



## *Working Group on Complementing EQAVET – Developing guidance for EQAVET+*

# DRAFT MANDATE

## INTRODUCTION TO EQAVET+

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The proposal to establish a second working group to support the Network's paper on EQAVET+ was discussed and agreed by the Network and is part of the Strategic Plan 2016-2017. The Network's EQAVET+ paper was adopted at the Annual Network Meeting in June 2016 (Haarlem, the Netherlands) and ideas for the second working group's mandate were discussed. The EQAVET+ paper is available on the EQAVET website at <http://www.eqavet.eu/gns/what-we-do/annual-network-meeting-2016.aspx>. The EQAVET+ paper looks at quality assurance in relation to:

- apprenticeship/work-based learning provision and in-company training;
- the processes of defining, describing and assessing learning outcomes;
- qualification design, assessment and certification;
- the pedagogical processes associated with learning outcomes;
- the teachers' and trainers' role in the quality assurance process;
- procedures which are used in the validation of non-formal and informal learning in line with EQF/NQFs;
- planning and improving the review phase of the quality assurance cycle.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKING GROUP

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The material to be produced in this working group should provide support and develop guidelines for Member States on using the new quality descriptors identified in the exercise on complementing EQAVET undertaken in 2016 and should also reflect the context of the 'New Skills Agenda for Europe' ([http://ec.europa.eu/news/2016/06/20160610\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/news/2016/06/20160610_en.htm))

The working group will illustrate how the EQAVET+ paper on complementing EQAVET could be implemented and used.

**Focus:** the priorities are likely to include the collection and use of data as part of the evaluation phase; the planning and improving of the review phase; the quality assurance of the design, assessment, certification and review of qualifications based on learning outcomes (LOs); and related pedagogical processes.

The reflection in this regard should provide support to the work of NRPs and reflect on how to cooperate with relevant stakeholders

The **envisaged outputs** of the work of the group will include:

- an analysis of existing materials which support the new text in the EQAVET+ document;

- case studies on quality assurance (at the system and provider level) which align with the new test in the EQAVET+ document;
- an analysis of the new case studies to illustrate the issues which have been identified, the lessons which have been learnt and the barriers which have been overcome.

The working group will need to identify priorities for preparing case studies – to a large extent this will depend on work which is already taking place and is related/connected to the new text in the EQAVET+ document.

**Participation:** the group include members of the EQAVET Network, with system level responsibilities for quality assurance of VET, or colleagues proposed by them who work at the system or national level or in authorities responsible for implementation in one or more of the seven priority areas. The social partners will be invited also as well as the scientific advisors from Cedefop and ETF.

Members of the group should be involved in quality assurance in VET, understand the EQAVET Framework and be familiar with the EQAVET+ document.

**Timeline:** the working group will meet four times:

Venue: Frankfurt

- Tuesday 11 October 2016;
- Thursday 24 November 2016;
- Thursday 16 February 2017;
- Thursday 27 April 2017.

The group will present its results at the Annual Network Meeting in June 2017.