

The European Dictionary of Skills and Competences



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European policy makers generally agree that realising a 'European labour market' and a 'European lifelong learning area' requires qualifications and competences which can be easily understood, compared, and transferred. To address this challenge a set of European transparency instruments has been developed: the European Qualifications Framework (EQF), the European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) and the Europass portfolio.

DISCO I, the European Dictionary of Skills and Competences, provides access to a thesaurus with more than 70,000 skill and competence terms in seven European languages (Czech, English, French, German, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Swedish), supports those instruments by offering a variety of terms to describe occupations, qualifications, jobs and competence profiles of individuals.

The project

DISCO II is the follow-up project of DISCO I. During 2011 and 2012 it will improve and extend the terminological support for the description and translation of abilities, skills and competences in the context of the labour market as well as in the context of education, by offering the following services:

- three new languages: Spanish, Italian, Slovakian;
- an extended DISCO thesaurus, including phraseological competence descriptors for the sectors 'health and social services', 'environmental protection', and 'information technology';
- an upgraded version of the DISCO website (www.disco-tools.eu), including additional functions and services, in order to create,

compare and translate competence profiles and learning outcome descriptions within European transparency documents.

The terminology is offered for competence descriptions and learning outcomes. The European transparency instruments (with particular reference to the Certificate Supplement) will be used to identify learning outcome descriptions and new competence terms that will be implemented into the thesaurus.

The target

DISCO I & II serves individuals and experts who need fast and easy terminological support in tasks such as:

- Searching for and translating single terms in the field of skill and competence description
- Composing and translating CVs (structured like a Europass CV or without pre-structuring)
- Composing and translating other European transparency documents like, e.g., the European Certificate Supplement
- Interpretation of job vacancies
- Interpretation of job and education information materials

The project consortium

The project consortium consists of experts in the field of VET and competence classifications as well as researchers, promoters of transparency documents, universities and educational consultancy institutions.

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