



**EQAVET**

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Supporting the implementation of the  
European Quality Assurance Reference Framework  
for Vocational Education and Training

# EQAVET Peer Learning Activity on

## *Actions to reduce early leaving in VET*

30 Sept - 1 October 2015  
Helsinki, Finland

Draft Programme

### **Venue:**

Helsingin Diakoniaopisto  
Alppikatu 2 A  
00530 Helsinki  
Finland

### **Day 1: 30 September 2015**

9:30-10:00	<b>Arrival and registration</b> (coffee)
10:00-10:15	<b>Welcome to the peer learning activity:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome on behalf of the EU Commission, <i>Koen Bois d'Enghien, European Commission, DG EMPL</i></li> <li>Welcome on behalf of the host organisation, the National Board of Education, Finland</li> </ul>
10:15-10:30	<b>Introduction to the peer learning activity - objectives, content, working methodology:</b> EQAVET Secretariat
10:30-11:15	<b>System level - Early warning systems used in VET – presentations from Finland and the Netherlands, followed by question and answer session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to reduce the number of learners leaving VET early in Finland Presenter: <i>Leena Koski - Finnish National Board of Education</i></li> <li>How to reduce the number of learners leaving VET early in the Netherland Presenter: <i>Marieke Baijens – CINOP, National Reference Point in the Netherlands</i></li> </ul> <b>Short plenary discussion on any issues arising from the presentations</b>
11:15-11:45	Coffee break
11:45-13:00	<b>Pilot/new project - New approaches to reducing the number of early leavers in VET – presentation from Luxembourg and Germany, followed by question and answer session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Luxembourg's piloting arrangements for a new system Presenter: <i>Christophe Struck - Ministry of National Education and Vocational Education and Training, Luxembourg</i></li> <li>Germany's experiences of running a pilot project Presenter: <i>Wolfgang Kreher - Hessisches Kultusministerium, Germany</i></li> </ul> <b>Short plenary discussion on any issues arising from the presentations</b>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:30	<b>Reducing early VET leaving and fostering social inclusion – lessons from a South Eastern Europe, Israel and Turkey project led by the European Training Foundation (ETF), followed by question and answer session</b>  Presenter: <i>Lida Kita - ETF, Specialist in VET and Social Inclusion</i>
14:30-16:00	<b>Discussions in small groups <u>on the design and use of an early warning system which reduces the number of early leavers in VET</u></b> 60 minutes - small group discussions 30 minutes - plenary discussion to identify common issues and challenges

16:00-16:45	Continuation of the small group discussions <u>on indicators to measure changes</u> in the number of early VET leavers and the use of the indicative descriptor on early leaving
16:45-17:30	Plenary and feedback from the discussions Summary of key messages and the focus for day 2 Chair: <i>Keith Brumfitt</i>
19:00	Dinner

## Day 2: 1 October 2015

9:00-9:15	Recap of day 1 and presentation of day 2 programme
9:15-9:45	Short presentation of the findings from the pre-PLA questionnaire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Keith Brumfitt</i></li> </ul> Questions and short discussion on the draft findings
9:45-11:00	Continuation of the small group discussions on the key characteristics that need to be included in using any early warning system as a means to reduce the number of early VET leavers. The focus is on <u>actions</u> which have worked and what enabled these actions to succeed.
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-12:30	Plenary presentation on the key characteristics and how they can be incorporated in a system or provider-level solution
12:30-13:00	Summary, lessons learnt and main conclusions of the PLA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Keith Brumfitt</i></li> </ul> Closing session
13:00	Lunch