# EQF and ECVET input within the famework of Erasmus+ ICF Meduse Project

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#### What is ECVET?

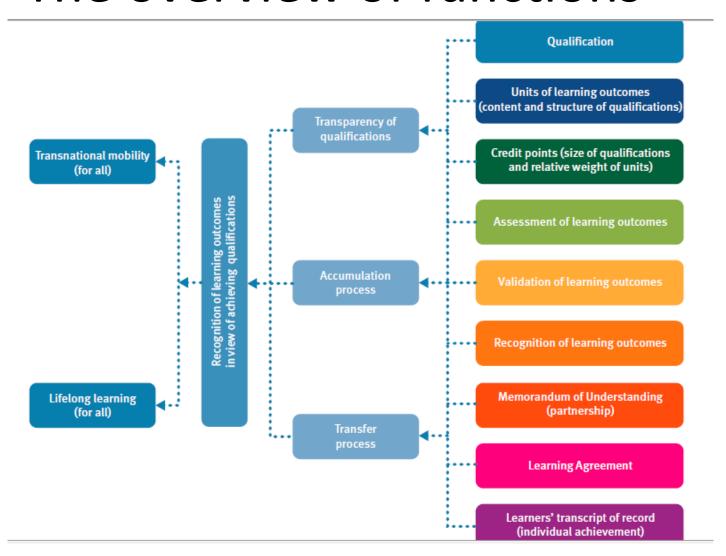
 The European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training, often referred to as ECVET, is a technical framework for the transfer, recognition and (where appropriate) accumulation of individuals' learning outcomes with a view to achieving a qualification.

#### Aim of ECVET

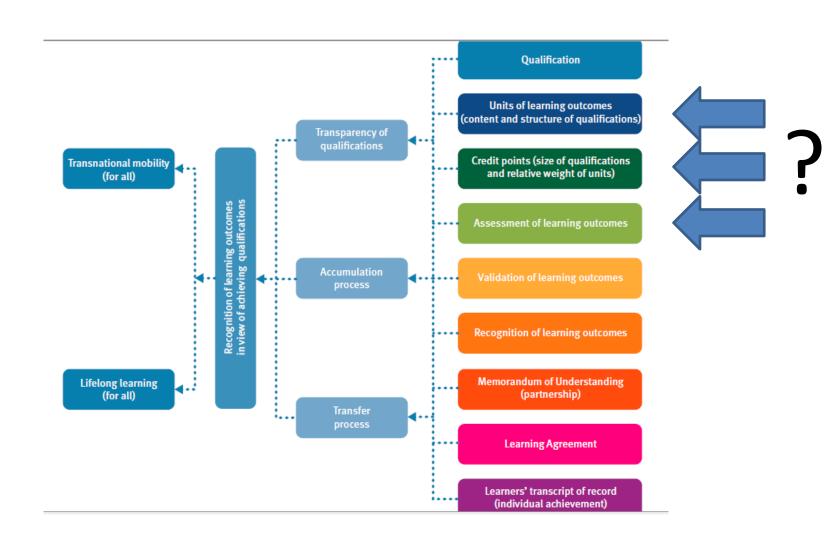
ECVET aims to support the mobility of European citizens, facilitating lifelong learning (formal, informal and non-formal learning) and providing greater transparency in terms of individual learning experiences, making it more attractive to move between different countries and different learning environments.

 ECVET is a tool that can assist lifelong learning by improving the transfer, recognition and accumulation of that which has been learned in the past, irrespective of the learning environment. It can ease the development of individualised and flexible lifelong learning paths which enable people to gain knowledge, skills and competence, and ultimately a qualification

#### The overview of functions



#### Where is the link to ICF-CY MedUse?



#### Learning outcomes

- ECVET is based on the use of units of learning outcomes. The learning outcomes of a unit represent a 'standard' against which a
- 1) person's knowledge
- 2) skills and
- 3) competence
- is assessed. The use of units creates the possibility to recognise learning outcomes for parts of qualifications and to give people the possibility to achieve the remaining units of learning outcomes through formal learning

# Learning outcomes: Associated aspects for Meduse

- Defintion of learning outcomes



 To be discussed and solved within the partnership: Technical question: how and where to do that?

#### Approaching Learning outcomes

Challenge: Structure your curriculum based on learning OUTCOMES¶

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The·learner·(WHO)·ist·able·to·.....¶

WHAT¶

HOW¶

IN·WHICH·CONTEXT¶

ON·WHICH·LEVEL¶
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Example eg. ·for·MK:·The·patronage·nurse (WHO)·is·able·to·associate·child·relevant·data·procedures·towards·ICF-CY·codes·(WHAT)·within·anamnesis·(CONTEXT)·autonomously·(ON·WHICH·LEVEL).¶

### Learning outcomes and EQF levels

| Knowledge¤                 | Skills¤                        | (Wider) Competences 🗵          | } |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| The learner has a general  | The learner associates ·       | The learner shares and dis-    | } |
| overview of the components | anamnestic-concerning-a-       | cusses·his/her·procedure·in·a· |   |
| and domains of ICF-CY 🛮    | child/familywith-ICF-CY-codes¤ | team·and·validates·his/her·    |   |
|                            |                                | assessment-with-others-(level- |   |
|                            |                                | 4-5).¤                         |   |

#### Assessment of learning outcomes

#### ECVET uses the distinction between

- the processes of assessment
- validation and
- recognition.

