



Future of ECVET and EQAVET

Conclusions from the ACVT Ad-hoc Working Group

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Context

2018 ACVT Opinion

reflection with experts
from the ACVT

the potential for
streamlining existing
VET instruments

“to simplify the VET governance at EU level notably through increased effectiveness and efficiency of structures supporting the implementation of EU instruments in the field of VET”

Relevant developments

- Revised EQF (Annex 4 and 5), Europass, launch of ESCO
- New Recommendation on tracking graduates, mutual recognition
- The Commission proposals for the new Erasmus Programme (3x more VET mobility)

ACVT Working Group - purpose

Are the objectives of the two tools still valid in the context of the overarching:

- VET policy vision defined in the ACVT Opinion,
- objectives pursued under the European Education Area, or

propose options for their re-formulation.

How to best pursue these objectives by adapting:

- structure,
 - implementation modes,
 - governance framework of the tools
- taking into account their links with other tools and initiatives in the field of skills and qualifications.

Conclusions from the WG

General and
specific objectives
of the EU tools

Current state of
play

The way forward

General and specific objectives

Flexible solutions for lifelong VET (I and C)

access to upskilling and reskilling opportunities

transfer and accumulation of learning outcomes

systems that lead to up-to-date, high quality and recognised qualifications based on modules

Quality, excellence and trust in European VET systems

contribute to quality improvement in VET at national level

promote mutual trust in Member States VET systems

contribute to transparency of, and consistency in, VET between Member States

Facilitating mobility and free movement of VET learners and workers

transfer and recognition of learning outcomes

increase transparency of skills and qualifications of individuals

increase portability of skills and qualifications within national and international contexts

State of play

ECVET

- has facilitated the quality and the recognition of mobility experiences;
- has contributed to increased flexibility of VET in some countries;
- however, has not developed into a European credit system

EQAVET

- has helped countries to define, review and refine their QA systems;
- has had a greater influence on QA in school-based initial VET and, less in WBL, CVET, VNIFL;
- has been based on a toolbox approach – though appreciated by Member States, has led to considerable variation in the use of various provision of the Recommendation across countries;
- has not contributed to the European dimension and ‘trust-building’ through increased transparency and comparability of QA arrangements

The way forward - options for ECVET

VET mobility

- **Option 1 – a dedicated VET mobility tool** – MoU and LAs further developed and mainstreamed in the new Erasmus Programme
- **Option 2 – ECVET mobility tools absorbed into the new Europass** and mainstreamed in the new Erasmus Programme

Flexibility / lifelong learning

- work on flexibility of VET / LO approach **at the core** of the new VET policy framework / possible Council Recommendation
- EQF and Validation Recommendation can support the work on these objectives

The way forward - options for EQAVET

Option 1 – focus on national level

- continue to support the QA national developments and focus more on VET providers level
- update EQAVET provisions by integrating EQAVET+ – extend use of QA to WBL, CVET and VFINL
- revising EQAVET indicators / descriptors where needed
- focus activities on mutual learning on various aspects of QA in VET

Option 2 – Option 1+ EU dimension

- strengthen the European dimension and transparency in QA in VET
- the objective of 'trust-building' by introducing a voluntary peer review scheme between Member States

Elements of the future implementation framework

Integration
of functions
and content

Legislative
implications

Governance
structures

Working
methods

Funding

EQAVET – Option 1



Integration of function

EQAVET
–
national level

Integration of content

Reinforcing WBL, CVET and VFINL & Revising descriptors and indicators (EQAVET+)

VET providers level
Support for QA developments at national level

Legislative implication

Revision of EQAVET Rec
or

Repeal of EQAVET Rec combined with an integration of EQAVET into an overarching VET Council Rec

Governance structure

DGVT/ACVT

EQAVET network

Links to EQF AG

Working methods

Targeted support actions

Rolling work-programme under the new VET policy framework

Funding

Erasmus

ESF+

EQAVET – Option 2



Integration of function

EQVAT – national level +

EQAVET – European dimension

Integration of content

Strengthening the European dimension and transparency in QA in VET and the objective of 'trust-building'

Legislative implication

Revision of EQAVET Rec
or
Repeal of EQAVET Rec combined with an integration of EQAVET into an overarching VET Council Rec

Mutual Recognition Rec

Governance structure

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Links to EQF AG

Working methods

Targeted support actions

EU peer review of QA arrangements at VET system level

Rolling work-programme under the new VET policy framework

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ECVET – Option 1



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Integration of function

ECVET for mobility

ECVET for Flexible solution for lifelong VET

Integration of content

Dedicated VET mobility tool in Erasmus
Further development of MoU / LAs

Principles of units of learning outcomes
Part of the EQF implementation and part of the new VET policy framework / Rec

Legislative implication

Repeal ECVET:
Dedicated tool part of the new VET policy framework / Rec
Erasmus
EQF
Recognition Rec

Repeal ECVET:
units of learning outcomes part of the new VET policy framework / Rec
EQF / VNIFL

Governance structure

DGVT/ACVT

Erasmus Committee

NAs / Team of VET mobility experts

DGVT
ACVT
Links to EQF AG

Working methods

Support provided by Erasmus National Agencies / team of VET mobility experts

Targeted support actions

Rolling work-programme under the new VET policy framework

Funding

Erasmus

Erasmus
ESF+

ECVET – Option 2



Integration of function

ECVET for mobility

ECVET for Flexible solution for lifelong VET – the same as option 1

Integration of content

Integration into the new Europass and mainstreamed in Erasmus

Further development of MoU / LAs

Legislative implication

Repeal ECVET:
Mobility in the new VET policy framework / Rec
EQF
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Thank you