

Validation of Formal, Non Formal and Informal Learning: The case study of Administration Personnel

Learning Activity 1

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ECVET

Introduction

to the topic of recognition of prior learning,
also including non-formal and informal learning



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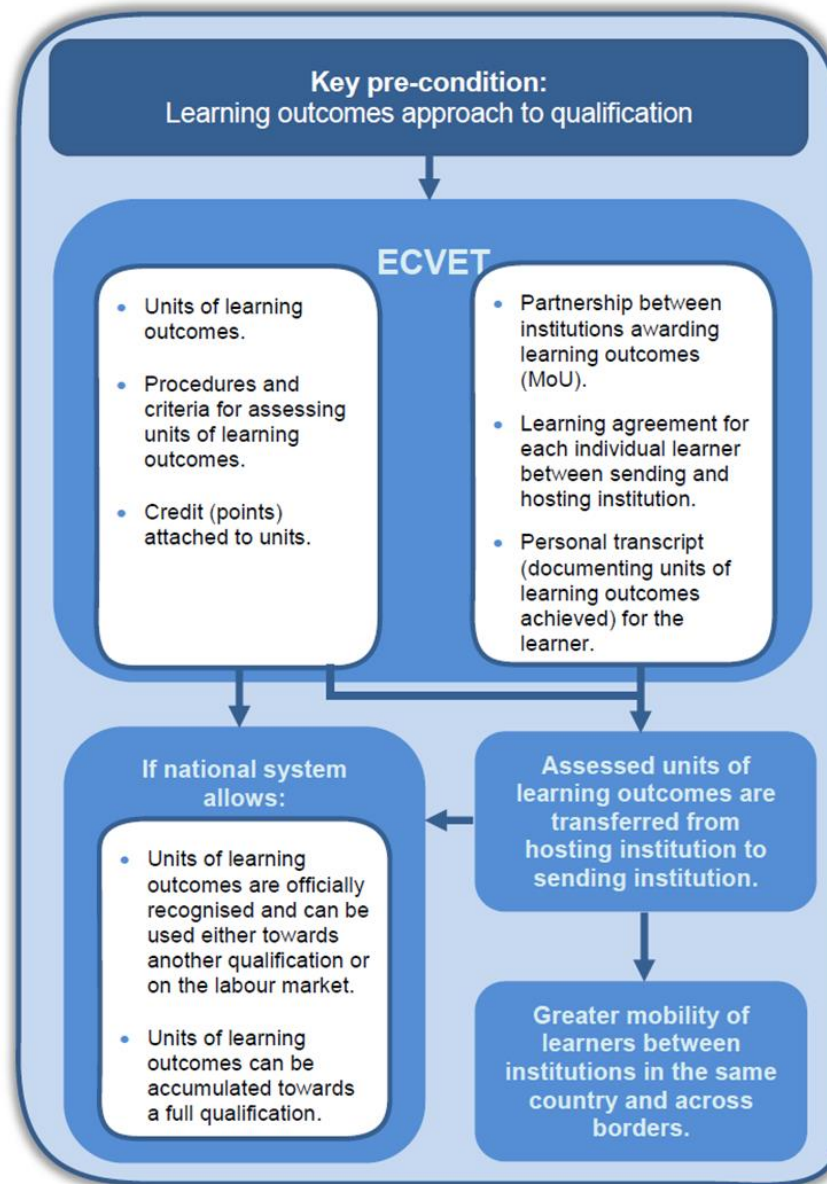
“The European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training (‘ECVET’) is intended to facilitate the transfer, recognition and accumulation of assessed learning outcomes of individuals who are aiming to achieve a qualification and promote lifelong learning through flexible and individualized learning pathways” (Cedefop 2015)

In other words:

The aim is

- to allow individuals to gain a full VET qualification, or
- to update/upgrade their VET qualifications in a flexible way, by use of credits.

A unit of learning outcomes (also called “unit” or “module”) is a component of a qualification consisting of a coherent set of knowledge, skills and competence



Source: Cedefop, 2013c.

