

Workshop 1

Promoting trust towards EQF

- a) *Trust towards and ownership of the national referencing process*
- b) *Trust towards the results of the referencing process abroad*

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1. Dilemmas and challenges

- Managing NQF development and referencing to the EQF simultaneously
- Communication and cooperation during the referencing process and post-referencing
- What evidence is necessary to support referencing decisions?
- Life after referencing

2. Necessary conditions and policy recommendations

Referencing process:

- NQF with clear vision and in synergy with related policy initiatives
- Clear mandate and political support for the leaders of the referencing process
- Ownership of various stakeholders – as part of broader communication strategy: targeted and coordinated communication and involvement from the beginning of the referencing process and after....
- Involvement of international experts from the beginning and discuss with other countries

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Presenting the results of the referencing:

- A single report and building on the experiences of previous referencing reports
- Evidence on the types of learning outcomes concepts, on quality assurance related to qualifications, the NQF and the referencing process and use examples of the qualifications at NQF levels support better understanding
- Beside the results explaining the HOWs and WHYs of the referencing process
- The reflections of the international experts are valuable in the referencing report
- Refer to challenges, discrepancies, stakeholders views
- Updating the report as NQF changes

3. Common issues raised

- Intended functions of NQFs and the EQF – and the ways different stakeholders interpret it – need to be closely followed
- Communicating about the links between various transparency tools and initiatives simultaneously – without confusing stakeholders and individuals
- EQF portal – comparison of qualifications frameworks – what does it mean?

4. European cooperation

- Improving the transparency of national referencing processes and reports
- Coherence in the results of the referencing of different countries is a collective responsibility to make EQF work
 - Testing the results of referencing
 - Addressing (potential) incoherencies
- Coordinated self-certifying to QF-EHEA and link to EQF
- Sharing experience on implementing and communicating about the „EQF-tag” in certificates, diplomas, Europass documents
- Bilateral, multilateral and European discussions on referencing and its follow-up