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Editorial

The Logistics sector is one of the most important sectors in Europe (employing around 10 million people) and the one experiencing the biggest changes caused by globalization, technological progress and advanced business processes which see logistics operating across supply chains. These changes have a huge impact on the labour market and the knowledge and skills required by the logistics workforce of the future.

To foster the growth of the sector, it is essential to determine these requirements and integrate them into a transparent vocational education and training offer in each European country. Moreover, more transparency regarding the different qualifications across Europe is a key success factor.

The **METALOG project** makes a major contribution to addressing this demand by developing a Europe-wide Logistics Qualifications Framework and laying the foundations for a European stakeholder network for qualifications within the Transport and Logistics Sector. In order to reach this aim, METALOG exploits the outcomes of numerous related European projects carried out before that have been successfully implemented in practice.

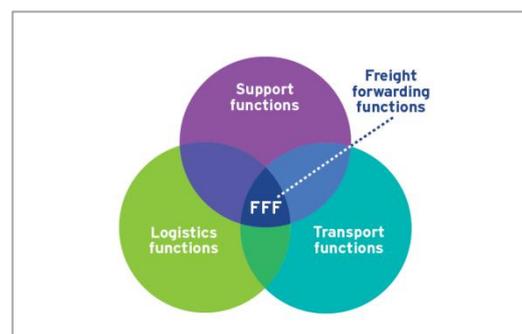
The **euVETsupport project** supports the efforts undertaken within the METALOG project by providing the support structures necessary in order to implement such a qualifications framework effectively all across Europe. This is done by providing information, sharing and training offers on the euVETsupport portal specifically designed for the requirements of transport & logistics.

The METALOG and euVETsupport project teams

CENTRAL: mapping the transport and logistics qualification landscape

One of the projects with outcomes of extreme value for METALOG is the European project **CENTRAL**, carried out from 2010 till 2012 and coordinated by AFT-IFTIM (FR).

By structuring the transport and logistics jobs in Europe, developing clear job descriptions for two concrete occupations and setting up not only a qualification framework including the EQF descriptors for these occupations, but also a training curriculum incorporating the learning outcome approach, the project has made a huge contribution to achieving more transparency in the European sector specific qualification and to more mobility all over Europe.



CENTRAL classification of transport and logistics jobs in Europe, www.logisticsqualifications.eu.

The CENTRAL job classification is ever since used as a main European reference when it comes to the status quo of the individual national job classifications. The qualification standards have been successfully implemented at regional levels (Emilia Romagna region, Walloon region) and are used as shared references in other countries in their European format.

Project website

www.project-metalog.eu



Duration of the project

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A big challenge the results of the CENTRAL project have been facing since publishing is the need of updating and extending due to the perpetual demand for new skills in the sector. The sectorial qualifications framework to be developed within the project METALOG will meet this challenge and intends to provide a tool that allows for easier updating and extension as the sector evolves.

For more information on project CENTRAL, please visit: www.logisticsqualifications.eu.



CarEasyVet: bridging the gap between qualifications and workplace reality

As far as the method for setting up the sectorial qualification framework is concerned, the METALOG project strongly relies on the **work process based approach** that has been applied and validated in the project **CarEasyVet** under the lead of Institut Technik und Bildung, University of Bremen, Germany (2007-2009).

Based on the method of **work-process-analysis** CarEasyVet delivered a sectorial qualifications framework for the car service and repair sector, compatible with the learning outcome orientation of the EQF (European Qualifications Framework).

The work-process-analysis as implemented in CarEasyVet is a scientifically tested and validated method for empirical identification of core work processes and the required competences. The work process orientation and the identified work-related-categories provide a comparable level for both the training supply and workplace demand perspectives.

The procedure of work-process-analysis, carried out by expert groups with the help of a company-specific questionnaire, encompasses the following steps:

1. identification and brief description of **core work processes**
2. definition of **core competences**
3. detailed outline of **reference objectives**, aiming to illustrate the context of the core work processes

Work related categories with descriptions of the context

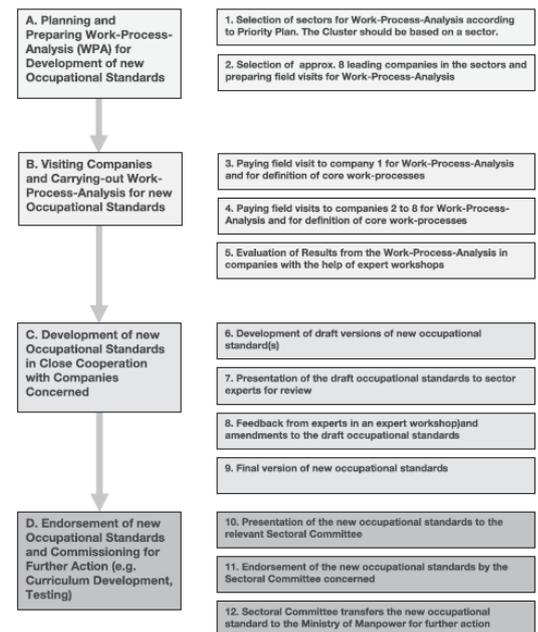
Work Related Categories	Description of the context		
"Core work tasks" "Core work processes"	Objects of (skilled) work	Tools, methods, organisation of (skilled) work	Requirements for (skilled) work and technology

Identification of core work tasks and processes in CarEasyVet, Georg Spöttl, Klaus Ruth (Eds.): ECVET – Compatibility of Competences in the Automotive Sector, 2011, p. 125

Based on these results occupational standards assigned to the different levels in the framework are derived and defined.

