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Using ECVET for recognising VET competences



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Key messages (1):

The implementation of the ECVET system requires some conditions:

- Political decisions: the commitment of all competent authorities and the support of the social partners.
- Technical specifications.
- Adhesion of the VET operators.

Key messages (2) and other aspects:

- Flexibility and accessibility between VET, Continuous Training and labour experience.
- Permeability among different VET systems.
- The organisation of the system into units (the different units systems should be compatible in the long term).
- Use of learning outcomes approach.
- Capitalisation of all training and labour experience.

- Systemic approach: considering aims for states, for the employers and citizens.
- Considering both, international mobility and “intersystem” mobility within a country.
- To make VET and qualifications systems transparent in Europe.
- Strengthen the possibility of international training pathways with positive consequences in the professional career.

Challenges:

- Allowance of ECVET points to competence-based qualifications.
- Mutual trust at European level. How? Lighten administration
- Quality assurance.
- Making ECVET understandable to teachers and learners, social partners and users.

Priorities:

- The engagement of national authorities and other qualified bodies.
- Definition of the qualifications in terms of Learning Outcomes.
- Development of mutual trust among members states.

CONCLUSIONS

(three dimensions: technical, practical and social)

- ECVET can be a very good instrument for validation of competences.
- The VET system is structured in L.O. and units of qualifications.
- ECVET facilitates the learning pathways.
- ECVET is a tool for the capitalization of L.O.
- ECVET facilitates the individual learning pathways and the professional career.
- The implementation of ECVET requires the participation of all actors involved: political (national and regional levels), economic (social partners, enterprises) and social, including VET providers.