

Restart 2 ECVET guidelines

Implementing ECVET and EQF through
Restart 2



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Result of meetings with stakeholders

- Stakeholders showed serious interest in ECVET and EQF as a future task.
- The daily work in the family should be assessed according to ECVET to improve chances for mothers and fathers on the labour market.
- Labour administration point out that a programme that focuses solely on empowerment will not be financed by them.
- Chamber of commerce put a report about our pilot program and ECVET aspects on [their homepage](#).



Current situation

- “ Family work has not been regarded in former and current ECVET-projects.
- “ An ECVET-home economics project at CJD is about to be finished. It contains usable material.
- “ A previous Grundtvig-I-project famCompass assessed family competences.

(official website www.famcompass.eu isn't available any more, but information is accessible at www.dji.de/famcompass)



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Preconditions:

- “ Recording system for competences must meet European standards (e.g. ECVET, EQR, Europass).
- “ ECVET uses job descriptions as a basis.
- “ Acceptance by national authorities is necessary.
- “ Due to labour market requirements the Chamber of commerce in Karlsruhe indicate that they are ready to discuss a ECVET-pilot-program “Family Competences”.



Implementing ECVET with two approaches

- “ All mothers and most fathers do housework.
- “ CJD has considerable experience in the field of home economics. Therefore this is a suitable field for ECVET.
- “ Family competences are (in respect to key competences)
a very interesting subject for our target group and the professionals working with these groups.
- “ With famCompass and Europass we have two tools that are accepted in Europe. These could be combined.



Interests of target group and authorities

- “ Determining and describing competences will empower the participants.
- “ Assessing these competences requires extensive written homework or interviews by professionals working in adult education or other tools.
- “ National authorities are very reluctant to certify anything new.
- “ Chambers of commerce in the south of Germany want mothers to return to or start employment after family time.



Our plan

- “ Experiences with famCompass will be taken into account.
- “ We will select an area of housekeeping e.g. laundry to test the ECVET approach for our target group with partner-interviews and homework reviewed by professionals.
- “ Family competences will be recorded according to the famCompass method.
- “ Phrases/expressions will be collected, tested, and used in the Europass.
- “ All steps will be discussed with IHK Karlsruhe (chamber of commerce).



Outcomes for job applications

- “ A document which describes the most relevant competences of a participant in vocational terms in addition to the CV is created.
- “ This should be signed by IHK in the context of Restart 2 on a trial basis.
- “ That will spark interest of employers and help to identify the strengths of participants in job interviews.
- “ This document will help participants to describe their family situation with self-esteem and not as a deficit.



Outcomes for personal development of participants

- “ Raised self-confidence and self-esteem
- “ Participants feel accepted and needed by business world
- “ Family responsibilities are addressed right at the beginning of an employment



Next steps

- “ Evaluation of the results with employers, participants, and IHK
- “ Discussing the integration into future Restart programs
- “ Optimisation of the material
- “ Dissemination

