Developing organisational and financial models for including non-formal sector qualifications in National Qualifications

Developing organisational and financial Frameworks

Hungarian Qualification Framework



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Basic concepts and terminologies

- Qualification (and certification): proves certain level of educational attainement with/out vocational-professional qualification recognised by the state, can be issued in the formal and non-formal system as well
- Certificate: issued solely in non-formal sector, certifies the learning outcomes based on some sort of assessment, examination
- Certification of attendance: proves one's participation in training
- Formal non-formal qualifications are overlapping
- Formal non-formal training school system or outside but the concepts are not based on regulations
- Regulated : requirements, standards, QA, prescribed procedures, financed by the state
- Unregulated: considered as free market service



Regulated sub-sectors			Unregulated sub-sectors
School system	Trainings regulated by the Act on Adult Training		Adult training market not under the scope of Act on Adult Training
Postgraduate (post BA, post MA) specification training programmes	type A: supported training for NVQR quaifications	Authority regulated trainings	Training activities in enterprises (in workplace)
Diplomas obtained in HE Competence development courses HE VET qualifications VET: NVOR	type B: "other supported professional trainings" (based on professional program requirements registered at Chamber)	Mandatory (credit based) further training systems for teachers, social workers, jurists, health	Competence development training programmes on the market (considered as market services)
qualifications Secondary school leaving examination 8 grade primary education	type C: Language trainings (based on program requirements)	sector, public administration	
	type D: all other trainings		



Historical context of the HuQF

Before birth of the European Recommendation

- VET: NVQR sectoral framework (hierachy + descriptors + learning outcomes) since 2004.
- HE: EHEA framework since 2006.

After Recommendation has been born

- 2069/2008 Government Resolution on the accession to the implementation of the EQF and creation of the HuQF
- conceptualization led by the MoE (levels/descriptors, policy/institutional issues) + 3 development projects with using ESF money
- 1004/2011 Government Resolution on the creation of HuQF renewal of commitment, adjusting institutional framework of HuQF process to new government

1229/2012 Government Resolution: decision on the grid (8 levels, 4 descriptors) + setting the process for referencing to EQF

Referencing done at spring 2015



Aims of the HuQ

- Before 2010
 - Used to be planned as a reforming framework: policy coordination instrument and orientational framework for developments
 - reinforcing learning outcomes approach, promotion and orientation of planning curricular changes
 - transferring standards and external reference for assessment frameworks and sectoral qualification system
 - _ coordination of sectoral quality assurance systems and mechanisms

Shift in policy concept – communicative framework

- _ promoting mobility, transparency, communication, etc.
- leveling qualifications in a hierarchical system for the pupose of transparency & dialogue
- _ Reinforce learning outcomes approach

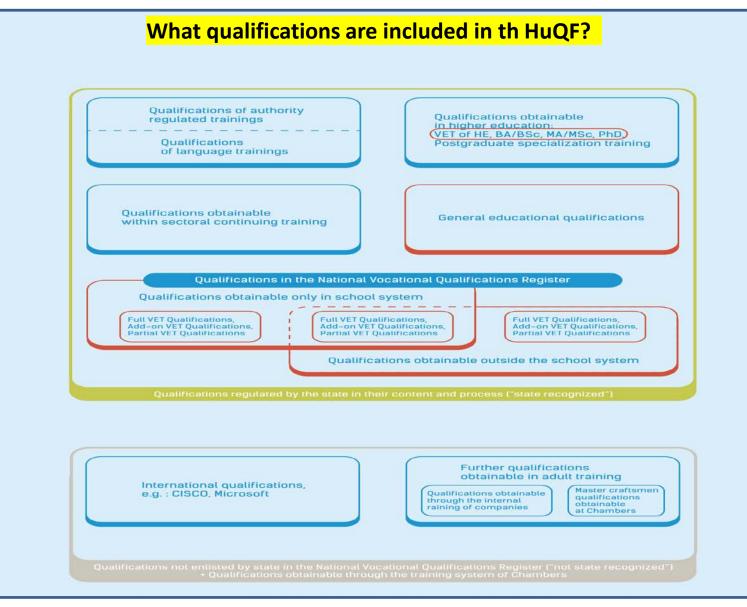


Current status of HuQF

- No explicit policy goals
- Ex-lex situation: Gov. Resolution development phase + referencing
- New legal basis for governance, management and quality assurance of NQF is still missing (proposal was submitted and it is still pending for 1,5 years)
- No common or unified guideline for inclusion to HuQF
- Decisions and/or legal basis for sectoral NQF implementation (including inclusion) missing as well
- No decision on revision, monitoring and QA for HuQF as a whole
- No decision on what "qualifications" might be included
- What should we do if a training provider intend to include their qualification into HuQF
- At present HuQF is restricted to state recognised qualifications + adult training type B.



