



**Conference:
Including non-formal sector qualifications
in the national qualifications framework -
the experiences and solutions of 7 European countries**

Date: 9 November 2017 (Thursday)

Venue: Czech Republic, Prague, Jurys Inn Hotel

Time: 9.00 – 17:00

Conference description

The aim of the conference is to present and discuss organisational and financial solutions regarding the inclusion of non-formal sector qualifications in the national qualifications frameworks (NQF) of seven European countries: Czech Republic, Croatia, France, Hungary, Ireland, Poland, Scotland.

By non-formal sector qualifications we mean qualifications awarded outside traditional formal education systems (general, vocational, higher education). During the conference, different aspects of the inclusion of qualifications in NQFs will be discussed: which institutions are responsible for managing the NQF? What is their role? Which institutions are responsible for the inclusion of qualifications? Which types of qualifications can be included in national qualifications frameworks? Do the non-formal education qualifications included in the NQF „become part of” the public domain? What are the costs of including non-formal sector qualifications in the NQF? What is the rationale for the adopted solutions?

The conference is targeted to national decision makers and stakeholders involved in the process of developing systemic solutions on including qualifications and developing national frameworks. The conference will be held in English. Simultaneous translation into the Czech language will be provided.

The conference is organised within the NQF-IN project: *Developing organisational and financial models for including non-formal sector qualifications in National Qualifications Frameworks* financed by the Erasmus+ framework. For more information, see: www.nqf-in.eu.

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Provisional Conference Programme

9:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 9:45	Official welcome
9:45 – 10:00	Aims of the NQF-IN project: <i>Developing organisational and financial models for including non-formal sector qualifications in National Qualifications Frameworks</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Including different types of qualifications in the NQF – conceptual and terminology issues
10:30 – 12:00	<p>Presentation of the country solutions: historical context of NQF implementation, procedures of the inclusion of non-formal sector qualifications, legal status of qualifications included in the NQF, costs of inclusion. What solutions have proven to be successful?</p> <p>Czech Republic <i>Representative of NÚV: National Institute for Education</i></p> <p>Scotland <i>Representative of SCQFP: Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework Partnership</i></p> <p>France <i>Representative of Céreq: French Centre for Research on Qualifications</i></p>
12:00 – 12:20	Coffee Break
12:20 – 14:10	<p>Continuing presentations of the country solutions</p> <p>Croatia <i>Representative of University of Split</i></p> <p>Ireland <i>Representative of Dublin Institute of Technology</i></p> <p>Hungary <i>Representative of the Educational Authority</i></p> <p>Poland <i>Representative of the Educational Research Institute</i></p>
14:10 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 16:45	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Discussing further developments and implementation of the NQFs in the European project countries with a focus on the inclusion of non-formal sector qualifications</p> <p><i>Representatives of all project countries</i></p>
16:45 – 17:00	Conclusions, final remarks and comments