



Other Community instruments

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Europass: legal basis.



**Decision 2241/2004/EC
of the European Parliament
and the Council of 15
December 2004 on a single
Community framework for the
transparency
of qualifications and
competences (Europass)**

Europass: aim.

Europass helps to make qualifications and competences more easily understood throughout Europe to facilitate citizens' mobility.

Europass includes five existing documents:

- CV The backbone of Europass.
- Language Portfolio Details on language skills using a recognised framework.
- Mobility All mobility for learning purposes
- Diploma Supplement Explaining the holder's pathway in higher education.
- Certificate Supplement Explaining the competences behind a vocational certificate.

Europass is an open system: further documents can be added in future.

Europass is implemented:

- Through a network of National Europass Centres being now established**
- Through a European portal, technically developed and hosted by Cedefop**

<http://europass.cedefop.eu.int>

Candidate countries:

- In principle included in the initiative (Article 14)**
- The European portal will also be available in their languages**
- Europass correspondents (and ETF) attend meetings**
- Specific operational frameworks will be defined in 2006 (CC, Commission, Cedefop, ETF)**



Advisory Committee for Vocational Training (ACVT)

- Legal base
 - Council Decision of 2 April 1963 laying down general principles for implementing a common vocational training policy (63/266/EEC)
 - Council Decision of 26 February 2004 laying down the Rules of the Advisory Committee on Vocational Training (2004/223/EC)



ACVT

- Composition
 - three members for each Member State (and pre-accession country)
 - one representative for each interest group of national governments, trade unions and employers' organisations.
 - MS may nominate a second representative of national governments. But each interest group will be entitled to only one vote per Member State.



ACVT

- Composition

- MS to try to ensure a balanced representation of men and women and necessary range of skills
- Members nominated by MS and appointed by Commission for a term of office of 3 years
- Observers: CEDEFOP, ETF, EEA, European social partners, int. orgs.



ACVT

- Tasks

- assisting the Commission in implementing a Community vocational training policy.
- providing the Commission with opinions on: (a) questions of general importance or of principle concerning vocational training; (b) questions related to the preparation, implementation, evaluation and optimisation of activities carried out or planned by the Commission in the field of vocational training.
- conducting exchanges of views and experience on vocational training.
- The Commission to provide the Committee with the necessary information.



ACVT

- Meetings
 - Meets at least twice a year
 - Chaired by Commission DG responsible for VET (in practice delegated to the responsible Director)
 - Opinions to be adopted by a majority of the voting members present, 2/3 of voting members must be present for the opinion to be valid
 - Chairman does not vote
 - Points “for opinion”, “for discussion” or “for information”



ACVT

- Organisation
 - 3 interest groups made up of representatives of Governments, Employers and Trade Unions
 - One spokesman and coordinator per group
 - Activities organised by Bureau composed of 2 representatives of the Commission, and spokespersons and coordinators of interest groups
- Voting
 - Opinions to be adopted by a majority of the voting members present, 2/3 of voting members must be present for the opinion to be valid

European Training Foundation (ETF)

- Decentralised Agency of the European Union
- Expert advice and support to the Commission
- Specific field: vocational education and training and its links to the labour market/employment
- Mission: to assist the EU neighbouring countries in developing quality education and training systems and putting them into practice
- We also assist the Commission in implementing the Tempus programme for the development of higher education systems in partner countries





Some facts and figures

- Established **1990 under Council Regulation (EEC) No 1360/90 of 7 May 1990 establishing a European Training Foundation**
- Operational from **1994**
- Based in **Turin, Italy**
- Director **Muriel Dunbar**
- Staff **104 +**
- Budget **18,5 million € (2005)**
- Partner countries **30 countries beneficiaries of the PHARE, TACIS, MEDA and CARDS programmes**



Some facts and figures

- Governed by **Governing Board composed of 1 rep per MS and 3 reps of Commission, chaired by Commission. Observers from Candidate countries**
- Assisted by **Advisory Forum composed of 2 reps per MS and partner country, which meets annually in regional groups and every 3 years in plenary**
- Financed by **Commission subsidy from programme envelopes of external assistance programmes Phare, Tacis, Meda, Cards**
- Parent DG **DG EAC**

ETF's partner countries



Main partners

- Ministries of education and labour
- National vocational organisations
- National service providers specialised in vocational education and training and the labour market
- Other donors