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What are the qualifications included in the HuQF?

- All state recognised qualifications:
 - Higher education (short cycle, BA,/BSc, MA/MSc, PhD, postgraduate specialisation training)
 - NVQR qualifications (full, partial, add-on)
 - General education (primary school and secondary education matura)
- Type B training certificate under the Act on Adult Training

Which are not included?

- Qualifications of authority regulated trainings
- Type C language training certificate
- Type D ,,other" training programmes' (under the scope of Adult Training Law) certificates of attendance
- Sector/Company certificates accepted internationally (Oracle, Cisco, Microsoft)
- Other certifying documents issued on the free training market
- Sectoral, international certificates

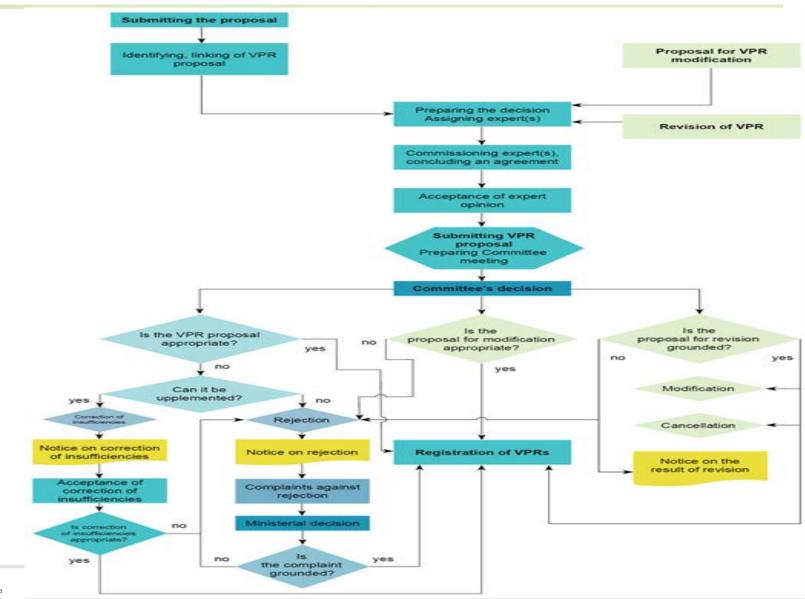


Governance of HuQF

- Subsectors keep their right and duties to proceed and manage their qualifications' system
- They do inclusion to the HuQF, sectoral procedures, methodologies and decisions
- HE Education and outcomes requirements in line with descriptor categories issued by the Ministry, HEI submits the program including levels and HAC assesses (review panel)
- VET Personal profile and occupational profile written learning outcomes but different then HuQF descriptors
- Adult learning: Type B training are included, training providers submit Vocational Programme Requirement for licencing their programme, standard format, expert committee assesses and HCCI is giving licence + registering the course, QA: criteria system required for obtaining the licence, criteria system required for operation.
- Ownership: enterpeneur know-how publicly owned programme requirements



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Procedure of inclusion

- Submitting the proposal
- Identification and linking of the VPR proposal
- Preparation of the decision -- *programme accreditation expert*
- Making the proposal based on expert opinion
- Making the decision
- Completion, rejection
- Amendment and revision of the programme requirement
- Registration of VPRs



Cost of inclusion

- During development state recognised qualifications were linked and the expert costs embedded in the development costs
- Cost for formal state recognised qualifications state budget (responsible institutions)
- Type B training Licencing cost after VPR and training programme examination

Issuing (first time)	For NVQR training, ⁺
and modifying an	type B other
official licence	vocational trainings:
	a basic fee of EUR
	322 + EUR 219 per
	training programme.



Future perppectives

- HuQF legal basis
- Clear and legitimate policy goals + dedicated institutional setting
- Unified coordination mechanisms and QA for the whole framework operation
- More specific intermediary sectoral (economic) level of the framework under overarching HuQF
- Linking european transparency tools in the implementation



Thank you for your attention

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