



# Introduction to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF)

Webinar on EU education tools

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# Agenda

1. The EQF in **overview**
2. The EQF in **use**



# The European Qualifications Framework: overview

- Purpose
- Core elements
- Governance

# What is the purpose of the EQF?

## CHALLENGE

Education and training systems differ across countries. Qualifications are diverse and reflect national rules and traditions.

## WIDER IMPACTS

- Employability, mobility and social integration of workers and learners
- Foster lifelong learning
- Modernising education and training systems



## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

To improve the transparency, comparability and portability of people's qualifications



# What is the EQF?

- A **translation grid** for qualifications across countries
- Defined in terms of **learning outcomes** (knowledge, skills, responsibility & autonomy)
- 8-Level reference framework, covering **all types and all levels of qualifications**
- **38 countries** participate to the EQF process and a third country dimension



# What is the governance of the EQF?



## Legal base

Council recommendation of 22 May 2017 on the European Qualifications Framework for lifelong learning



## Governance

- EU level: EQF Advisory Group
- National level: EQF National Coordination Points

EQF is established with a Council recommendation

2008

Evaluation of the 2008 EQF Council recommendation

2013

Review of the 2008 EQF Council recommendation

2017

Evaluation of the 2017 EQF Council recommendation

2022

# What are key areas of work linked to the EQF?

| MS in accordance with national circumstances   | The Commission, in cooperation with MS and stakeholders within the EQF AG  |
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| <p>Reference to the <b>EQF</b> and update referencing reports, where relevant</p> <p>Publish <b>relevant information</b></p> <p><b>Include EQF levels</b> on qualification documents</p> <p>Coordinate the work of <b>EQF NCPs</b></p> | <p>Support <b>EQF implementation process</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Voluntary procedures linked to international qualifications;</li><li>• Exploring comparison with non-EU frameworks;</li><li>• Horizontal comparison projects of qualifications and guidance on how to draft short descriptions of learning outcomes.</li></ul> |

# What is the implementation status of the EQF?

- All 38 EQF countries have **national qualifications frameworks**;
- 36 of them have **referenced** and 7 presented an **updated referencing report**;
- 33 countries **indicate EQF levels** on certificates, diplomas or supplements,
- 22 countries **indicate EQF levels** on databases or registers of qualifications;





# The European Qualifications Framework in use

- Who is it for?
- Further reading and examples

# Who is the EQF for?



# Where can I find further information?



[Comparison tool](#) on  
Europass platform




EQF [National  
Coordination Points](#)



[National referencing  
reports](#) and Cedefop's  
[European Inventory of  
NQFs](#)



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# Thank you for the attention!

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