

THE EUROPEAN QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK LINKING TO A GLOBALISED WORLD

International conference
European Parliament, Brussels
29-30 January 2009

Thursday, 29 January 2009

09.30 Registration

10.00 Opening speeches

- *Jan Andersson, Chair of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee of the European Parliament*
- *Ondřej Liška, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic (tbc)*
- *Odile Quintin, Director-General, DG Education and Culture, European Commission*
- *Eneko Landaburu, Director-General, DG External Relations, European Commission (tbc)*
- *Muriel Dunbar, Director, European Training Foundation*

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Session 1 - The European Qualifications Framework

Chair, Moira McKerracher, Scottish Qualification Authority

- What is the purpose of the European Qualifications Framework? Cedefop and ETF
- EQF from a Member State perspective, EQF Advisory Group, Ireland
- Perspectives on the EQF from a non Member State, New Zealand Qualifications Authority
- Commentary, EQF Advisory Group, Croatia

Discussion facilitated by the ETF

13.00 Lunch

15.00 Session 2 - Qualification frameworks worldwide

Chair, Borhène Chakroun, European Training Foundation

- Developments and lessons learned in Southern Africa, South African Qualifications Authority
- Qualification Frameworks in the United Arab Emirates
- Developments in the Australian Qualification Framework
- Commentary by EQF Advisory Group, Austria (tbc)

Discussion facilitated by the OECD

16.30 Coffee break

17.00 Session 3 - Qualifications and development

Chair, Martha Pacheco, ILO-Cinterfor, Uruguay

- The contribution of frameworks to development and development co-operation, ETF
- Informal and non formal learning and frameworks, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning
- Commentary from GTZ, Germany

Discussion facilitated by the World Bank

18.00 Cocktail

20.30 Official dinner

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9.30 Session 4 - Qualification frameworks in partner countries of the EU

Chair, Xavier Matheu de Cortada, European Training Foundation

- National Agency of Vocational Education and Training, Albania
- Department of Vocational Training, Morocco
- Commentary, EQF Advisory Group, France

Discussion facilitated by EQF Advisory Group member, Council of Europe

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Closing session

Chair, Gabriella Di Francesco, ISFOL (L'Istituto per lo sviluppo della formazione professionale dei lavoratori, Italy (tbc))

- Panel discussion: Review of comments and discussion from sessions (ETF, Cedefop, EQF Advisory Group, North America, Asia-Pacific, Africa, South America)
- Discussion
- Conclusions on:
 - Partnerships and exchanging information.
 - Sharing knowledge and experience

13.00 Lunch