

Italy – the National Reference Point

The Italian Quality Assurance National Reference Point has a twofold communication strategy which includes:

- ❖ a 'top down' approach from the institutions responsible for VET at system level to the training providers; and
- ❖ a 'bottom up' approach involving the existing networks of VET training providers.

The Italian Quality Assurance National Reference Point has established a National Board of representatives from the relevant institutions (Ministry of Labour and Social Policies, Ministry of Education, and Regions), the social partners, and VET providers.

In addition, new decrees on the reform of technical and vocational schools included references to the EQAVET Recommendation and the need to develop indicators for self-evaluation and external evaluation. These are examples of the 'top down' process.

On the other hand, the Quality Assurance National Reference Point works with VET providers through their associations or through the school networks on quality issues. The Quality Assurance National Reference Point also promotes pilot projects and new approaches to quality assurance with a particular attention to the European methodology of Peer Reviews in VET.

More information is available from the Italian EQAVET National Reference Point, located in Inapp.

The information was gathered in 2008, for more up to date information on this case study, please check the national website.