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European “Toolkit”

EQAVET:

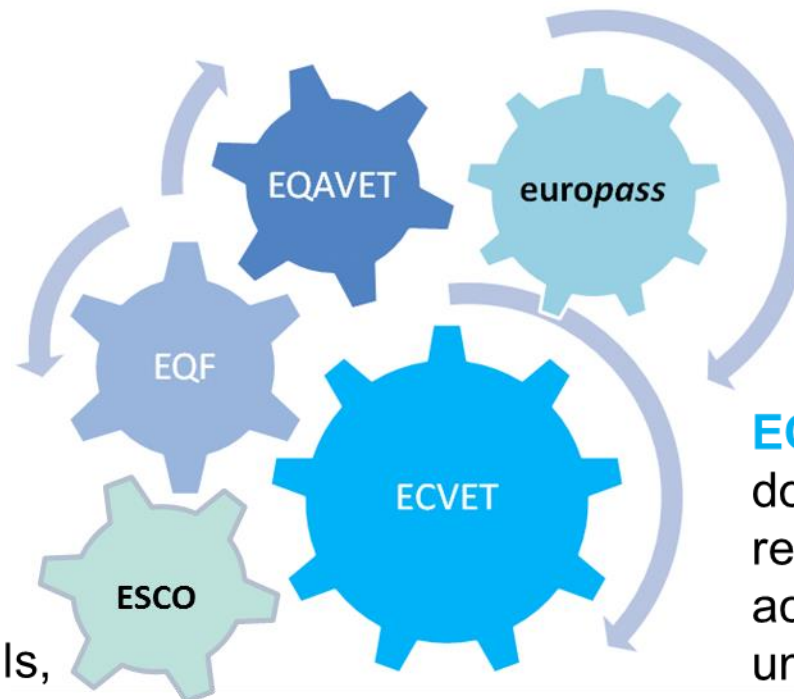
Reference system
for quality
assurance

EQF:

Transparency and
comparability of
qualifications

ESCO:

Taxonomy for skills,
competences and
occupations



europass :

standardized
document to
describe individual
skills and
competences
acquired abroad

ECVET:

documentation,
recognition and
accumulation of
units of learning
outcomes of
individuals
acquiring a
qualification

Learning Outcomes

Definition:

Statements about what a learner knows, understands and is able to do on completion of a learning process, defined in terms of knowledge, skills and competence

- Change: From Input to Outcome
- Focus on (vocational) competences referring to comparable fields of learning and work
- Irrespective of learning venue, duration and learning context (includes non-formal and informal learning)
- „common language“ and terminology is needed to achieve transparency and comparability



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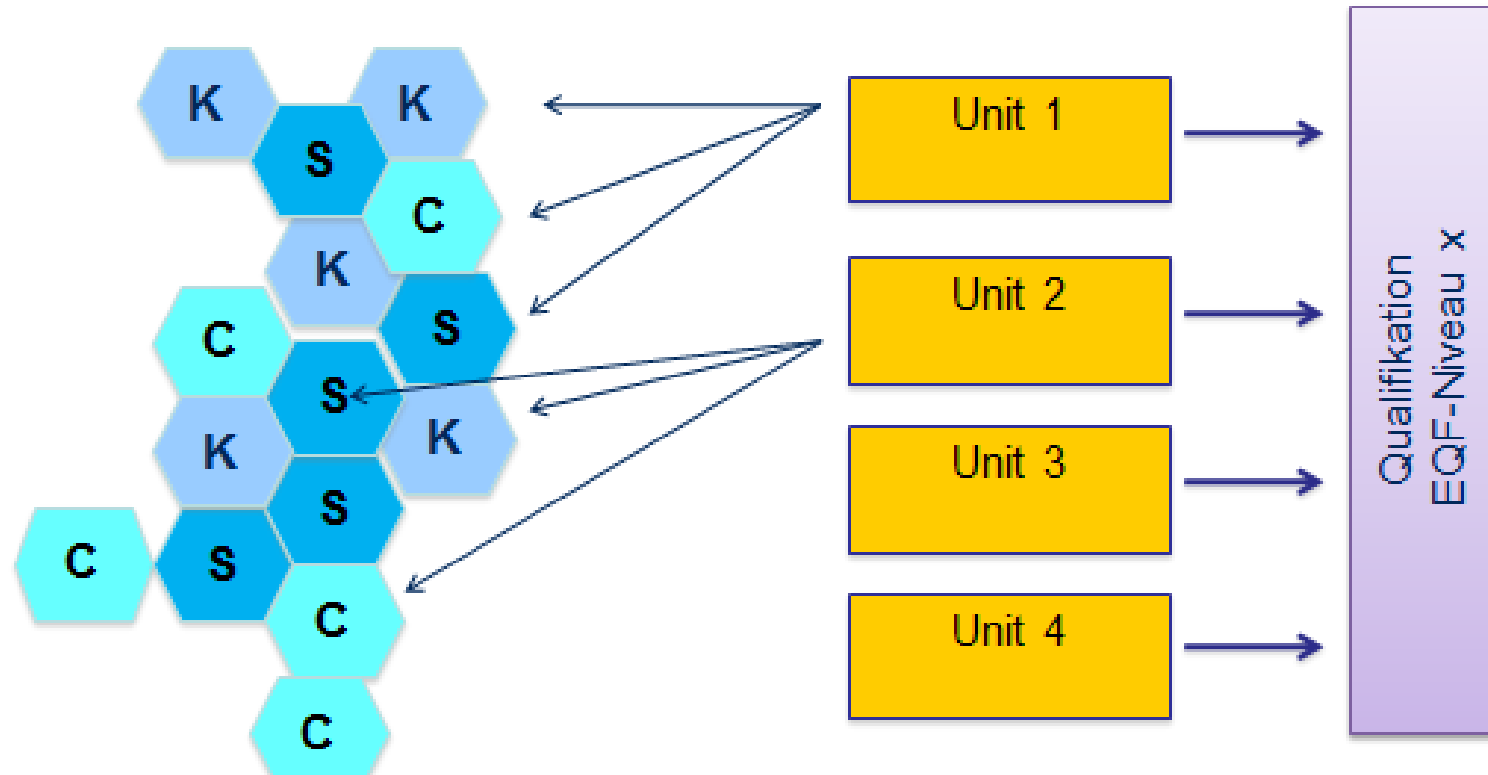
The 8 levels are defined by a set of descriptors indicating learning outcomes relevant to the qualifications

