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■ ECVET and the needs of mobility promoters

(Leonardo da Vinci) AT (5) / HU (155) / DE (257) / IT (114)

- Positive attitude and expectations towards ECVET and learning outcomes
- About 60% have heard about ECVET
- The level of knowledge is basic
- Very few have practical experience
- A large majority is interested in participating in information sessions



■ Common European standards and their impact (1)

- Standardization of mobility units; development of common European training standards
- Transparency and comparability of qualifications as precondition for a European education area
 - Transparency of acquired competences and mobility pathways
 - Comparability of training systems and qualifications

The added value of ECVET



„The empty shell of a job title will be replaced by a detailed description of possible learning outcomes [...] and it will be easier to understand a skilled worker's qualification.“

Source: Online survey, NCP DE 2012



■ Common European standards and their impact (2)

■ Recognition and transferability

- Changing attitudes towards mobility (appreciation of learning mobility)
- Fostering mobility, lifelong learning & cooperation
- Positive labor market effects

The added value of ECVET



„The application of ECVET and the recognition of learning outcomes fosters the acceptance of learning mobility on the part of companies. On the other hand this can increase the attractiveness of VET.“

Source: Online survey, NCP DE 2012



■ Common European standards and their impact (3)

■ Quality assurance and quality improvement

- Support in identifying and agreeing mobility phases and contents
- MoU and learning agreement “force” the partners into a more intensive communication

The added value of ECVET



„The mobility period would improve in quality and all parties would be obliged to come to an agreement concerning contents and methods.“

Source: Online survey, NCP DE 2012



■ Integration of mobility phases into training programmes

- Mobility phases as a training standard
- Scheduled and sustainable mobility periods

■ Employment and labor market instrument

- Establishment of a European labor market
 - Intercultural competence and language skills



■ Additional efforts

- Fear of bureaucracy (formal administrative burdens, introduction of additional forms)
- Investment of time (ECVET is perceived as time-consuming)



„Writing applications and evaluating mobilities, maintaining contacts to the partner school and partner companies – and all that in English – takes a lot of time. I did not dare to struggle along with ECVET.“

Source: Online survey, NCP DE 2012



■ Diversity of VET systems in Europe

- Particularly challenging are assessment and certification
- Training contents and focus
- Language barriers in terms of missing common language



„The diversity of VET systems hampers a common understanding on the learning outcomes. It is by no means certain that each partner has the same interpretation of terms.“

Source: Online survey, NCP DE 2012



- **Lacking commitment and support by national/regional/local authorities**



Thank you for your attention !

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