

# Implementation of the European Qualifications Framework for lifelong learning

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# The EQF has an impact

- All EU, candidate and EEA countries have decided to implement the voluntary tool
- Four countries with NQFs established before 2008 – have linked their NQFS to the EQF by 2010
- Comprehensive NQFs for lifelong learning based on learning outcomes becoming common in Europe



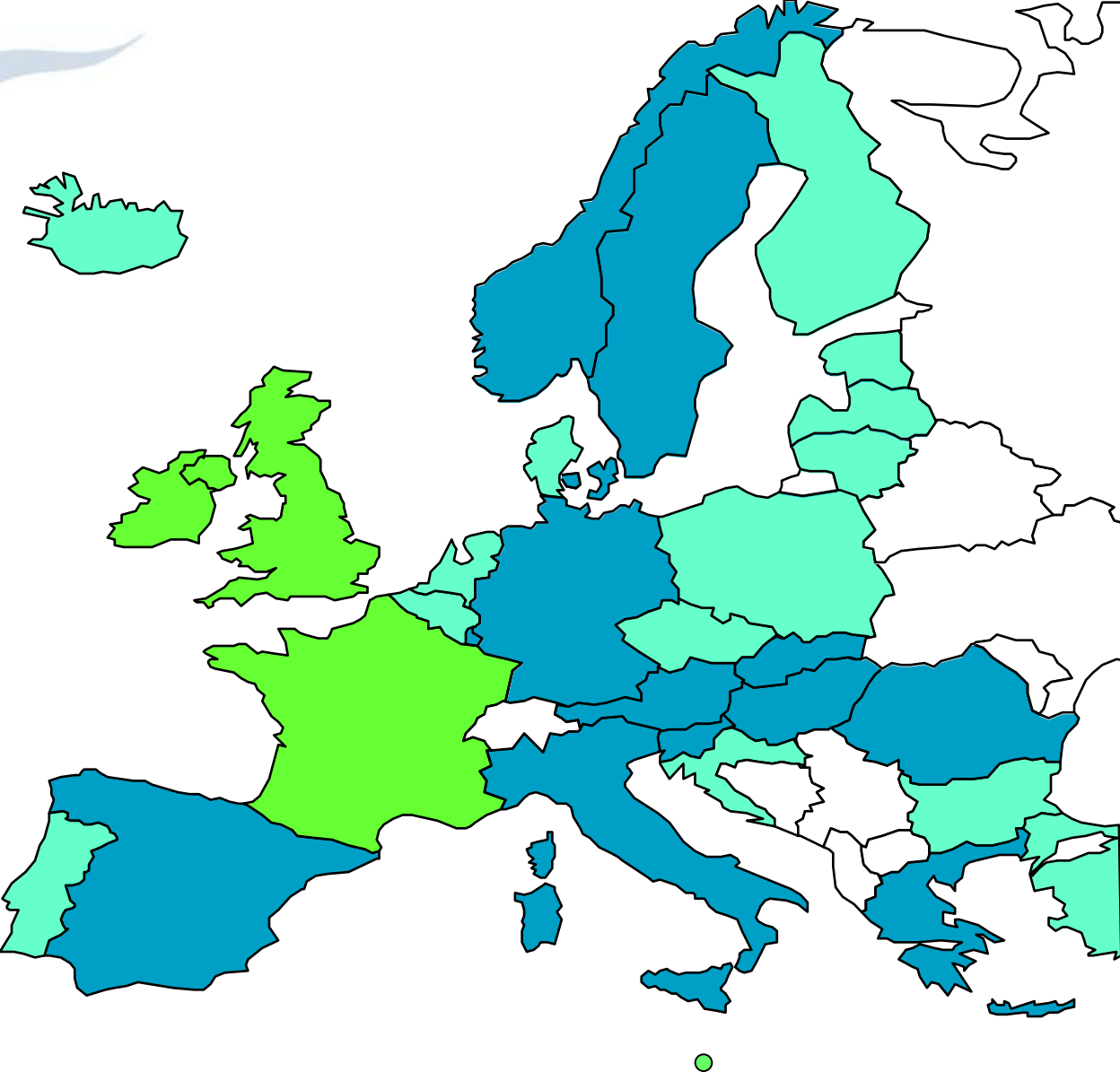


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**By 2010**

**By 2011**

**By 2012**



# Referencing of the EQF

**Transparency** of referencing process:

- credible reports reflecting the **10 criteria**
- **open communication** on challenges
- referencing reports **snapshots** in time

Ensuring **coherence**

- higher levels of the EQF accommodate **VET and HE** qualifications
- **consistency in referencing** major access qualifications – school leaving certificate



