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The role of Guidance in the Validation Process in Spain

(Relevant features)

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Most relevant features

- ✓ Units of competence
- ✓ Guidance
"as a non-compulsory accompanying procedure"
- ✓ Validation process
as a tool to promote cooperation & coordination
- ✓ Development of ICT tools

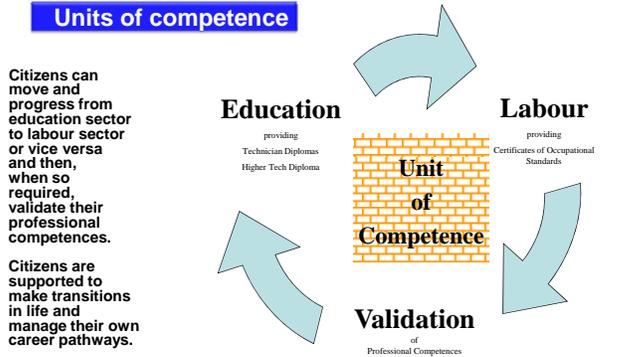
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Units of competence

- Crucial in the new Spanish Lifelong Learning system.
- It is the tool that allows permeability and transitions among different worlds: Education/Training & Labour/Employment
- It is the "Minimum knowledge/Skill Unit" acknowledged and accepted by both sectors, Education and Labour and likewise, it is a pivot point in the validation process.
- Citizens can move and progress from education sector to labour sector or vice versa and then, when so required, validate their professional competences.

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Units of competence



Education providing Technician Diplomas, Higher Tech Diplomas

Labour providing Certificates of Occupational Standards

Unit of Competence

Validation of Professional Competences

Citizens can move and progress from education sector to labour sector or vice versa and then, when so required, validate their professional competences.

Citizens are supported to make transitions in life and manage their own career pathways.

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Guidance

- **Guidance within the validation process is a "non-compulsory accompanying procedure"**
 Citizens can apply for information, support or guidance throughout the validation process whenever they fill the need to do so: before, during and after the validation process.
 - The **guidance approach** is twofold:
 - Information on the validation procedure itself;
 - Information, guidance and counselling to support citizens to better design their learning & training pathways or to better organize and structure their lives.
- Other figures in this process (advisors & assessors, experts in the field) are not permanent, as they only exist as long as the concrete "Call for Validation" is open.

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Validation

- **Validation process** can be conceived and used as
 - a tool to promote cooperation & coordination at national /regional level (e.g. Spain)
 - an idea exportable to deal with other target groups or environments (e.g. Immigrant population lacking EU requisites to enter the labour market)