Expertise

- In-depth know-how and experience in labour markets, vocational training and lifelong learning
- Knowledge of partner country political, social and economic factors which are fundamental to the development of their training systems
- Experience of EU external relations programmes



Services

- Support to EU programmes and dissemination of EU policies
- Provision of analysis of information and data
- Development of expertise and innovation





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Cedefop

European Centre

for the Development of Vocational Training

Legal base

- **Regulation** (EEC) No 337/75 of the Council of 10 February 1975 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
- **Objective:** to assist the Commission in encouraging, at Community level, the promotion and development of vocational training and of in-service training.
- within guidelines laid down by the Community, contribute, through its scientific and technical activities to the implementation of a common vocational training policy and encourage the exchange of information and the comparison of experience.

Governance, staff and budget

- **Management Board** composed of 78 members, 25 representing MS Governments, 25 representing national employers' organizations, 25 representing national trade union organizations; three representing the Commission.
- **Bureau** composed of Chairperson, vice-Chairpersons, 2 Commission reps and 1 rep of each interest group
- **Budget:** €16 million (2005)
- **Staff:** 120

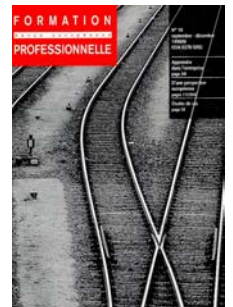
Cedefop's mission

- compile selected documentation and analysis of data
- contribute to the development and coordination of research
- exploit and disseminate useful information
- encourage and support a concerted approach to vocational training problems
- provide a forum for a wide and diverse audience

Publications



- 31 new titles produced in 2004
- 3 000 publications sold in 2004
- more than 1 200 subscriptions to the European journal vocational training
- 10 000 copies of free publications distributed in 2004
- 8 500 subscriptions to the Cedefop Info



International exchanges & public relations

- Cedefop conferences bring every year hundreds of visitors to Thessaloniki from Greece, Europe and the rest of the world (e.g. Australia, China, USA, Korea, Turkey, Laos)
- study visits organised by Cedefop with experts from EU Member States, as well as Norway, Iceland, Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey
- organising art exhibitions and musical events
- the exhibition on 'history of vocational education and training in Europe' attracted more than 1 300 visitors
- 30 press releases
- TV and radio interviews
- 415 articles in the Greek press

Library and documentation

- around 49 000 bibliographical references
- 2 036 library queries in 2004
- management of the ReferNet network



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Breaking News
 ▶ LSC and RIBA launch competition to change learning environments

e-learning portal

 ▶ The European Commission's new e-learning portal




Lifelong learning conference

 ▶ General Information - Conference Programme

General News
SEEQUEL - Sustainable Environment for the Evaluation of Quality in E-Learning
 Posted on 11/6/2003
 ▶ EU eLearning Initiative - "Quality" Call
 The project brings together, in a fundamental way, the companies in the e-learning industry who provide the tools and services, the users, the expert organizations and agencies.

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) has just released 'The Condition of Education 2003' Posted on 29/5/2003
 ▶ This report, is an indicator report intended for a general audience of readers who are interested in education. It summarises important developments and trends in education using the latest available data.
 ▶ Download, view and print the entire report.

PLOTEUS, the new Portal on Learning Opportunities Posted on 11/3/2003
 ▶ Commissioner Viviane Reding has officially launched the PLOTEUS Portal on learning opportunities throughout the European Space. PLOTEUS means navigator in Ancient Greek.

Forthcoming Events
 • 18/12/2003 Simposium Estrategias de Formación para el cambio organizacional
 • 3/12/2003 Online Educa, Berlin, Germany
 • 2003-2004 Sixth International LIFE Conference MULTILINGUALISM - LEARNING VILLAGE

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 I don't know  7 (20%)
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Eurobarometer Survey on Lifelong Learning
 Posted on 17/6/2003
 ▶ The European Commission and Cedefop now present initial results of a specially designed Eurobarometer, which directly asks citizens what they think about lifelong learning, including their participation in, experiences and motivations for learning.

