

EU tools and services relevant in the context of migration and beyond

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The **European Quality Assurance in Vocational Education and Training - EQAVET** is a community of practice bringing together Member States, Social Partners and the European Commission to promote European collaboration in developing and improving quality assurance in VET by using the European Quality Assurance Reference Framework. <http://bit.ly/1tB8KC>

The **European Qualifications Framework - EQF** is a translation tool to compare qualifications systems across Europe. Its eight common European reference levels are described in terms of learning outcomes: knowledge, skills and competences. Learners, graduates, providers and employers can use these levels to understand and compare qualifications awarded in different countries and by different education and training systems. <http://bit.ly/1qQ3RBM>

The **European Credit system for Vocational Education and Training - ECVET** aims to make it easier for people to get validation and recognition of work-related skills/knowledge acquired in different systems and countries. <http://bit.ly/23DyTul>

Europass consists of five documents to make the learners' skills and qualifications clearly understood in Europe. Its objective is to help citizens to communicate their skills/qualifications effectively when looking for a job or training, employers to understand the skills/qualifications of the workforce, education and training authorities to define and communicate the content of curricula. <http://bit.ly/15rBn6F>

Recognition of academic and professional qualifications are carried out by the **European Network of Information Centres in the European Region - ENIC** and the National Academic Recognition Information Centres in the European Union NARIC. www.enic-naric.net

European Inventory on Validation of Non-formal and Informal Learning includes 36 reports for 33 countries, eight in-depth thematic reports, two case studies and a synthesis report of main findings. The latest update is from 2014 and the current update is under progress and should be published in 2016. <http://bit.ly/1S5U8xz>

European Guidelines for Validating Non-formal and Informal Learning are written for individuals and institutions responsible for the initiation, development, implementation and operation of validation arrangements. <http://bit.ly/1Wr9rGo>

Eurydice is a network to explain how education systems are organised in Europe. It publishes descriptions of national education systems, comparative studies, indicators and statistics in the field of education. The Eurydice reports show how countries tackle challenges at all education levels: early childhood education and care, primary and secondary education, higher education and adult learning. <http://bit.ly/1ynCxIB>

The **European Lifelong Guidance Policy Network ELGPN** (2007-15) had the aim of assisting its member countries and the European Commission in developing European cooperation on lifelong guidance in both the education and the employment sectors. <http://www.elgpn.eu/>

The **Euroguidance Network** with members in 34 countries in Europe promotes the European dimension in guidance services and provides support to learning mobility and lifelong guidance development within education, training and employment. Professionals in information, advice and guidance services can inspire young and adults to embark on an international mobility experience. <http://euroguidance.eu/>

The **European Employment Service EURES** is a cooperation network designed to facilitate the free movement of workers within the EU 28 countries plus Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The national level partners provide information, placement and recruitment services to employers and jobseekers. <http://bit.ly/1GJTm8w>

Eurodesk is a network of youth professionals in 34 countries to raise awareness among young people on learning mobility opportunities and to encourage them to become active citizens. Eurodesk makes information on learning mobility comprehensive and accessible to youth professionals. <https://eurodesk.eu/>