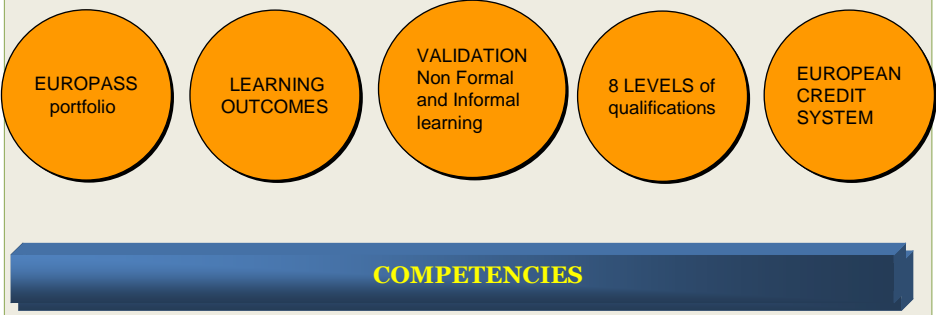


Meeting Italy-Israel

The European framework of Qualifications: the main challenges

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European qualifications framework

EQF IS BASED ON 8 QUALIFICATIONS LEVELS DEFINED ON THE BASIS OF **LEARNING OUTCOMES** AND SPECIFIED THROUGH

- > KNOWLEDGE
- > SKILLS
- > COMPETENCE (AUTONOMY AND RESPONSIBILITY)

EQF COVERS **THE ENTIRE SPAN OF QUALIFICATIONS**: FROM END OF COMPULSORY SCHOOL TO HIGHEST LEVEL OF PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

• MAIN FEATURES OF THE EQF

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- 8 levels defined through learning outcomes – knowledge, skills and competence
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- EQF has two main aims; to facilitate trans-national mobility and lifelong learning
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EQF Level 8

EQF Level 7

EQF Level 6

EQF Level 5

EQF Level 4

EQF Level 3

EQF Level 2

EQF Level 1

European qualifications framework

- **Learning outcomes - what a learner knows, understands or is able to do at the end of a learning process**
- **The learning outcomes perspective is currently an important feature of national reforms of education and training systems**

European qualifications framework

- **Many european countries are in the process of building a National Qualifications Framework coherent with the EQF**
 - **European road map**
- **2010: Countries are invited to refer national qualifications framework to the 8 levels of EQF by 2010-2011**
- **2012 Countries are invited to introduce reference to the EQF Levels within certificated and diplomas by 2012**

National Qualifications Frameworks a key instrument for the implementation of the EQF



• A snowball effect; the number of NQFs is growing rapidly, impacting

- international cooperation
- national education and training policies

Countries are at different stages of development

- **Conceptualisation and design:** *EL, LT, SK*
BU, HR, CY, HU, IS, IT, NL, NO, PL, PT, SE, TR
- **Design;** *AT, BE (Wallonia) DE, FI, IT, CZ, LU, RO, SI*
- **Implementation stage:** *MT, BE (Flanders), DK, EE,*
- **Implemented (revision stage):** *IE, UK, FR*

Validation of Non formal learning

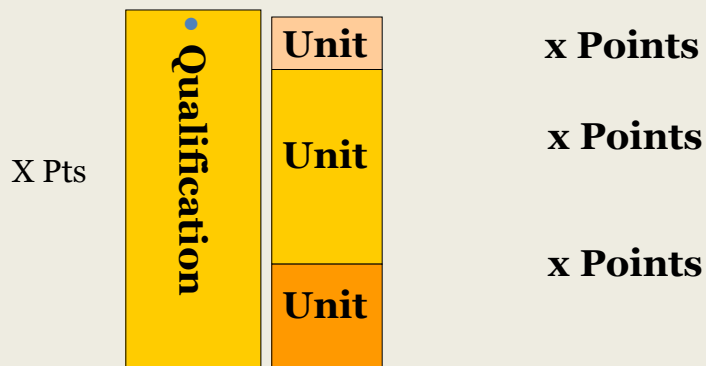
European Principles 2004
Proposal for a Recommendation by
2010



A qualification is the formal outcome of an assessment and
validation
process obtained when a competent body determines that an individual has
achieved learning outcomes to given standards

ECVET european credits system

ECVET Credit points indicate the relative weight of
units



EUROPASS portfolio of competencies	
Curriculum Vitae Europass	History of the individual
European Passport of Languages	Languages
Europass Mobility	Mobility period
Europass Diploma Supplement	University document
Europass Certificate Supplement	Vocational training document

NQF developments a global trend



- While developments in the EU are particularly strong, NQFs are developing all over the world
- More than 70 countries are currently actively developing NQFs
- The developments in the EU neighbouring regions fits into this picture, also reflecting the interest of these countries in the EQF



- **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

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