The assessment process identifies the learning outcomes achieved independent of the process through which they have been acquired. These learning outcomes are then validated based on the unit learning outcomes descriptions and then recognised

#### Associated aspects for ICF-CY Meduse

What could this mean for the ICF-CY MedUSe Outcome O2?

WHO learns

**WHAT** 

In WHICH CONTEXT

#### How does ECVET work?

- ECVET relies on a series of common goals, principles and technical components, that centre on the recognition of learning outcomes and achievements for European citizens undertaking vocational education and training, irrespective of the learning context, location or delivery method.
- ECVET works hand in hand with the European Qualifications Framework (EQF), DQR (DE) or NQR (AT) to provide greater transparency in European qualifications, promoting the mobility of workers and learners, and facilitating lifelong learning.

# Descriptors defining levels of the European Qualifications Framework

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| EQF<br>Level | Knowledge   | Skills  | Competence  |
|--------------|---|---|---|
|              | In the context of EQF, knowledge is described as theoretical and/or factual.                | In the context of EQF, skills are described as  cognitive (involving the use of logical, intuitive and  creative thinking), and  practical (involving manual dexterity and the use of  methods, materials, tools and instruments) | In the context of EQF, competence is described in terms of responsibility and autonomy.   |
| Level 1      | Basic general knowledge   | Basic skills required to carry out simple tasks   | Work or study under direct supervision in a structured context  |
| Level 2      | Basic factual knowledge of a field of work or study   | Basic cognitive and practical skills required to use relevant information in order to carry out tasks and to solve routine problems using simple rules and tools  | Work or study under supervision with some autonomy  |
| Level 3      | Knowledge of facts, principles, processes and general concepts, in a field of work or study | A range of cognitive and practical skills required to accomplish tasks and solve problems by selecting and applying basic methods, tools, materials and information   | Take responsibility for completion of tasks in work or study; adapt own behaviour to circumstances in solving problems  |
| Level 4      | Factual and theoretical knowledge in broad contexts within a field of work or study         | A range of cognitive and practical skills required to generate solutions to specific problems in a field of work or study   | Exercise self-management within the guidelines of work or study contexts that are usually predictable, but are subject to change; supervise the routine work of others, taking some responsibility for the evaluation and improvement of work or study activities |

#### Descriptors defining levels of the European Qualifications Framework (relevant for professional training)

| Level 5 | Comprehensive, specialised, factual and<br>theoretical knowledge within a field of work<br>or study and an awareness of the<br>boundaries of that knowledge   | A comprehensive range of cognitive and practical skills required to develop creative solutions to abstract problems   | Exercise management and supervision in contexts of work or study activities where there is unpredictable change; review and develop performance of self and others  |
|---------|---|---|---|
| Level 6 | Advanced knowledge of a field of work or<br>study, involving a critical understanding of<br>theories and principles   | Advanced skills, demonstrating mastery and innovation, required to solve complex and unpredictable problems in a specialised field of work or study   | Manage complex technical or professional activities or projects, taking responsibility for decision-making in unpredictable work or study contexts; take responsibility for managing professional development of individuals and groups               |
| Level 7 | Highly specialised knowledge, some of which is at the forefront of knowledge in a field of work or study, as the basis for original thinking and/or research  Critical awareness of knowledge issues in a field and at the interface between different fields | Specialised problem-solving skills required in research and/or innovation in order to develop new knowledge and procedures and to integrate knowledge from different fields   | Manage and transform work or study contexts that are complex, unpredictable and require new strategic approaches; take responsibility for contributing to professional knowledge and practice and/or for reviewing the strategic performance of teams |
| Level 8 | Knowledge at the most advanced frontier of a field of work or study and at the interface between fields   | The most advanced and specialised skills and techniques, including synthesis and evaluation, required to solve critical problems in research and/or innovation and to extend and redefine existing knowledge or professional practice | Demonstrate substantial authority, innovation, autonomy, scholarly and professional integrity and sustained commitment to the development of new ideas or processes at the forefront of work or study contexts including research                     |

# Compare diverse Qualification frameworks

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| Nr.                                   | TOPIC / MODULES              | тоғ        | total<br>hrs. | Shop Beginner | Junior Shop<br>Assistant | Shop Assistant | Shop Area<br>Manager | Shop General<br>Manager |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.0                                   | Basic Knowledge              | Module I   | 344           | 104           | 240                      |                |                      |                         |
| 1.0                                   | Product Knowledge I          | Module II  | 192           |               | 192                      |                |                      |                         |
| 2.0                                   | Additional<br>Qualifications | Module IIA | 140           |               |                          | 140            |                      |                         |
| 3.0                                   | Business<br>Competencies     | Module III | 90            |               |                          |                | 90                   |                         |
| 4.0                                   | Product Knowledge II         | Module IV  | 142           |               |                          | 142            |                      |                         |
| 5.0                                   | Managing Level               | Module V   | 456           |               |                          |                | 456                  |                         |
| 6.0                                   | Marketing<br>Management      |            | 112           |               |                          |                |                      | 112                     |
|                                       |                              | Total      | 1476          | 104           | 432                      | 282            | 546                  | 112                     |
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### Examples of specified K-S-C

