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Sectoral approaches session

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Statistics

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20 participants

9 projects (3 analytical and 6 brief presentations)

SECCOMPAT (construction and Hospitality), EQF PRO (ICT and Banking),
METAL QF (Metal industry)

and

SQF CON (Construction) – Bricklayer, EU in Motion (Health), EQUIP
(Elderly care and Social care), HEQ_Bridges (Aviation and Mecatronic),
EQUALIFISE (Financial)

Questions of the sectoral approaches session

- How can sectoral qualifications frameworks relate to the EQF or to a national qualifications system or framework?
- Which are the problems if a sectoral framework/qualifications were to be part of more than one national systems/ frameworks?
- For sectoral frameworks, not belonging to national systems/ frameworks, which should be the referencing procedure? Which is the role of quality assurance in the sectoral approaches?

Points of interest

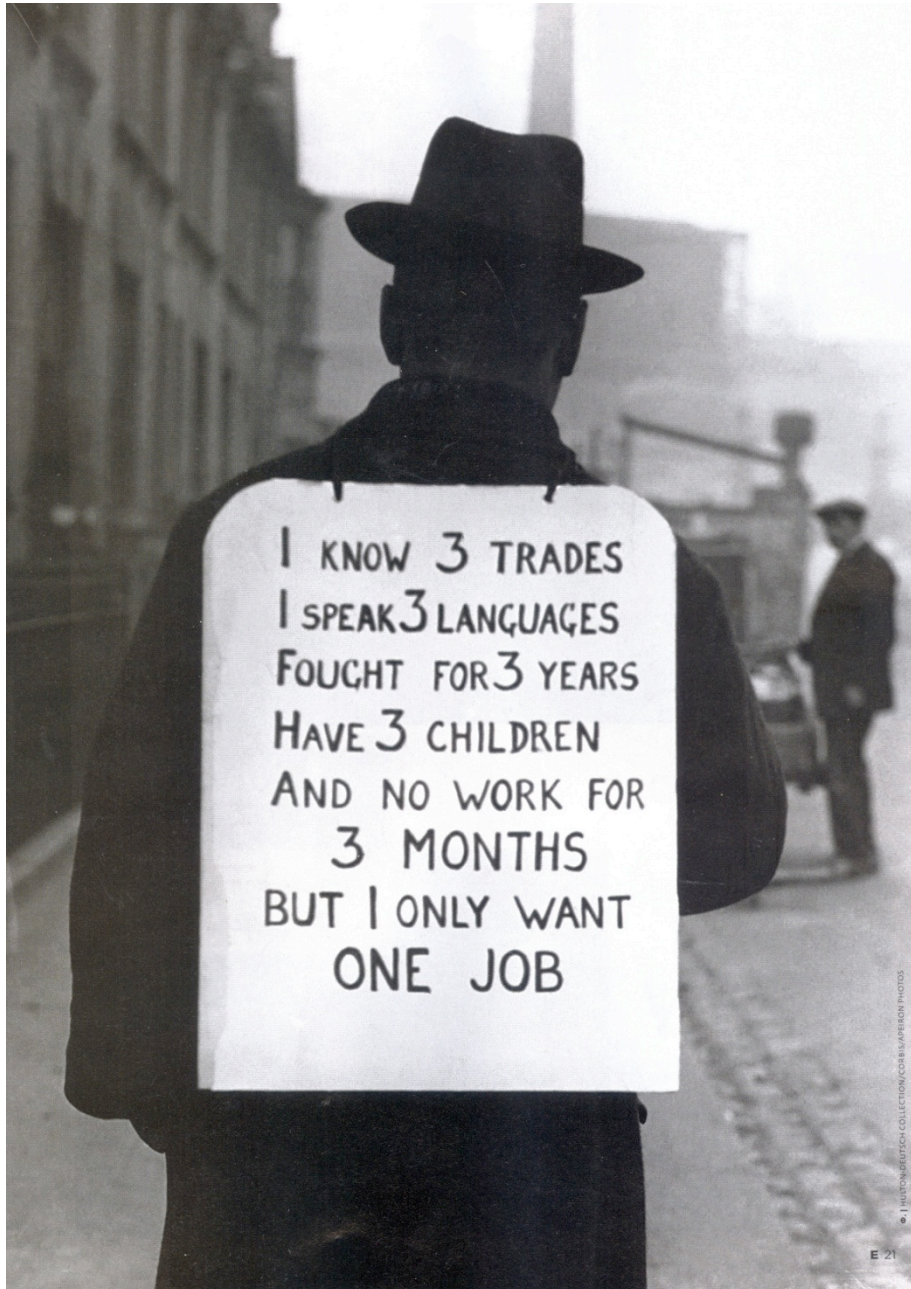
Referencing exercises still a question. Many referencing models (qualification to qualification, qualification to other NQF, qualifications to NQFs, direct links to the EQF), not enough evidence. The safety of the NQF scenario.

Clusters of sectors. Common ideas, common problems, common approaches, common mechanisms. Working with functions or with qualifications? Diversity linked to the specificities of the sectors.

Keep building zones of mutual trust and keep working together. An awful lot to be learnt between sectors. Search for theA lo common ground rather than reinventing the wheel.

Old habits die hard...

- The EQF descriptors still can be read in different ways through the projects.
- We are still discussing the learning outcomes issue and we are still searching for the common language.
- Need for more practical evidence. The development of more national qualifications frameworks will support the pilot's ideas and will allow more reliable conclusions.



Can we be optimistic?

The projects and sectors represented in this second workshop, no matter how many problems they still have to overcome, show the gradual development of a culture of cooperation, and an increased level of maturity (follow up projects in many cases) that can definitely support the whole EQF/NQF implementation. And please, don't forget the man on the street