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Building up mutual trust: Zooming in on EQF-level six with regard to the engineering sector

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Background to project

- 03/2009 – 02/2011
- Six partners (AT, BG, FR, GE, HE, SL)
- Master craftsperson qualification in motor vehicle technology and electrical engineering
- Aims
  - „Putting theory into practice“
  - Operationalising EQF / NQF
  - „Playground“, „laboratory“, working with concepts (e.g. best fit), testing methods, comparing qualifications transnationally

Main questions

- How do qualifications have to be described in order to enable NQF allocation („classification“)?
- How can an NQF-level be related to an EQF-level („referencing“)?

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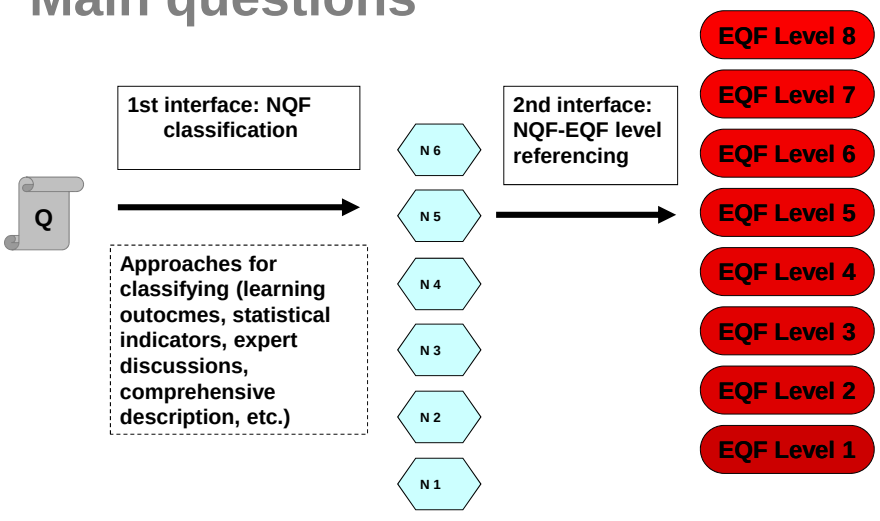

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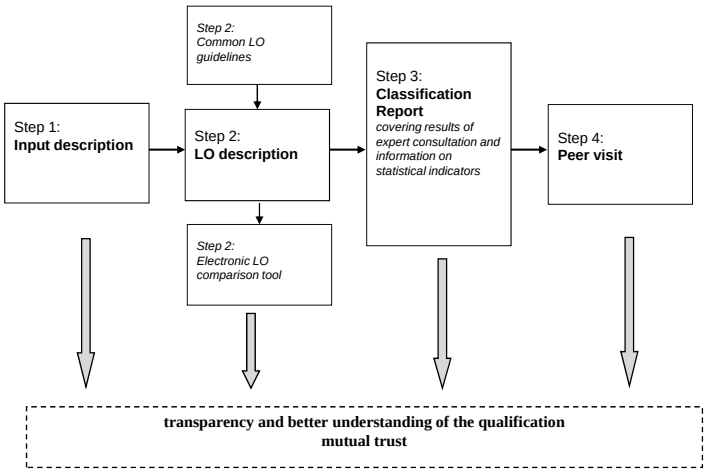

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- **Step 1: Input descriptions**
  - Table of input criteria: length of study period, access requirements to exam, etc.
  - Good overview but did not allow for comparison as regards contents
- **Step 2: Learning outcomes**
  - Development of LO description on the basis of common guidelines
  - Involvement of experts
  - Development of an electronic tool to compare LOs

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- **Step 3: Classification Report (CR)**
  - "Gap" between LO description and EQF descriptors – "bridged" by methods/indicators/criteria
  - Common template to describe qualification
  - Expert consultation: "weighting and rating of units/LOs"
- **Step 4: Peer visits**
  - Two experts from each partner country visited one other partner country
  - Discussion of CR, give feedback – perspective of "critical friends"

Conclusions – Challenges

- LO descriptions difficult to compare despite common guidelines
- Presentation of LOs: single components vs. holistic way
- Information in the CR template partly redundant
- Involvement of experts – lack information
- General: full transparency and complete understanding of qualification difficult
- Mutual trust through mobilities

More information

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