



# **METALOG PROJECT**

## **Deliverable n°8: Guidelines for referencing the sectoral qualifications framework to the EQF and NQFS**



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In the initial Metalog project plan was announced to develop two kinds of guidelines as deliverable n°8:

- a) a guideline for referencing the LQF to the European Qualifications Framework and
- b) a guideline for referencing the LQF to National Qualifications Frameworks.

The first guideline appeared to be redundant and therefore not necessary. As the project consortium decided at the start of the project to develop the Logistics Qualifications Framework on the basis of the EQF, the core work processes in the LQF are directly referenced to the EQF levels using the EQF descriptors. That means, referencing any work process which is covered by the core work processes directly to the EQF should automatically result in the same EQF level as the level found in the LQF.

In view of the fact that the different countries are in different phases of the implementation of NQFs and the fact that the existing NQFs have very different structures, it was decided to develop the LQF independently from any of the national approaches. Nevertheless, the question is whether a level assignment according to any of the NQFs would lead to the same result as the proposed LQF. A systematic examination of this question would be a test of the validity of the whole instrument.

1. For every existing European NQF, the nine core work processes (or corresponding occupational profiles) could be assigned to the NQF according to its descriptors. As the NQFs are related to the EQF in a certain way, an EQF level can be determined.
2. Simultaneously, the EQF level can be taken from the LQF.
3. The two values have to be compared: If the two EQF levels are equal, it would be an indication for the validity of the instruments. If they are unequal, the reason for the different results should be determined: do they cause in the characteristics of the NQF or do they show problems with the LQF?

For example, the German Qualifications Frame has eight levels corresponding with the EQF, but a different approach and different descriptors. Using these descriptors of professional and personal competence, the core work process No. 1, "Handle incoming goods and related information", can be assigned to level 3 of the GQR, which is directly corresponding with level 3 of the EQF. The LQF assigns this core work process to level 3 as well.

Due to the fact that systematic examination couldn't be carried through in the duration of the Metalog project, it is suggested as a next step for further development of the LQF.



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