

EQF referencing: process and reports

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Criterion 7: Involvement of international experts

1 Professional Profile of the int. experts

- **Often: Involved in NQF and Referencing Report in their home-country**
- **Often: Working in ministries or agencies; seldom: employers organisations or unions**
- **Sometimes: Members of the EQF Advisory group or EU-Agencies (e.g. ETF)**
- **Sometimes: Retired, but well known with great experiences in EQF / NQF (and a lot of time)**

2 Systems represented

- **Often: Personally known as experts with good reputation**
- **Often: VET expert; sometimes HE experts; nearly never: GE experts**
- **Nearly always: Try to make their personal comments, not as speaker of a „system“**
- **Nearly always: No direct feedback with their home country**

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3 Knowledge of international experts

- **Elements of the European Education Area (EQF, QF-HE, ECVET/ECTS, Europass, EQARF...)**
- **Development and introduction of NQF's in their home country and other countries**
- **Often: Construction of curricula and recognition of qualifications**
- **Good skills in the english language, sometimes in the language of the host country**

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4 Stage of involvement and role

Stage:

- From the beginning (e.g. MALTA)
- In between (e.g. NETHERLANDS)
- At the end of the process (e.g. GERMANY)

Stage influences the role.

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Role

- „Critical friends“, witnesses and „allies“
- Sometimes: Developing the NQF and the Ref-Rep.
- Often: Take part in conferences ... of the steering committee ...
- Advise: structure, descriptors of NQF, process of mapping qualifications, role of the NCP, design and content of the Referencing Report.
- Help to make the NQF understandable in other countries. Confidence and mutual trust.
- Information about processes in other countries
- (Written) comments. Sometimes like „certificates“ as part of the Referencing Report

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5 Combination of different assessments

- **International experts advise (or recommend). Discussions with groups in the host country.**
- **Responsibility: Host country (steering committee ...)**
- **Often: Permanent contact between the int.exp.**
- **Possible: Different assessments of the int.exp. as annex of the referencing report**

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6 Other ways of international cooperation

- **Informations via EQF Advisory Group**
- **(Written) informations (e.g. via DG EAC)**
- **International workshops, seminars, ...**
- **EQF Pilot Projects (e.g. TransEQFrame)**
- **...**

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