of the EQF AG on 26-27 September 2013.

Action points:

- Country representatives of BE-fr and KY to send the Commission their report on referencing national qualifications levels to the EQF (and its English translation) by 27 August 2013.
- AG members to indicate their interest in providing detailed written comments on the referencing reports of BE-fr and KY by 30 August 2013.
- Country representatives to inform the Commission about changes in their referencing roadmaps and in particular the date of the presentation of their referencing report to the EQF AG by 30 August 2013.
- Country representatives to update information on national approaches to implement the second miles of the EQF by 30 August 2013.

## **Providing overall coherence**

The Commission presented its main preliminary conclusions of the evaluation of the EQF and considerations for the future, to be presented in the Commission's report to the European Parliament and the Council in summer 2013.

Action point:

- EQF AG to provide comments on the presented main preliminary conclusions and considerations for the future by 20 June 2013

The EQF AG discussed the Commission's proposal for the revised working methods of the EQF AG, which reflects the extended scope of work of the EQF AG – to follow the implementation of the Council recommendation on the validation of non-formal and informal learning and its actual working methods. The EQF AG agreed that the proposal should be discussed in the enlarged EQF AG together with experts on validation in the meeting of the EQF AG in 26-27 September. The Commission informed that the European Youth Forum and the European Volunteer Centre have been invited to the EQF AG. Furthermore, Permanent Representations and Mission to the EU of participating countries have been invited to appoint an additional EQF AG member to address validation.

Action point:

- EQF AG members to send written comments (in tracked changes, if relevant) on the proposal by 20 June 2013
- Commission to prepare the agenda of the EQF AG on 26-27 September 2013 to allow discussion on the revised working methods of the EQF AG

The EQF AG welcomed the reflection note and the survey questionnaire on international qualifications and suggested that the questionnaire should be revised to allow for a good understanding what is considered as international qualification in the various countries and what policies are related to linking these qualifications to the NQFs.

Action point:

- Commission revise the survey questionnaire based on comments made by the EQF AG and send to EQF AG members as soon as possible.
- EQF AG to provide responses to the survey by 20 July 2013.

The EQF AG was informed about latest relevant developments in the Bologna Process and the Copenhagen Processes.

The EQF AG welcomed the proposal for inviting representatives of the UNESCO world regions for peer learning on the governance of the EQF in the next meeting of the EQF AG on 26-27 September 2013. The AG agreed that there is a need to develop a more systematic European approach to the external dimensions of the EQF.

A joint meeting of the EQF Advisory Group and the Structural Reforms Working Group in the Bologna Process will take place on 25 September (14.30 – 18.00).

The next meeting of the EQF Advisory Group will be on 26-27 September 2013 in Brussels. The following meeting is planned for December 2013 in Brussels.

A joint meeting of NCPs, National Europass Centres and Euroguidance Centres will be held on 5 November, Belgium. The fourth joint meeting of the EQF NCPs and the Network of National Coordinators of the QF EHEA will be held on 6-7 November 2013, Belgium.

