

**WORKSHOP ON THE****PILOT STUDY ON EUROPASS, ECVET AND EQF FOR DOCUMENTATION, VALIDATION
AND CERTIFICATION OF LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Thessaloniki, 10 and 11 February 2011

OUTLINE AND AGENDA**Background to the workshop**

Europass, the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) and the European Credit system for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET), so-called European tools, have been developed at different periods of time. They aim at similar purposes of supporting mobility in Europe while providing information and transparency on qualifications to the Education and Training stakeholders, to individuals and to stakeholders on the labour market. These tools, relying on the learning outcomes approach, operate in the context of mobility at large (geographical and professional), not only in formal education and training settings, but also for the recognition of non-formal and informal learning achievements; thus, they are instruments to support lifelong learning.

In 2009, Cedefop decided to launch a pilot project to experiment how the Europass framework, more specifically the Europass Certificate Supplement and Europass Mobility, need to be adjusted to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by ECVET and EQF in view of documenting, validating and certifying learning outcomes. The study shall formulate proposals and recommendations for enhancing the consistent and coherent use of these three European tools.

This pilot study consists of two main parts: a technical part linked to adapting the selected Europass templates, and an analytical part in the form of a feasibility study for a joint use of the European tools in view of documentation, validation and certification of learning outcomes.

In November 2010, the contractor delivered the second interim report.

The workshop

The workshop is organised along three main topics:

- 1) ECVET, EQF, Europass : state of play and perspectives
- 2) Objective of the Pilot Study
- 3) Preliminary results of the study

AGENDA

Thursday, 10 February 2011

09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome to the workshop
10:10 – 11:10	ECVET, EQF, Europass: what are we talking about? State of play of the implementation and perspectives Erik Hess, European Commission Loukas Zahilas – Philippe Tissot, Cedefop
11:10 – 11:30	Objective of the Pilot Study 'Europass, ECVET and EQF for Documentation, Validation and Certification of Learning Outcomes' Isabelle Le Mouillour – Philippe Tissot, Cedefop
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:45 – 13:00	Presentation of the findings country by country - Preliminary key messages on the usability and use of the Europass Mobility and certificate supplement Sofia Spiliotopoulou, Idec
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 15:00	The modified templates and instructions of the Europass Mobility and Certificate supplements - Discussion Sofia Spiliotopoulou, Idec
15:00 – 16:30	Preliminary results of the feasibility study on the use of Europass Mobility for documentation, validation and certification purposes within ECVET- Discussion Presentation: Sofia Spiliotopoulou, Idec – Discussion (all participants)
16:30 – 16:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:45 – 17:30	The next steps Isabelle Le Mouillour – Philippe Tissot, Cedefop

Friday, 11 February 2011

10:00 – 10:10	Welcome and coffee
10:10 – 12:45	Europass and validation – Issues at stake and solutions Brainstorming session
12:45	Closure of the workshop
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
