



ECVET system for no borders in the Green Economy sector
supporting Employability, Adaptability and European Mobility in VET systems and Labour Market

GUIDELINES FOR DISSEMINATION SEMINAR WITH EXPERTS

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Dear Expert,

Thanking you for your availability in participating to the dissemination seminar of the ECoVET Project, we take the chance to advance you some general information about the project and about the focus of the round table confrontation we would like to realize with you during the dissemination seminar.

Therefore these guidelines are meant to explain how to consider and take in account the 4 grids of comparison between the different Units of Learning Outcomes we have identified in the different partner Countries in professional profiles which have been considered similar and comparable, in the green economy field, to the Italian referring profile of the “TECHNICIAN FOR THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY-SAVING SYSTEMS”.

We thought it would have been more efficient, for the development of the seminar and of the foreseen round table with experts, to advance these guidelines and the 4 grids, in order to give you enough time to familiarize with the specific project output, that we would like to validate with experts during the seminar.

Looking forward to meet you in Vienna,

Best regards

The ECoVET Project Staff

ECOVET PROJECT SYNTHESIS

REFERENCE FRAMEWORK

The ECoVET project proposes the application and development of the ECVET system in the green economy sector. Specifically, since this is a "Transfer of Innovation" (TOI) project, the goal of the project is to use the methodology and tools developed within the project NETWORK - previously funded by the European Commission under the Lifelong Learning Programme, Leonardo da Vinci sub-program, Call EACEA/14/08 "Projects to test and develop the credit system for vocational education and training (ECVET)" - in order to adapt and transfer them into a different sectoral contexts of experimentation and in order to support the transparency and sharing at European level of the peculiarities of a professional profile working in the field of the green economy: the TECHNICIAN FOR THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY-SAVING SYSTEMS.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project, therefore, intends:

- to compare the qualifications of the identified sector existing in the partner countries, focusing our attention on the equivalent Regional profile;
- to identify parts of the educational pathways and qualifications which are "ECVET-compatible" and therefore able to dialogue with each other;
- to identify processes and protocols of understanding suitable to facilitate the mutual recognition
- to propose to competent bodies (key actors of VET systems and related systems of transparency and certification of qualifications), and in particular in Tuscany with whom the national partnership have shared the ECoVET planning phase, any changes and / or implementations to be taken on the basis of European experiences .

This for the benefit of the commissioning transparency of competences and qualifications and above all of employability in a the European labour market, in the specific sector and in the contexts identified.

ECOVET PROJECT PHASES AND INTERMEDIATE RESULTS

Based on project objectives and expected results, since the preliminary phases emerged the primary importance, especially in the phase of setting up and organising the work among the partners, of acquiring a common reference framework, through the collection, organisation and sharing of indispensable background information, such as:

- a **desk analysis of national repertories of professional profiles** (for example REGIONAL VET Systems, repertoires of learning units, any existing systems for the validation of Learning from Experience, etc.) **in the green economy sector**, specifically as much as possible related to the characteristics of the selected Italian Regional profile, in each partner country, with particular attention to vocational education and training systems, certification processes, professional profiles in the labour market and related labour contracts characteristics;
- a **field research analysis which was based on field observations, with at least 5 interviews for each partner Country, with operators in the green economy sector** and, specifically, in different types of related structures and productive units;
- a **collection of professional profiles in each partner Country specifically related to the selected Italian Regional profile** of the “TECHNICIAN FOR THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY-SAVING SYSTEMS”

On an operational level, the partners were called upon to describe and select professional profiles using indicators and pre-defined charts based on the KSC (Knowledge, Skills, Competences) scheme in order to represent a context framework from which to begin a comparison of the existing profiles and certification methods and later, in order to identify the characterising elements indispensable to homogenise the representations.

From the preliminary research outputs and information collected, the partnership began the construction and application of common instruments for the identification and validation of modular training paths, already existing in the partner countries, within the ECVET system (including among these also the processes of support, validation and recognition of Life Long Learning and Life Wide Learning training experiences) with the double purpose of setting the conditions for facilitating mobility in the various training phases and situations and of allowing the “accumulation” of tendentially recognisable credits, to improve employability and mobility, in the entire European Community.

ECOVET DISSEMINATION SEMINAR WITH EXPERTS: THE CONTRIBUTION EXPECTED

The main output of the transnational work carried out in the first year of the project, is represented by **the 4 comparative grids attached to this guidelines.**

The comparative grids are all referred to the reference profile of the “Technician for design and development of energy-saving systems” included in the Regional Repertory of professional profile of Tuscany Region – IT.

Each grid represent a comparative framework for:

- **identifying skills correspondence** among the different equivalent selected profiles in the partner Countries
- and **defining Units for mobility purposes**

referred to 4 macro-competences identified by the specific selected profile.

Therefore, the grids are structured with one column for each Country, where the correspondences identified with the skills connected to the macro-competences in the Italian profile, has been selected and reported, by means of a progressive partners confrontation process and validation with national experts, carried out by the whole partnership.

Specifically, the 4 macro-competences and units derived are:

- **UNIT 1 - Monitoring activities of the existing structures (UC 937)**
- **UNIT 2 - Processing of energy saving plants engineering (UC 288)**
- **UNIT 3 – Design of energy saving systems (UC 289)**
- **UNIT 4 - Evaluation of energy saving plan of public or private organizations (UC 963)**

The next project step, is based on the possibility to realize a round table discussion and collection of experts opinions and contribution in occasion of the dissemination seminar in Vienna (7th July 2015).

Provided that participating experts were informed by means of these guidelines and the attached grids, the round table will be moderated by project staff, and will focus on these main issues:

- **Starting from the different national system and from experts' experiences, which are the knowledge, skills and competences framework, areas of activities and tasks of the selected profiles, identified in the comparative matrix, which are actually required and recognized in the labour market of each country?**

- **Are the correspondences that have been identified between the Italian starting profile and the professional profiles of the other partner countries, plausible and can they be applied in the context of mobility of people (study mobility and/or labour mobility)?**

- **What kind of further professional development can we foresee for the selected professional profiles?**

- **What are the opportunities for the Italian professional profile in the labour market of the Partner Countries?**