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Events

The following public events to present and to discuss the project results are planned throughout the course of the project:

- National workshops for social partners, employers and competent bodies  
March-December 2012, in the countries involved
- A European stakeholder workshop with and for national and European stakeholders  
November 2012, Brussels



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Qualification requirements and vocational training for professional drivers in Europe

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## ProfDRV background

Today's road freight and passenger transport sector provides jobs for more than 4.5 million EU-citizens and since 1976 (Council Directive 76/914/EEC) professional driver training is considered to be a matter of considerable European interest.

During the past decades qualification requirements have changed and increased significantly for professional drivers. Changes in work organisation, new technical standards, changing legal regulations, market requirements and work environments, as well as a rapid internationalization of the transport market has brought about such changes. But this contradicts with the rather low level of vocational qualification and a missing "learning" culture in the sector that characterises this occupation nearly all over Europe. This combined with a mostly negative image of the sector lead to an alarming shortage of qualified drivers who possess the qualifications required by employers.

Because the qualification of professional drivers is considered to be an important factor influencing road safety with high relevance for all EU member states, the DG Energy and Transport of the European Commission introduced directive 2003/59/EC that regulates common basic and continuous training for professional drivers.

## ProfDRV aims and objectives

The ProfDRV project aims to further investigate the occupation professional driver with rapidly changing and increasing qualification requirements, as well as the alarming shortage of qualified personnel and the EU-wide vocational training scheme regulated by EU-directive 2003/59/EC from a VET perspective. Therefore it will

- explore vocational education and training opportunities for professional drivers in regard to their impact and ability to increase road safety and to decrease the shortage of qualified professional drivers
- define a European Qualifications Framework compatible job/qualification profile for European professional drivers based on their jobs requirements
- draft an EQF based set of educational standards for basic and continuous vocational training for professional drivers in Europe
- raise awareness for the knowledge, skills and competences necessary to perform competently as a professional driver and
- formulate recommendations for further development of directive 2003/59/EC based on the project findings

## ProfDRV target groups

All those who are in some way involved in professional drivers' vocational education and training are targeted by the project and its results. This includes

- training providers
- employers
- social partners
- public institutions and decision makers at regional, national and European level as well as
- professional drivers themselves

All these groups will be involved in various activities throughout the overall project period. This can be interviews to analyse qualification needs or to evaluate qualification schemes, consultations on intermediate project results, participation in virtual discussion forums on professional drivers qualification or workshops to present and to discuss project findings and conclusions.