	Knowledge	Skills	Competence
Level 8			
Level 7		<i>Cognitive skills</i> (involving the use of logical, intuitive and creative thinking) and	
Level 6	<i>Theoretical and/or factual knowledge</i>		<i>Competence described in terms of responsibility and autonomy</i>
Level 5			
Level 4		<i>practical skills</i> (involving manual dexterity and the use of methods, materials, tools and instruments)	
Level 3			
Level 2			
Level 1			



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Units of Learning Outcomes



Glossary

- > Set of KSC, based on work tasks
- > Assessment possible / Credits

Learning Context B (Host country)



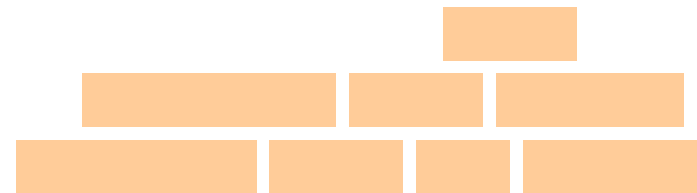
MoU

Memorandum of Understanding
Quality assurance – institutional

Personal transcript of records
Quality assurance - individual



Learning context A (Home country)



Conditions:

- Learning outcomes are described,
- Units are defined and will be offered
- Procedure for assessment and documentation is agreed upon,
- ECVET points are allocated to units of LO (1 credit point appr. 25 hours of learning)

Transfer process:

- LO are validated by the home institution
- LO are recognized as part of the VET-programme (qualification)

Examples

Guidelines for describing Learning Units

[http://www.ecvet-info.de/media/Guidelines for describing units of learning outcomes.pdf](http://www.ecvet-info.de/media/Guidelines_for_describing_units_of_learning_outcomes.pdf)

Table of Units of Learning Outcomes

<http://www.ecvet-info.de/de/325.php>

More information on ECVET and its documents

<http://www.ecvet-toolkit.eu/>

Workshop

10 projects to be examined with a set of questions:

1. **Project 1:** project THEME <http://www.theme-eu.net/index.html>
2. **Project 2:** project I CARE <http://www.icareproject.eu/index.html>
3. **Project 3:** project EUPA Validation of Formal, Non Formal and Informal Learning: The Case Study of Personal Assistants
4. **Project 4:** project 2get1care <http://www.2get1care.de>
5. **Project 5:** project EASYMetal <http://www.easymetal.inbas.com/>
6. **Project 6:** project ESyCQ <http://www.ecvet-professional.eu/index.php?lang=en>
7. **Project 7:** project SME MASTER Plus <http://www.sme-master.eu/>
8. **Project 8:** project ZOOM <http://www.zoom-eqf.eu/>
9. **Project 9:** project EREIVET <http://www.ereivet.net/index.php/en/>
10. **Project 10:** project Proper Chance http://www.proper-chance.eu/eng/project_outline.html



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