SWFM-QF CORE RESULTS

✓ COMPARISON REPORT

The SWFM-QF Comparison report analyses and compares the qualifications, national vocational education and training (VET) systems and the labour markets in the field of waste management in the eight EU SWFM-QF project partners' countries.

✓ THE HARMONIZED QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

A harmonized qualifications and training frame for managers employed in different types of solid waste management facilities, was developed, in alignment with EQF and ECVET tools, supporting to the recognition and adoption of the necessary qualifications of solid waste management occupation, across the European Union countries. The respective identified qualifications are presented in the form of a matrix according to EQF level 6 knowledge, skills and competences descriptors.

A suite of qualification modules was developed by the project partners:

1. Generic Modules

- Solid Waste Facility Operational Management,
- Human Resources Management,
- Financial and Contractual Management,
- Environmental Aspects Management,
- Health and Safety Issues Management,
- New Projects Management

2. Waste Treatment Specific Modules

- Transfer and Waste Sorting stations,
- Sanitary Landfills,
- Incineration Plants,
- Anaerobic Digestion Plants,
- Mechanical Treatment Plants,
- Recycling Facilities,
- Composting Facilities,

All the developed qualifications modules are uploaded and can be easily accessed via SWFM-QF webpage at: http://www.swfm-qf.eu/main/?page_id=7304&lang=en.

✓ THE INFO-TRAINING TOOLKIT

For each developed qualification module the requirements for a training course were determined. All the training courses information were organised in order to have the format of an e-toolkit, the SWFM-QF Info-Training Toolkit.

Info-Training toolkit contains a course concept and structure for each qualification module and requirements for trainers', trainees' and training facilities and infrastructures.
Info-Training toolkit contents are uploaded and can be accessed via SWFM-QF webpage at: http://www.swfm-qf.eu/main/?page_id=7391&lang=en.

✓ THE SWFM-QF NETWORK

The multi-national Network was created, with the engagement and active involvement of key stakeholders from all project's short and long term target groups. SWFM-QF members along with the experts from the waste management and VET sectors evaluated and validated all the developed qualifications modules and the contents of the Info-Training Toolkit.
At the moment, the SWFM-QF Network numbers more than 350 members at 10 European countries.

VALORISATION ACTIVITIES

SWFM-QF valorization plan is described in the developed Dissemination & Communication and Exploitation activities handbooks. Project's activities, results and outputs are already presented in several informative workshops, conferences, international and national press media. Project's website will remain active at least 5 years after its completion.
SWFM-QF Final Conference will be held on Friday the 10th of October 2014 at the Mediterranean Palace Hotel, in the city of Thessaloniki, Greece.
During the conference, the results of SWFM-QF project will be analytically presented along with other interesting issues referring to solid waste management and vocational training for solid waste facilities' managers.
For more information, you can visit: http://www.swfm-qf.eu/main/?p=8795&lang=en

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SWFM-QF PROJECT

SWFM-QF intends to facilitate the development of a common professional qualification and training framework in line with the directions of the EU (EQF, ECVET) policies.

SWFM-QF involves 8 European countries with thirteen (13) partners from Greece, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, UK, Poland and Bulgaria. Project's Coordinating Beneficiary is SIGMA Consultants Ltd. (Greece).

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