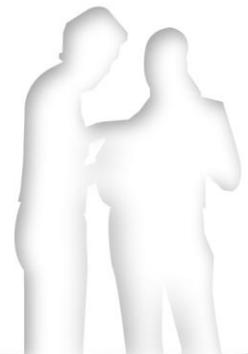




AGENDA

Event	Shaping Level 5
LOCATION	Sermig, Torino, Italy
DATE(S)	7-8 June 2018



Event background

Qualifications at level 5 of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) appeal to both learners and employers. Learners are attracted by their employability value and their potential for access to further study and their often flexible learning pathways. Employers value their labour market relevance – level 5 qualifications are usually linked to specific occupations.

Provision is heterogeneous - qualifications types awarded at level 5 can be delivered in higher education institutions, or by vocational education and training (VET) colleges; in many countries, access to level 5 qualifications and programmes can be achieved via validation of non-formal learning. Courses leading to Level 5 qualifications are usually shorter than bachelor degree courses. This diversity correspondingly appeals to a diverse band of learners from different educational backgrounds, age groups, professional experience and career aims.

But despite these benefits, take-up by learners is inconsistent in ETF partner countries. In some cases provision is limited. Often, level 5 qualifications are outdated, exist outside formal systems and are thus unrecognised by National Qualifications Frameworks (NQFs) and have content and outcomes incompatible with the needs of flexible progression routes.

Another obstacle is the traditional division of education and training into demarcated subsystems - institutions have tended to see themselves as belonging to either higher education (HE) or VET and often operate within different quality assurance and wider regulatory systems. These traditions and practices militate against easy pathways and clear

links between VET and HE and remain obstacles to effective lifelong learning systems. But level 5 qualifications, especially when formulated within credit-based modular frameworks, offer the potential to act as gateways to multiple educational destinations and not solely a restricted staging post in a single educational route.

NQFs are tools to address exactly such issues. They bracket qualifications of different types together and use a common conceptual basis in learning outcomes. Those who earn level 5 qualifications should be able to: (i) move into meaningful employment; (ii) pursue further education within the same stream of the education system; (iii) move into another stream of the education system e.g. transit from professional to academic higher education strands.

So how can NQFs support delivery of these functions of level 5 qualifications? It will be useful to explore good practice in the co-development by employers, VET and HE stakeholders of modernised level 5 qualifications that are fully recognised by NQFs at home and abroad.

The European Training Foundation is hosting this event, in cooperation with the Council of Europe, to (a) demonstrate and discuss the latest provision and learning and range of qualifications and innovative practices; (b) offer solutions, including via using NQFs; (c) identify with the Partner Countries where ETF and Council of Europe can cooperate to support them in progressing Level 5 provision, in 2019-20.

Our event aims to contribute to partner country qualification system reforms, so it will have a strong information-sharing and peer-learning character. Participants from EU countries, the EU's Neighbourhood, Cedefop and the Council of Europe will share their expertise.

Outcomes of the event should be that participants are aware of the varied functions of Level 5 qualifications and of innovative use and practices in these qualifications and have identified potential interventions with Council of Europe and ETF in 2019-20.

Participants

Approximately 60 experts, officials and stakeholders will participate, drawn from all regions among the ETF Partner Countries and from the European Union Member States, the European Commission, Cedefop and the Council of Europe.



Qualifications Platform

All the materials in English, French and Russian (agenda, list of participants, workshop notes, presentations, pictures etc.) will be available on **www.QualificationsPlatform.net**.

Day One, 7 June 2018 (Thursday)

Conference Moderator: Xavier Matheu de Cortada, European Training Foundation (ETF)

08.30 – 09.00	Registration with welcome coffee
09.00 – 09.10	Opening, objectives, agenda Xavier Matheu de Cortada, Head of Thematic Policy Unit, Operations Department, ETF
09.10 – 10.00	Setting the scene Jean-Philippe Restoueix, Council of Europe Michael Graham, Strategic Project Leader, Qualifications and Qualification Systems, ETF
10.00 – 11.00	Level 5 qualifications: cases, challenges, and what's new Volodymyr Kovtunets, First Deputy Minister of Education and Science, Ukraine Mehmet Saribiyik, Sakarya University, Turkey Volker Rein, Federal Institute for vocational education and training (BIBB), Germany Jean-Louis Gouju, National Council for Education Economy (CNEE), France Facilitator: Julian Stanley, ETF
11.00 – 11.30	▪ Coffee break
11.30 – 12.00	Q and A Facilitator: Julian Stanley, ETF
12.00 – 12.45	Look round Sermig, guided tour
12.45 – 14.00	▪ Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	<p>WORKSHOPS</p> <p>Workshop 1 : Successful innovations of Learning and Provision?</p> <p>Presenters: Seija Mahlamäki-Kultanen, Finland; Naima Bentoudja, VET Department, Ministry of National Education, Morocco and Mohammed Kehel, Ministry of National Education, Morocco Facilitators: Arjen Deij, ETF Rapporteur: Ejvis Gishti, Albania Venue: Plenary room - Auditorium</p> <p>Workshop 2 : VET and Higher Education cooperation (with focus on level 5 qualifications)</p> <p>Presenters: Tamar Samkharadze, Ministry of Education, Georgia and Tamar Rukhadze, National Centre for Educational Quality Enhancement, Georgia; Kalamkas Algazinova, Ministry of Education, Kazakhstan Facilitators: Eduarda Castel-Branco, ETF Rapporteur: Shawn Mendes, Sweden Venue: Room Dialogo 1</p>

	<p>Workshop 3: Occupational links and employability of level 5 qualifications</p> <p><i>Presenters: Jan van del Kolk, Senior Advisor, Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences Netherlands; Rute Ferraz, European Welding Federation</i></p> <p><i>Facilitators: Mirjam de Jong, ETF</i></p> <p><i>Rapporteur: Filippo Del Ninno, ETF</i></p> <p><i>Venue : Room Dialogo 2</i></p>
15.30 – 16.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coffee break
16.00 – 17.00 <i>Plenary room Auditorium</i>	<i>Partner countries: preparing the plans for Level 5 actions</i>
19.30	<i>Transfer to the Restaurant (Meeting point: Lobby of “Genova” Hotel)</i>
20.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ OFFICIAL DINNER: Torino (restaurant “Turet”, Via Santa Teresa, 23, Torino)

Day Two, 8 June 2018 (Friday)

9.00 – 9.30	<i>Welcome coffee and EXPO of country plans for Level 5</i>
9.30 – 10.30	<i>Partner countries presentations: Four country plans for Level 5 actions</i>
10.30 – 11.30	<p><i>Panel session</i></p> <p><i>Slava Pevec-Grm, CEDEFOP</i></p> <p><i>Francoise Profit, French Secretariat of Bologna</i></p> <p><i>Daniela Kocanova, EACEA, European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Stephen Adam, Council of Europe</i></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Carmo Gomes, ETF</i></p>
11.30 – 12.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coffee break
12.00 – 13.00	<p><i>Conclusions and recommendations</i></p> <p><i>Jean-Phillippe Restoueix, Council of Europe</i></p> <p><i>Michael Graham, ETF</i></p>
13.00 - 14.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lunch