



EASYMetal – European Credit System for Basic Qualifications in Metal Industry

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Summary

With the submission of the ECVET call in 2010 the European Commission aims at testing and introducing the “European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training” (ECVET) at a national level. Establishing the credit system in a national context is a proper tool to improve the transnational mobility and co-operation between European countries.

With the help of ECVET procedures EASYMetal deals with a national problem: the lack of permeability within the (vocational) education system in Germany. The project particularly focuses on the interface between the pre-vocational training and the dual training system. Suggestions are being developed as to how both partial systems can be better linked together by means of ECVET.

Pre-vocational training is defined as part of the vocational education system; however, it is formally disconnected from the “dual system” (IVET-System). Pre-vocational training is meant for those adolescents who do not find an apprenticeship training position in the dual system. Learning outcomes that have been achieved during pre-vocational training, are usually not recognised in the dual system, since they are not sufficiently transparent for the companies. Furthermore, pre-vocational training does not offer any certificates that are relevant for vocational training and the labour market. This is why many adolescents consider the time spent in pre-vocational training as if being put on hold.

Based on the ECVET recommendations EASYMetal develops and suggests procedures facilitating the compilation, assessment, transfer and recognition of pre-vocational training learning outcomes for the dual system. EASYMetal is working on transferrable solutions for the area of metal occupations respecting the existing German VET-system and its regulation.

The project is supported by a German council consisting of key stakeholders in the vocational training system of the federal state of Hesse. The participation of European partners from Denmark, Austria and Turkey helps to render the procedures compatible for other European countries. For this all, legal institutions being involved in the project exchange ideas and experiences with their colleagues at a transnational level.