Subscribe to Cedefop's New Acquisitions List
 Posted on 11/6/2003
 ▶ A monthly published list of publications and documents available by the Library and Documentation Service for information of VET specialists (May 2003 issue - pdf)

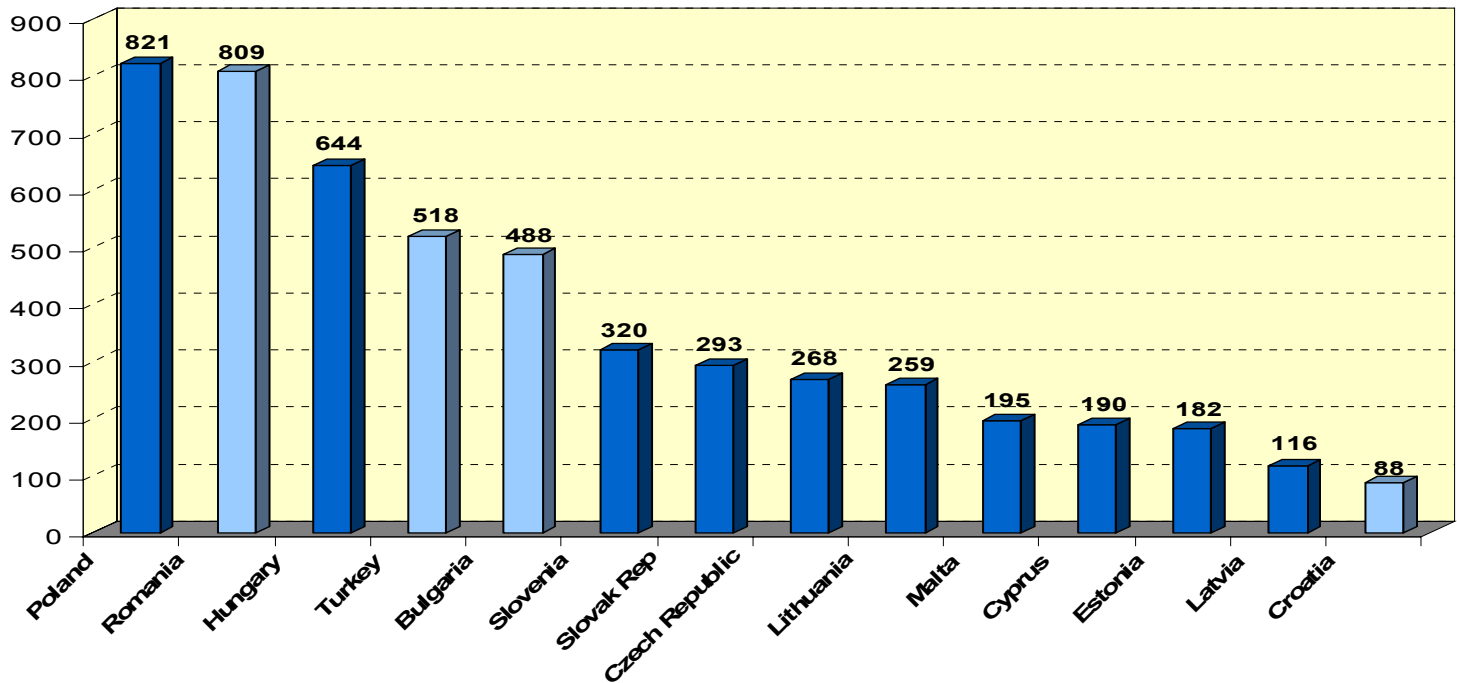
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 ▶ Stop Discrimination Campaign Posted on 23/6/2003
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ETV users in New Member States and candidate countries

ETV users in new Member States and candidate countries (Dec. 2004)



Familiarisation of candidate countries

- good cooperation between ETF, Cedefop and the policy makers from the candidate countries;
- ***Before May, 2004:***
- series of activities for the 10 acceding countries to support the vocational education and training bodies;
- financing from the Phare (II) programme until February 2004;
- ***After May, 2004:***
- a new PHARE (III) programme has been allocated to Cedefop, concerning RO, BG for 2004-2006 (March);
- a new approach, more tailor made on the needs of expertise expressed by the candidate countries

Familiarisation of candidate countries

Themes in **PHARE II** (among others):

- lifelong learning
- transparency of qualifications
- recognition of (non-formal) learning
- quality of training
- guidance
- mobility
- e-learning
- cooperation in research

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