



EQAVET (the European Quality Assurance in Vocational Education and Training) Network

The European Quality Assurance in Vocational Education and Training Network comprises representatives of the European Union Member States, social partners and the European Commission to develop and enhance Vet systems with reference to the implementation of the EQAVET Recommendation and its framework.

EQAVET NETWORK:

- supports Member States in developing effective approaches for implementing the Reference Framework
- develops a quality culture at European, national and regional level with the National Reference Points' support and other network's participants
- helps Member States and European Commission monitoring and implementing the Reference Framework within the context of the 2020 Strategy for Education and Training
- promotes a quality assurance dimension within EQF and ECVET.

EQAVET can be considered as a community of practice where members and national experts:

- share experiences and information
- start a mutual learning process and consensus building to develop common principles, criteria, indicators and tools within VET quality assurance and to implement the EQAVET Recommendation
- identify common principles to develop guidelines, methodological criteria and operational tools for quality assurance within the European Reference Framework.



EQAVET INDICATORS

Indicator 1

Relevance of quality assurance systems for VET providers

Indicator 2

Investment in training of teachers and trainers

Indicator 3

Participation rate in VET programmes

Indicator 4

Completion rate in VET programmes

Indicator 5

Placement rate in VET programmes

Indicator 6

Utilisation of acquired skills at the workplace

Indicator 7

Unemployment rate

Indicator 8

Prevalence of vulnerable groups

Indicator 9

Mechanisms to identify training needs in the labour market

Indicator 10

Schemes used to promote better access to VET

The Italian REFERENCE POINT

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THE ITALIAN REFERENCE POINT



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The NATIONAL REFERENCE POINT (NRP) for Quality Assurance in VET

It can be considered a virtual forum for information sharing and exchange on the topic of Quality Assurance within Vocational Education and Training (VET) through the dissemination of national and regional best practices and the link between national and European level.

The NRP main tasks include:

- informing national and regional stakeholders about the EQAVET network activities and supporting its work programme delivery
- promoting initiatives which may strengthen the use of methodologies and tools for quality assurance and its development
- rising awareness of the benefits of quality assurance development and methodologies
- coordinating the over all activities concerning participation in the EQAVET network.

The Reference Point supports the implementation of the European Recommendation on Quality Assurance of Vocational Education and Training and the national process to define an approach to quality assurance, disseminating technical and scientific knowledge, practices and tools to improve continuous development and quality assurance; it also supports VET providers in implementing self-assessment and peer review.



The EQAVET Recommendation and its Reference Framework

The EQAVET Recommendation can be considered as the European guideline to promote VET systems based on quality assurance criteria and continuous improvement, able to support a broader development of the European Area of Skills and Qualifications (EASQ).

The Recommendation, approved on the 18th June 2009, provides Member States with the necessary operational perspective to strengthen VET systems, through the use of a Framework and a list of indicators proposed as an operational tool designed to monitor and assess the development of system.

Each Member State is encouraged to define its own national approach to quality assurance within the VET system.

In Italy the National Plan for quality assurance within VET was produced by the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Education, the regional Authorities, ISFOL and the involvement of social partners; the Plan was approved by institutional stakeholders and it is currently in its implementation phase.



THE NRP ACTIVITIES

The RNP activities include:

- comparative analysis of national and international models and devices
- comparison and sharing of innovative practices
- testing of operational tools (Self-Assessment and Peer Review) at national level
- dissemination of best practices concerning quality assurance.

The Reference Point is funded by the European Social Fund.



The BOARD

It establishes and plans the Reference Point's activities; it is coordinated by ISFOL under the supervision of the Ministry of Labour and it is attended by representatives of the following institutions:

- Ministry of Education, Universities and Research
- Regional Authorities
- Social partners
- Education and training organisations
- Schools