



Towards a European Area of Skills and Qualifications

15th Plenary Meeting and 5th Policy Review Meeting of the
European Lifelong Guidance Policy Network

11-12 June 2014, Zagreb, Croatia



Objective of the European Area of Skills and Qualifications

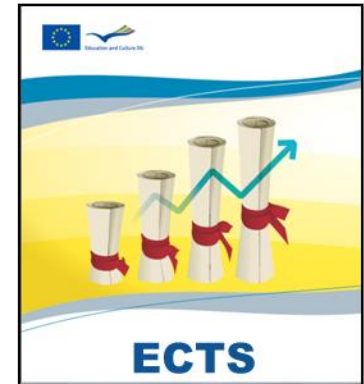
To enable learners and workers in Europe to have their skills and qualifications understood and recognised, within and across national borders, by employers and by educational institutions in a fair, coherent and transparent way, so that these skills and qualifications can be effectively used for employability or for further learning.

Progress of a decade

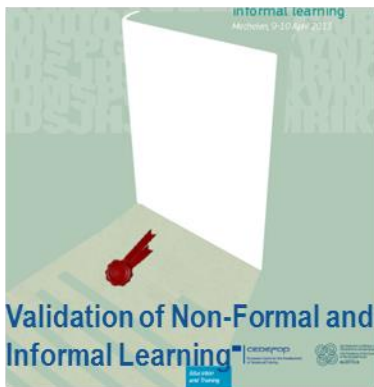
Some examples



European Commission



Quality assurance arrangements



ESCO - European Skills/Competences, qualifications and Occupations

EASQ



In a European Area of Skills and Qualifications EU policies and tool should:

- ❖ *be centred on the learner, promoting flexible learning pathways,*
- ❖ *support new phenomena such as the growing use of digital learning and internationalisation of education,*
- ❖ *provide better services to learners, workers and employers*
- ❖ *simpler, better understandable and more coherent, and*
- ❖ *support national structural reforms that aim to achieve these objectives.*



Public consultation

- ❖ *Public consultation ran from 17 December 2013 to 15 April 2014*
- ❖ *289 replies + 85 position papers*
- ❖ *44% replies from individuals*
- ❖ *Mainly from EU + EFTA, candidate and potential candidate countries + Australia*



1. How to place a stronger focus on higher and more relevant skills
2. Further strengthening links between education/training, mobility and the labour market
3. Adapting to internationalisation trends
4. Ensuring overall coherence of tools and policies and further implementing the learning outcomes approach



5. Ensuring clarity of rules and procedures for the recognition of skills and qualifications for further learning
6. Increasing the focus on quality assurance
7. Providing learners and workers with a single access point to obtain information and services supporting a European area of skills and qualifications.



Eurobarometer

- **26 April – 5 May 2014**
- **Target group: 15+ (= 28,300)**
- **Approaching the issues under consultation in more accessible terms**
- **Results presented at Conference on 17 June 2014**



Next steps...



- **17 June 2014: high-level conference presenting the results of the public consultation**
Conference videos will be published after the event:
<https://conference-easq.teamwork.fr/en/programme>
- **First half of 2015: possible launch of a political initiative by the Commission**
- **2016: possible initiatives to revise policies and tools**



THANK YOU!