A successful match

Working with competencies

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Focus on competencies

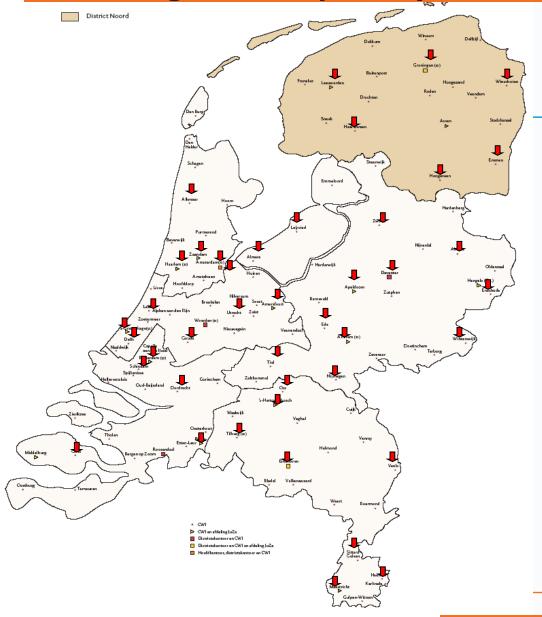
- Features of the Dutch labour market:
 - A structural demand for workforce replacement (3%-4%)
 - Permanent shift in occupations with employment opportunities
 - Increase in the qualitative differences between supply and demand in the vacancy market
- Increased use of competencies by employers for
 - recruitment
 - career development
- Competencies are in use in vocational education (diplomas)

Why use competencies?

- To support jobseekers:
 - Vocational guidance
 - Reorientation: change of occupation
 - Improving job application skills: presenting their abilities
- In future: matching on competencies:

 Registration of behavioral competencyprofiles for jobseekers and vacancies makes it possible to:
 - Refine selections when large number of candidates
 - Increase number of candidates for hard-to-fill vacancies
 - Present alternatives for hard-to-place jobseekers

Facts & figures Competency Test Centres (CTC) 2009



124 locations

550 trained advisers (185fte)

55.000 participants

- = **14**% of jobseekers
- 90% < 4 months unemployed
- average of **2** tests
- average cost of **173,18** euro, including CTC-personnel costs

(approx. 3 hours/client)

Use of competency tests

- UWV WERKbedrijf tests jobseekers who question their
 - Competencies,
 - Interests,
 - Capabilities
- Jobseekers questions are leading in addressing tests
- Web-based tests, meeting the usual requirements of validity and reliability
 - 1. Personality questionnaires
 - Interest and orientation tests
 - 3. Motivation tests dealing with career values and the willingness to change careers
 - 4. Test of cognitive capacities
 - 5. Test for entrepreneurship

Results of testing

CTC jobcoach discusses test results with the participant to

- present a personal profile in terms of competencies, personality and interests
- support the jobseeker to give a better personal presentation in job interviews
- link the outcome of the tests to opportunities in the labour market

Tool

Test results can be linked to occupations in the Competency Atlas

Appreciation of CTC service

- More than 55.000 participants in 2009. How do they rate this test service?
 - Gained better insight into labor market opportunities: 66 %
 - Are more capable of expressing their qualities: 76 %
 - Apply for different jobs than before: 43 %
 - Have more insight into suitable jobs: 72 %

On a scale from 1 tot 10: 8.2

Fields of application UWV Werkbedrijf competency services

Oriëntation

CTC Competency test →personal profile in terms of competencies →CompetencyAtlas to explore job opportunities

Information

CompetencyAtlas, indicating occupations and real-time corresponding vacancies

Occupations & competencies

Occupational classification of UWV WERKbedrijf:

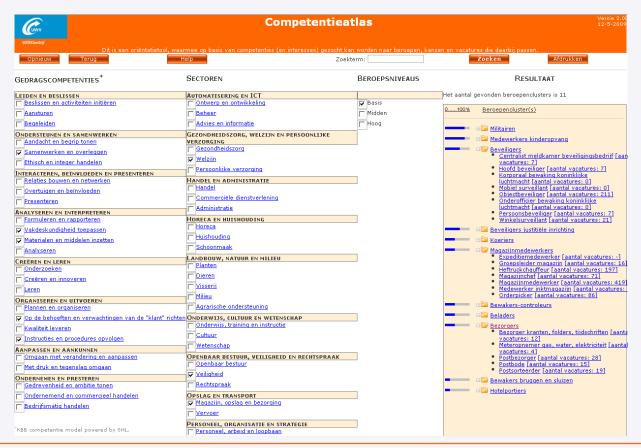
- about 3200 (match) occupations
- with about 14,000 underlying synonyms / specialisms
- ca. 450 occupational clusters



- Directiesecretaresse [aantal vacature
- Europees/internationaal secretaresse vacatures: -]
- Hoofd secretariaat [aantal vacatures:
- Juridisch secretaresse [aantal vacatur
- Medisch secretaresse [aantal vacature
- Secretaresse [aantal vacatures: -]
- Stenograaf/notulist [aantal vacatures

--- Secretaresse --- afdelingssecretaresse --- bureausecretaresse --- teamsecretaresse --- vestigingssecretaresse

Competency Atlas: results



http://www.competentieatlas.nl/index.asp

Closing the gap

Instruments:

- Apprenticeship jobs,
- Training
- APL Accreditation of prior learning
- → Recognising competences an individual has gained through formal, informal or non-formal learning in various settings,
- Awarding certificates of diplomas on the basis of a generally recognised standard.