# Key issues in NQF development

- Shift to use of **learning outcomes** – a new approach
- **Permeability** between various education and training sectors
- Ownership of **stakeholders**
- NQFs for **Lifelong Learning** – covering all kinds and levels of qualifications



# EQF and the QF-EHEA

Closely coordinated at European and national levels:

- **Cross-participation** in European governance structures and coordinated agendas
- Joint meeting of **EQF National Coordination Points and national correspondents of the QF-EHEA**
- **Joint working group** on qualification frameworks and recognition of qualifications



# The EQF portal

**COMPARISON** (Up to 5 examples of qualifications are provided for each NQF level. National systems may include many other qualifications at these levels)

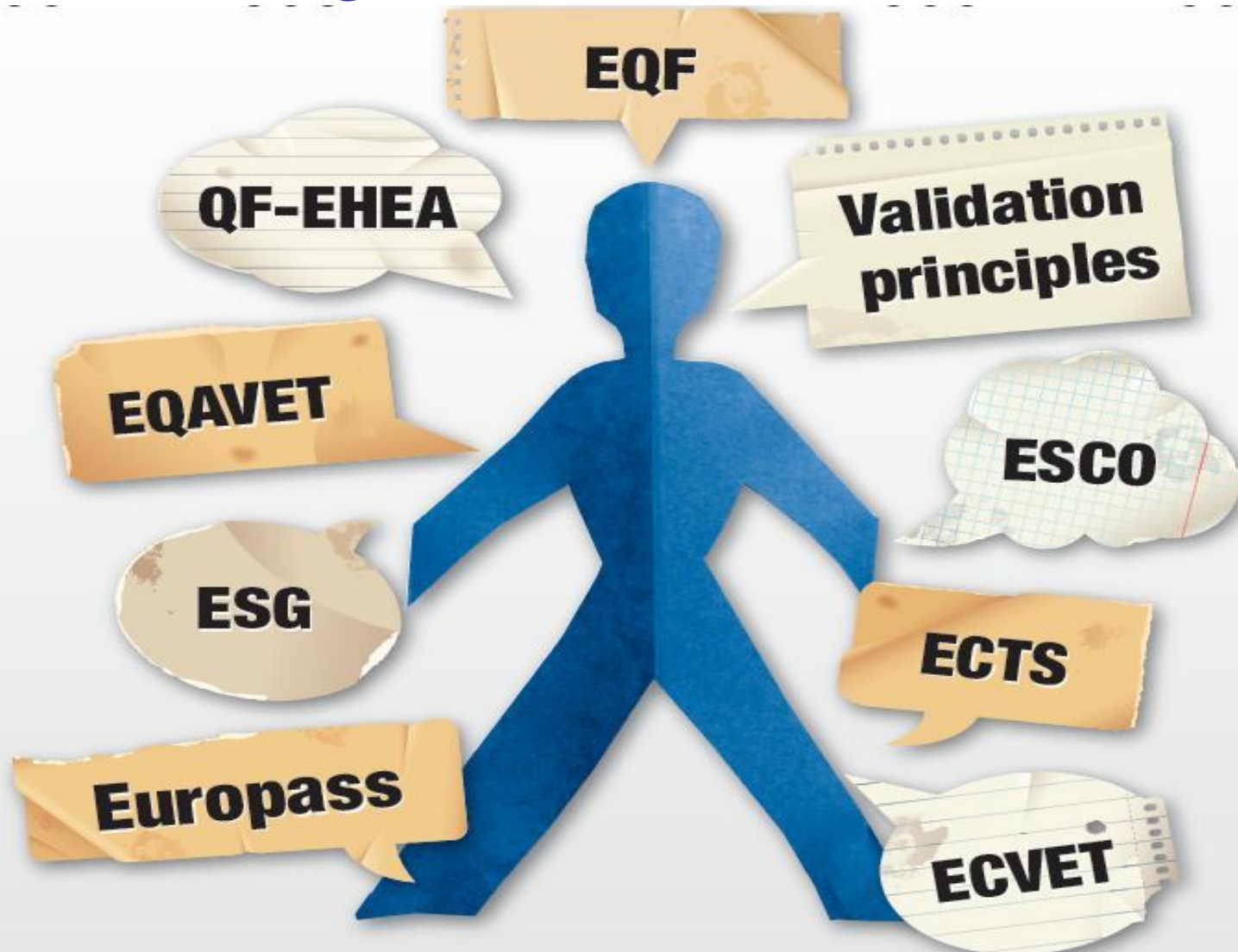
 <b>England and Northern Ireland</b> NCP: Ofqual & CCEA Referencing Report (Mar 2010) NQF/NQS SEE MORE + SELECT ANOTHER COUNTRY ▾	 <b>EQF Levels</b>	 <b>Ireland</b> NCP: National Qualifications Authority of Ireland Referencing Report (Jun 2009) NQF/NQS SEE MORE + SELECT ANOTHER COUNTRY ▾
<b>QCF Level 8</b> Vocational Qualifications level 8	<b>EQF Level 8</b>	<b>NFQ level 10</b> Doctoral Degree
<b>QCF Level 7</b> National Vocational Qualifications Level 5 Vocational Qualifications level 7	<b>EQF Level 7</b>	<b>NFQ level 9</b> Masters Degree Post-graduate Diploma



