



## **PROGRAMME**

### **Implementing the European Qualifications Framework 3-4 June 2008 Management Centre Europe, Brussels**

Tuesday 3 June 2008

- 9:00 **Registration**  
Stands open
- 9:30 **Welcome and keynote speech: implementing the EQF**  
Odile Quintin, Director General, DG Education and Culture
- 10:00 **The EQF projects**  
Gilbert Gascard, Director of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
- 10:20 **Progress in Implementing the EQF: opportunities and challenges**  
Aviana Bulgarelli, Director of Cedefop
- 10:45 **Aims of the event**  
Gordon Clark, Head of Unit, DG Education and Culture
- 11:00 **Break and visit to stands**
- 11:30 **Workshops** (to run in parallel)
- Workshop 1 Linking national qualifications levels to the EQF- how can quality assurance and criteria for self-certification promote mutual trust?**
- Chair: Sean O'Foghlu, National Qualifications Authority of Ireland (IE)  
Speakers: Volker Rein, German Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (DE)  
Gerard Madill, Universities Scotland (UK)  
Laureano Gonzalez-Vega, University of Cantabria (ES)

Rapporteur: Wilfried Boomgaert, Flemish Ministry of Education (BE)

**Workshop 2 How can the EQF – and National Qualifications Frameworks (NQFs) - facilitate the validation of non-formal and informal learning?**

Chair: Elsa Caramjuo, National Qualifications Agency, Portugal (PT)

Speakers: Slava Pevec, National Institute for Vocational Education and Training, Slovenia (SL)  
Maarten Coertjens, European Youth Forum  
Manuel Souto, ECOTEC Consulting

Rapporteur: Carmen Rotaru, National Adult Training Board (RO)

**Workshop 3 How can the EQF be used as a reference point for all qualifications – including those developed by industry sectors, enterprises and professions?**

Chair: Margarete Rudzki, Eurochambres

Speakers: Allan Pilkington, European Health and Fitness Association  
Jutta Breyer, Breyer Publico Consulting (DE)  
Matthew Dixon, Oxford University (UK)

Rapporteur: Loukas Zahilas, Cedefop

**Workshop 4 What is the role of National Qualifications Frameworks in implementing the EQF?**

Chair: Moira McKerracher, Scottish Qualifications Authority (UK)

Speakers: Peter Rado, Hungarian Institute for Educational Research and Development (HU)  
Gabriella Francesco, ISFOL (IT)  
Mike Coles, Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (UK)

Rapporteur: Michel Aribaud, European Commission

**Workshop 5 How can the EQF be used to build links between different sub-systems of education, including adult education, vocational education and training and higher education?**

Chair: Bryan Maguire, EURASHE

Speakers: European Students' Union (TBC)  
European University Association (TBC)  
Sorin Zaharia, ACPART (RO)  
James Calleja, Maltese Qualifications Council (MT)

Rapporteur: Edwin Mernagh, qualifications systems consultant (IE)

13:00 **Lunch**  
Visit to stands

14:30 **Workshops**

Workshops resume

17:30 **Close**

Drinks, buffet to 19:00

Visit to stands

Wednesday 4 June 2008

9:30 **Workshops**

Feedback and follow-up to first day's workshops

10:30 **Plenary session**

Rapporteurs' presentations

Panel discussion: questions and answers from floor

Moderator: David White, Director, DG Education and Culture

Thomas Mayr, European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (UEAPME)

Jeff Bridgford, European Trade Union Confederation

Sjur Bergan, Council of Europe

Muriel Dunbar, European Training Foundation

Jens Bjornavold, Cedefop

Ministry of Education, France (TBC)

12:30 **Key conclusions for implementing the EQF**

Jan Figel', European Commissioner for education, training, culture and youth

12:45 **Close**

Lunch

