

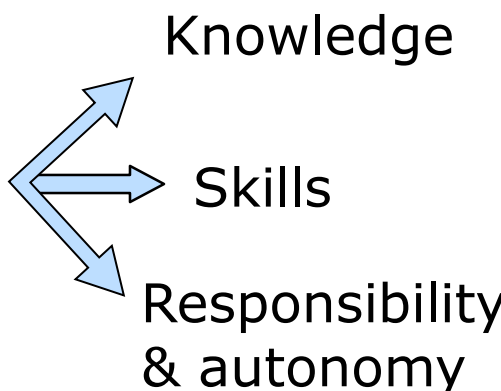


International event: Referencing of international qualifications with National Qualifications Frameworks

The European qualifications framework (EQF): State of play for referencing international qualifications to the NQFs

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What is the EQF?

- 8-Level reference framework, covering all types and all levels of qualifications
- Defined in terms of **learning outcomes** 
 - Knowledge
 - Skills
 - Responsibility & autonomy
- A **translation grid** for qualifications across countries



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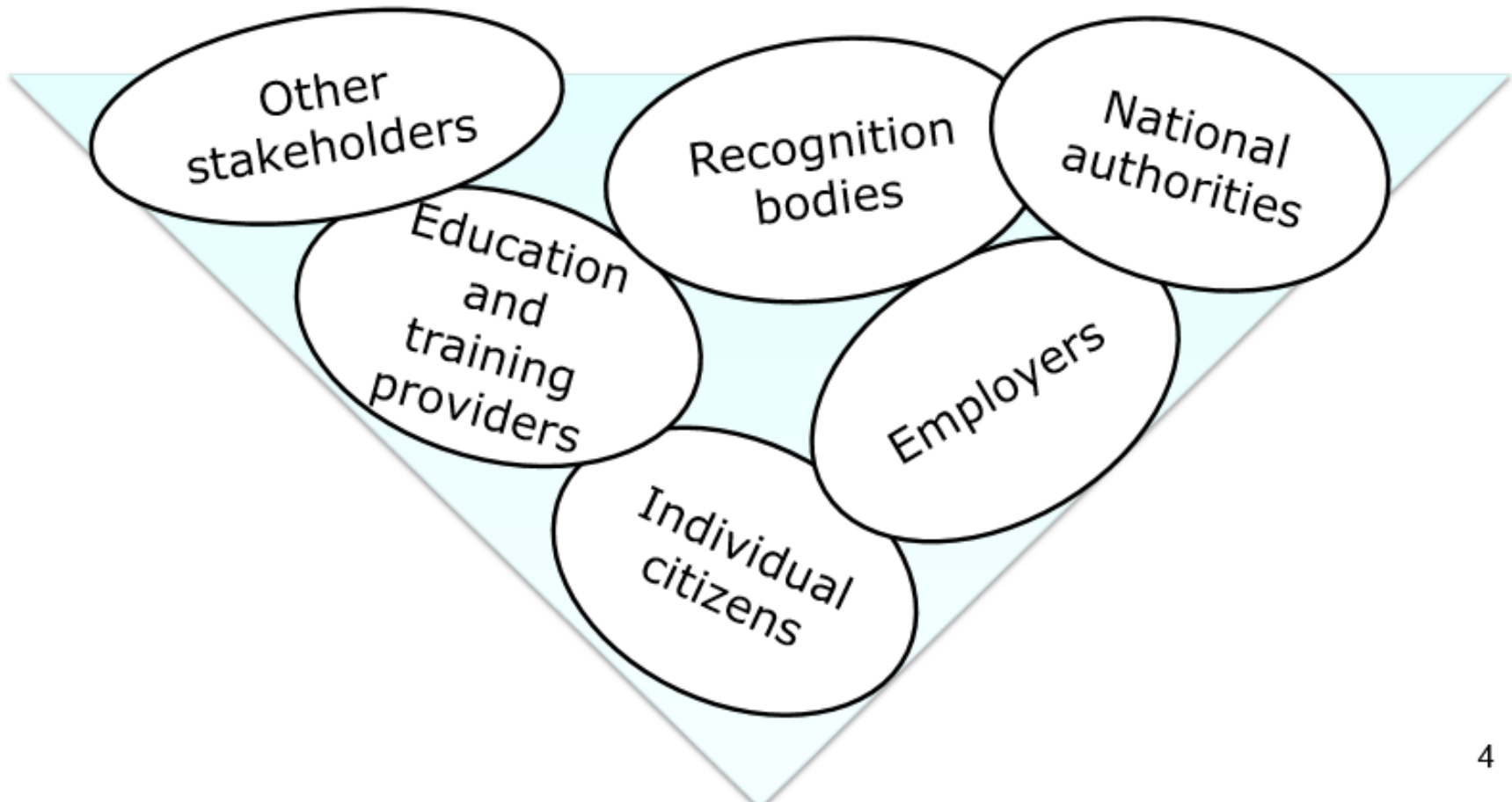
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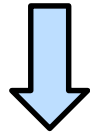


Who is the tool for?



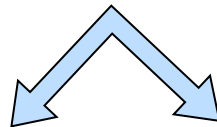
EQF: institutional basis

2017 EQF [Recommendation](#): based on articles 165 & 166 TFEU



Voluntary process and tool

Governance



EU level
EQF Advisory Group

National level
EQF National Coordination Points

EU MS + 11 additional European countries

EQF Recommendation of 2008 replaced by Recommendation of 2017: new elements / priorities

- Review and update, when relevant, the referencing;
- “Horizontal comparisons” to support consistency of levelling;
- Communications; communicating added value of the EQF to stakeholders;
- Mapping qualifications in the EU on the Europass portal
- Third Country dimension of the EQF;
- Non formal qualifications (international, sectoral);

International qualifications

- The EQF is a reference tool for both qualifications which are part of the formal E&T system and qualifications awarded by private and/or international bodies.
- A growing number of countries have procedures for inclusion of qualifications outside the formal domain.
- International qualifications are relevant for the LM.
- Differences in EQF levels for the same qualification between NQFs may lead to confusion among users such as workers, learners or employers.
- Also problematic for owners of IQs to have common qualifications with different EQF levels in different countries. This jeopardizes the trust in the EQF.

International qualifications (2)

- For this reason, international qualifications are explicitly mentioned in the 2017 EQF recommendation (#11):

*"Support the setting up of voluntary procedures on the levelling of **international qualifications** through national qualification frameworks or systems and information exchange and consultation between Member States on those procedures to ensure consistency"*

Definition of an international qualification:

A qualification awarded by a legally established international body (association, organisation, sector or company).

International qualifications (3)

- Goal is to achieve consistency of referencing of the same international qualification by different countries.
- Dedicated project group operational from 2018:
 - *Agree on procedures for notification to other countries on international qualifications emerging as candidates for inclusion in the national framework;*
 - *Discuss ways of exchanging information on decisions made at national level for the inclusion of international qualifications and the potential to use these to obtain a common position on such decisions.*

The steps of the proposed procedure:

1. A (group of) NQF(s), intending to include an international qualification, **inform(s) the EQF AG** about intention to allocate an NQF/EQF level;
 2. A **group of NQFs** work on allocating the appropriate NQF/EQF levels to the qualification(s) concerned, based on the level of the learning outcomes associated with the qualification(s);
 3. Other NQFs that wish to include one or more qualifications subject to this procedure, adhere to the common level (on a **voluntary** basis).
- Spring 2021: Procedure to be discussed / approved in a dedicated EQF AG online meeting.

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