

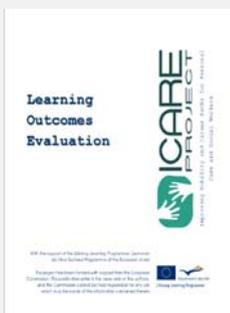
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The I CARE project is now finalising a crucial phase for the development of the ECVET transfer model. After having developed the matrices for all professional qualifications and developed the tests for all of them, the testing phase is coming to an end.

This fifth newsletter offers you an overview of the latest activities as well as on the new results. In addition to this, last news from the I CARE and ECVET world...

New Results ...



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The document describes the **methodology** used in the ICARE project for the evaluation of the Learning Outcomes included in the matrices.

In order to assess both knowledge and practical skills of the candidates, the test comprises a part with procedure simulations and oral questions, and a part with multiple choice questions concerning theoretical topics.

The test follows the different moments and situations that the candidate will share with the assisted person (elder or baby): morning awakening, dressing and washing the assisted person, feeding the assisted person, keeping the environment clean, preparing the assisted person for the rest/the night.

Three main criteria underpin the evaluation methodology:

1. the presence of the main elements of an action
2. the order of execution of the action
3. the use of the equipment

For each of the five professional profiles (family assistant, socio-assistance assistant, care operator, dental assistant, and baby sitter) specific tests were developed in order to pilot them in all participating countries and check their usability and applicability.

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New publications ...



CEDEFOP has been monitoring the implementation of ECVET in the Member States, and its 2010 and 2011 reports show how much progress has been achieved. But there is now a growing feeling that common guidelines are needed to help formulate the strategy.

In this booklet CEDEFOP considers the conditions and measures that Member States need to have in place in 2012 if they are to fully implement the 2009 ECVET recommendation. The booklet has been prepared in close cooperation with the European Commission, the members of the ECVET users group, and supporting organisations such as the ECVET secretariat and the network of European agencies for lifelong learning.

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Activities in progress ...



I CARE Project in Germany



The Fourth Project Meeting was held

The **testing phase** for four out of the five professional profiles covered by the project (Family Assistant, Socio-Assistance Assistant, Care Operator, and Baby Sitter) are being completed in all partner countries (Italy, Germany, Poland, and Romania). Assessment grids for the remaining professional profile (Dental Assistant) is under development, and will be tested in Italy and Poland in the forthcoming weeks.

The first results obtained through the testing phase (and discussed during the last project meeting) are promising, and the I CARE model showed to be applicable across the participating countries.

Parallel to the testing phase, project partners are organising **national workshops**, that will be held in the four countries between mid-November and mid-December. As soon as the final calendar will be available, it will be published on the project website (under the 'news' section).

[To know more ...](#)

I CARE News ...

Winfried Ellwanger, managing Director of VHS Cham, took part in the conference '[The German qualification framework for life-long learning \(DQR\) and its development for continuous learning](#)' in Berlin on 17th of September 2012. Mr Ellwanger presented the topic '*Making competences visible in Europe. State of the art and developments in the DQR, EQF and ECVET for continuous learning*', with the aim of describing the latest developments as well as the implementation of German National Qualification Framework and ECVET in Germany. The I CARE project was presented as a German good practice project. The participants in the conference represented the sector of health professions and other education institutions.

On 18th and 19th of September, VHS Cham was invited to conduct two **workshops** in Hof and Munich **on ECVET implementation in Germany**. The objectives and activities of the I CARE project were presented to an audience of more than 40 representatives of the vocational and education sector, as well as some representatives of the companies.

The fourth **I CARE consortium meeting** was held in Cham (DE) on the last 18th and 19th of October. It has been an opportunity for project partners to discuss the first results of the testing phase, and to settle the agenda of activities for the remaining months (project activities will be finalised on March 2013). Particular attention has been paid to the final phase of pilot tests, involving workers and practitioners in each participating country. The piloting phase was initiated in Italy and will be then extended to partner countries.



EQAVET – ECVET –EQF Joint Seminar in Paris

The **I CARE** project was presented as **one of the three case studies** during the EQAVET ECVET EQF Joint Seminar held in Paris on the last 1st and 2nd of October. The focus of the seminar, which gathered around 70 participants from all over Europe, was the use of units within professional qualifications.



NetECVET Seminar in Rome

The I CARE project was invited to attend the workshop **'Definition and description of (units) of learning outcomes'**, held in Rome on October 29-30, which is part of the activities of the **thematic networking group** funded by the EU and implemented by 15 Leonardo National Agencies. A series of international seminars are being held in 2012 to facilitate the exchange between ECVET projects, mobility practitioners and stakeholders. After having been invited to participate in the Paris seminar (March 2012), the I CARE staff was invited to participate in the meeting in order to contribute to the discussion.

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News from ECVET World ...

The **third seminar of ECVET Pilot Projects Second Generation** was held in Berlin on the last 22 and 23 October. The focus of the seminar was on ECVET implementation across Europe and on ECVET-related documentation in the context of lifelong learning.

Erik Hess from DG EAC and Didier Gelibert from ECVET Team provided an in depth description of the policy agenda related to ECVET implementation and enhancement.

The discussion among projects was mainly based on achievements, documentation developed (with particular regard to the Memorandum of Understanding), and plans for making project results being used in the respective countries.



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