

BEQUAL.net - Transfer of BEQUAL tool and development of a Community of Practice for Quality Assurance in VET

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The project transfers innovation techniques for quality assurance in VET that resulted from a previous Leonardo da Vinci project "Benchmarking Tool for Quality Assurance in VET (BEQUAL)", that have been initially developed and piloted in 6 EU countries and expanded in other 6 countries. Currently, BEQUAL tool exists in 11 languages and cover 12 countries (Austria, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Spain, United Kingdom and Turkey). BEQUAL tool has been used by more than 450 training institutions in these countries, while its Community of Practice expands continuously and rapidly, through BEQUAL portal and through social media.

The general aims of the project are:

1. To develop quality assurance in VET institutions, in the involved countries, through promotion of self-evaluation, quality benchmarking and networking in VET
2. To promote the use of European Quality Assurance Reference Framework (EQAVET) in VET institutes
3. To allow practical application of the quality assurance framework in VET through the use of online benchmarking tool and good practice database
4. To foster discussion among VET institutes on quality assurance issues
5. To promote international cooperation and exchange of experience through enhancement of thematic portal in quality assurance and expanding the Community of Practice.

The concrete objectives of the project are:

1. To examine the existing approaches for quality assurance in participating countries
2. To transfer, adapt and pilot the benchmarking tool and BEQUAL thematic portal in Latvia, Czech Republic and Finland
3. To enrich the thematic portal with various content, documents, links, articles, videos
4. To disseminate and promote the benchmarking tool at regional, national and European level
5. To expand the Community of Practice with more VET institutes and mobilize it through social media.

The project targets VET providers and stakeholders, policy makers, researchers and practitioners. It builds and capitalises on policies developed by CEDEFOP, DG Education & Culture, Leonardo da Vinci Programme and European Network for Quality Assurance in VET. It contributes to EU policies by promoting the use of EQAVET in VET providers. It supports improvement of quality assurance systems in VET, by promoting benchmarking and exchange of good practices among VET providers. It establishes a reference-point for quality management approaches and contributes to development and adoption of self-evaluation practice and culture as part of the quality assurance in VET.