# Common European tools in line with EQF



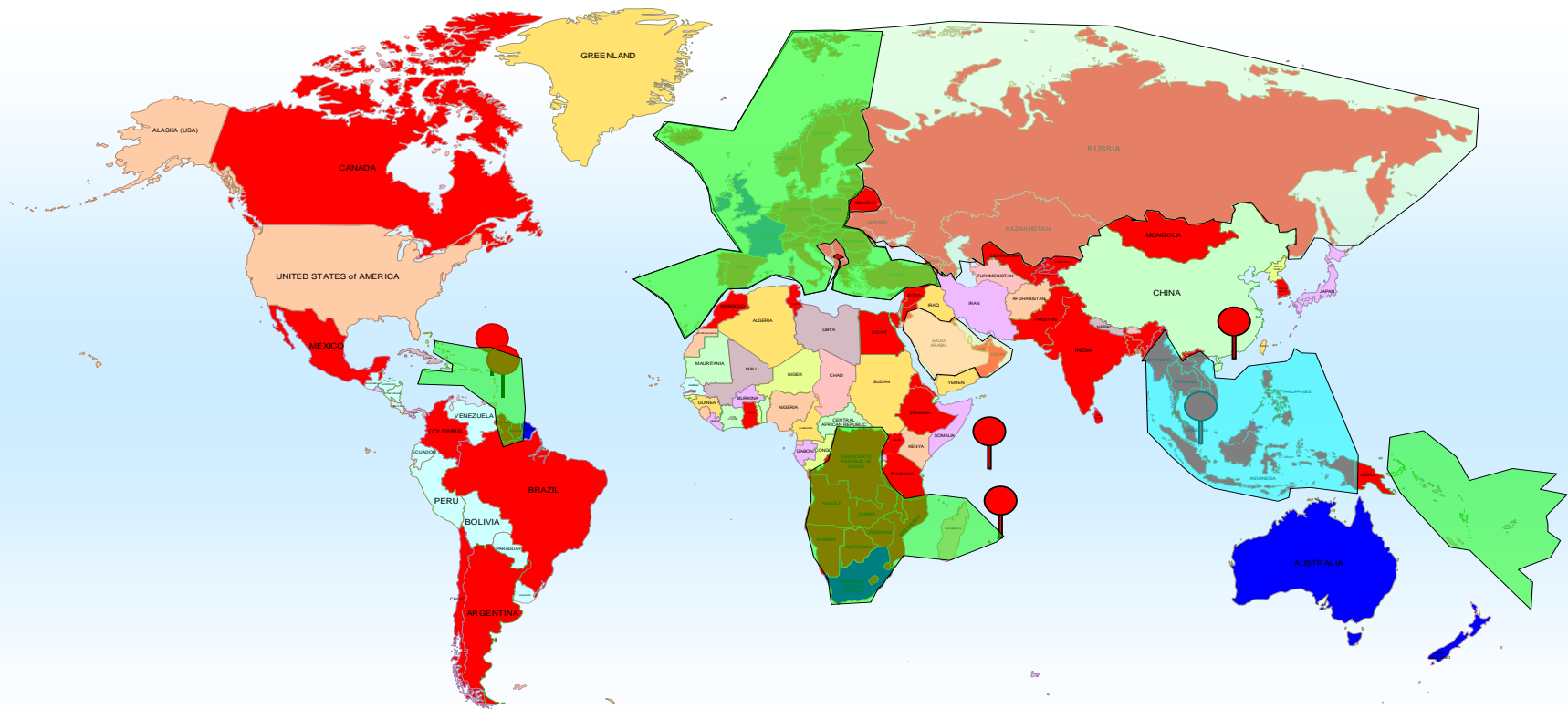
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# Qualifications Frameworks worldwide developments

## Current Qualifications Framework Developments 2011





EQF for mobility and lifelong learning

*Thank you for your attention!*

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