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ECVET CMF – A Capability Maturity Framework for ECVET competent institutions

European Credit system for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) is a powerful tool of the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training (ET 2020) for increasing cross-border cooperation in education and training. It should lead to portable qualifications and transferable learning outcomes, thereby making **learning mobility** and **lifelong learning** a reality for young and adult learners. EU Member States have started implementing ECVET, as CEDEFOP's 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 monitoring reports show (<http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/tags/ecvet>). However, there has been a widespread feeling among ECVET working groups and officials in charge of ECVET in Member States that **common guidelines are needed** to support the strategy formulation and peer learning.

ECVET is, therefore, **essential** for the development of VET and qualifications systems, but, at the same time, its implementation can be a complex and **challenging process**. There is therefore a growing need for **guidance** on how to develop ECVET and cultivate a sense of shared ownership during the implementation process. Towards this need, the **ECVET STEP project** (<http://ecvet-step.eu>) is creating the **ECVET Capability Maturity Framework (ECVET CMF)**, which provides an instrument for all interested organisations that wish to follow a step-wise, quality-controlled approach towards becoming “ECVET competent institutions”.

At its core, the ECVET CMF describes a methodology for assessing an organisation's position and readiness in adopting ECVET and specific actions towards continuous and measurable improvement in the adoption process. It is designed to allow VET-related organisations, starting from the agricultural domain but ranging to other domains and sectors, to understand and reap the benefits of ECVET from their perspective as well as to track their performance and to assure and control the quality of the integration of the ECVET system into their existing processes and workflows. ECVET CMF is an adaptation of the well-known Capability Maturity Model (CMM) which was originally applied to software development and has subsequently been developed into the Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) and applied to other areas of business activity.

More information available in the ECVET STEP online toolkit: <http://ecvet-step.eu/toolkit>



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