Flowchart: Development of Occupational Standards

Structure of Occupational Standards



Development of Occupational Standards in CarEasyVet, *ibid.*, p. 132.

The major benefits of a work process oriented qualification framework as developed in CarEasyVet are its **extremely good depiction of learning outcomes descriptors** and the high **up-to-date quality of the occupational standards** (organization of work being a crucial intervening variable).

These features ensure high acceptance on the part of sector representatives who rate these results as a mirror image of their practical field of work, and provide a solid basis for subsequent development of curricula and assessments.

For more details on CarEasyVet please visit: www.careasyvet.net.



Project events

The METALOG project contains a number of public events, especially during the second project half in 2015.

Furthermore, a final conference gathering representatives from vocational education and training as well as from logistics and transport will take place in September 2015.

Further information on national and European events will follow soon.

euVETsupport: implementing and using European tools in daily praxis

An important “service provider” for the envisaged results of the project METALOG is the related project **euVETsupport**.

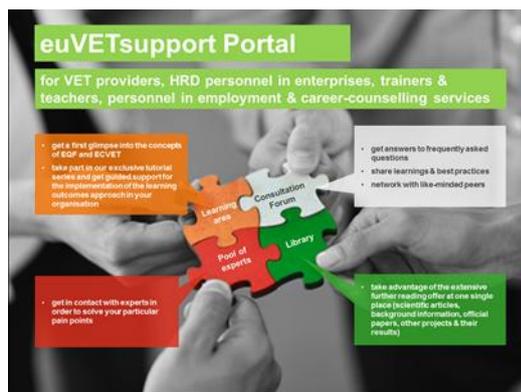
The euVETsupport project has committed itself to supporting the implementation of the European tools in daily praxis. Under the coordination of DEKRA (DE), the euVETsupport project consortium has developed the internet portal www.euVETsupport.eu, online since June 1, 2014.



The portal www.euVETsupport.eu, launched in June 2014.

The platform provides access to a number of information, learning and sharing offers for VET and HR professionals on the topics of EQF (European Qualifications Framework) and ECVET (European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training) in general. Besides, the portal offers more advanced tools and services in terms of a thematic library, practical examples, a pool of experts and a consultation forum where practitioners can seek expert and peer support.

The heart of the euVETsupport portal is an interactive learning area offering a number of online lectures, webinars and courses that can be followed in order to get accustomed with the practical application of European transparency tools related to vocational education and training such as EQF and ECVET and the underlying concept of learning outcomes orientation.



Video presentation of the portal features, www.project-euVETsupport.eu.

With these services the euVETsupport portal can easily complement the envisaged results of METALOG with regard to **enabling the target groups using the sectorial qualifications framework** and taking the next steps implied by the nature of the framework – i.e. applying the learning outcome approach with a view to occupational standards and profiles given in it.

The synergies between euVETsupport and METALOG will be further discussed at the European conference "**Support structures for the practical application and implementation of EQF and ECVET in Europe**" on September 11, 2014 in Berlin.

For more information on the project and the conference, please visit www.euVETsupport.eu and www.project-euVETsupport.eu.

Upcoming activities and events

Workshops on

The analysis of transport and logistics work processes as basis for the development of a Sectorial Qualifications Framework within Transport and Logistics in Europe

implemented in all METALOG partner countries in July/ August/ September 2014

Please get in touch with your national METALOG contact or the project coordinator in order to get involved.

A European Conference on

„European structures for the practical application and implementation of EQF and ECVET in Europe“

11 September 2014, 10 am - 4 pm

Haus der Bundespressekonferenz, Berlin (DE)

Conference language: English

Registration: registration@euVETsupport.eu

Internet: www.euVETsupport.eu

A European Conference on

“Nutzen und Herausforderung des Lernergebnisansatzes für Transport und Logistik“

12 September 2014, 10 am – 4 pm

Haus der Bundespressekonferenz, Berlin (DE)

Conference language: German

Registration: registration@euVETsupport.eu

Internet: www.euVETsupport.eu

Online webinars and tutorial on

“The practical implementation and application of European transparency instruments“

Timeframe: ongoing

Please visit www.euVETsupport.eu for further information and registration.

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