Table 1 - Comparison table of ECO QUALIFY levels to EQF

#### **EQF LEVEL 1:**

Professional Profile: General Agro-food Shop Beginner

K: generalities about basic agro-food products

S: ability to carry out simple tasks in shop

C: operating under direct supervision and control

**Level 1** - The <u>learning outcomes</u> relevant to Level 1 are:

K: basic general knowledge of products;

S: basic skills required to carry out simple tasks inside the shop;

**C:** work under direct supervision in a structured context.

#### **EQF LEVEL 2:**

Labour market sectoral skill need: Organic products Shop Junior Sales Assistant

K: basic knowledge about organic products

S: assisting sales personnel and serving customers

C: not self-reliant in selling organic products; operating under supervision

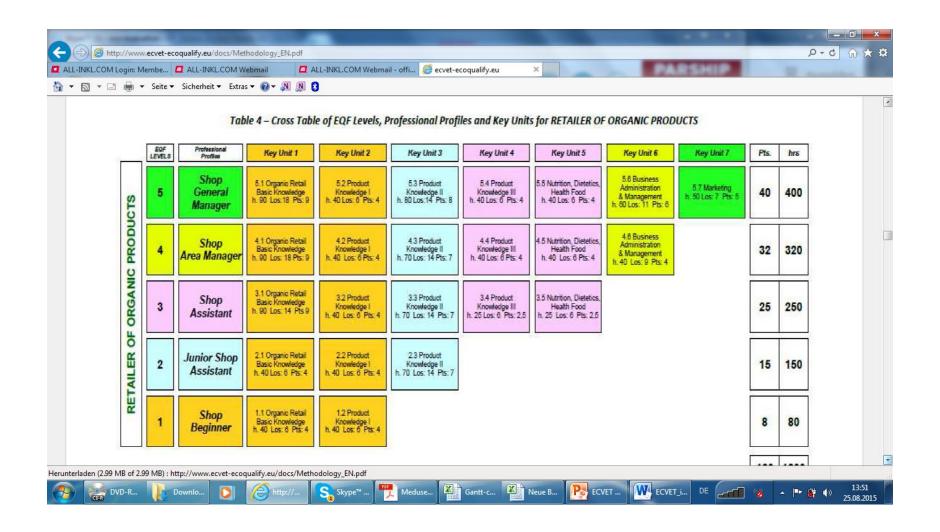
Level 2 - The learning outcomes relevant to Level 2 are:

### Teaching subjects break down

|                                   |                         |                                       |   | EQF levels |   |   |   |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| Teaching Subjects                 |                         |                                       | 1 | 2          | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |  |  |
| 1. Organic Retail Basic Knowledge |                         |                                       |   |            |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| 1.1                               | Organic Agriculture     |                                       | X | X          | X | X | X |  |  |  |
| 1.2                               | Sustainable Economics   | 1.2.1 Fair Trade                      |   |            | X | X | X |  |  |  |
|                                   |                         | 1.2.2 Environmental Protection        |   |            | X | Х | X |  |  |  |
|                                   |                         | 1.2.3. Organic Food<br>Production     |   |            | х | х | Х |  |  |  |
|                                   |                         | 1.2.4. CRS                            |   |            |   | Х | X |  |  |  |
| 1.3                               | Handling of Merchandise | 1.3.1. Goods Handling/ordering        |   |            | х | х | Х |  |  |  |
|                                   |                         | 1.3.2. Goods Storage/Care for Goods   | Х | X          | х | Х | Х |  |  |  |
|                                   |                         | 1.3.3. Labelling & Declarations       |   |            | X | х | Х |  |  |  |
|                                   |                         | 1.3.4. Goods display & Shop<br>Layout |   |            | х | х | Х |  |  |  |
| 1.4.                              | Working Procedures      | 1.4.1. Quality Management             |   |            |   | Х | X |  |  |  |
|                                   |                         | 1.4.2. Protection & Safety at Work    | X | х          | х | х | х |  |  |  |
|                                   |                         | 1.4.3. Hygiene in the shop and HACCP  | X | х          | x | х | х |  |  |  |
| 1.5.                              | Communication in Retail | 1.5.1. Communication Skills           | Х | Х          | Х | Х | Х |  |  |  |

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#### Cross tables



#### To be defined within ICF-CY Meduse

- A) LEARNING OUTCOMES are defined
- B) Workload
- C) Ways of validation (informal learning) -> cecertification criteria

#### References

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