



# TPG A on Qualifications Framework

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# Thematic Priorities



- A. **self-certification** of the national qualification frameworks to the overarching Qualifications Framework of the EHEA
- B. implementation of the **ECTS User's Guide**
- C. **short-cycle** higher education
- D. **multiple purposes** and use of the qualifications frameworks by the stakeholders
- E. study programmes **outside of the Bologna three-cycle structure**
- F. relationship between the qualifications frameworks and **quality assurance**
- G. **micro-credentials**
- H. **learning outcomes**
- I. **databases, registers, digitalization**

# Qualifications Frameworks for Trust, Transparency and Diversity - TPG A (QUATRA - TPG A)

**AIM:** Provide opportunities for the member states for a peer-to-peer support in order to ensure the fulfilment of the key commitments that are essential for the functioning of the EHEA

## **MAIN Activities:**

- TPG A meetings
- Peer learning activities
- Working groups
- Dissemination, final conference

## **Partners:**

- Academic Information Centre (Latvia) - coordinator
- Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalization (Austria) - partner
- Ministry of Education and Research (Estonia) - partner
- National Centre for Educational Quality Enhancement (Georgia) - associated partner

Project life-time - 36 months

# TPGA meetings

- ▶ Members: Albania; Andorra; Armenia; Austria; Azerbaijan; ~~Belarus~~; Belgium Flemish Community; Bulgaria; Council of Europe; Croatia; Cyprus; Czech Republic; EI - ETUCE; Estonia; ESU - European Students' Union; EURASHE; European Commission; Georgia; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Italy; Kazakhstan; Latvia; Malta; The Netherlands; North Macedonia; Poland; Romania; ~~Russia~~; San Marino; Slovak Republic; Spain; Turkey; United Kingdom/Scotland.
- ▶ 1st meeting online 31 July 2021
- ▶ 2nd meeting online 4 November 2021
- ▶ 3rd meeting online 15 March 2022
- ▶ 4th meeting Riga, Latvia, 21 October. 2022
- ▶ 5th meeting Vienna, Austria 26 April, 2023

# Peer learning activities

## Four peer learning activities are arranged:

- 1) **Place of micro-credentials in qualification frameworks for higher education – October 20, 2022 (Riga, Latvia)**
- 2) **TPG A PLA on Learning outcomes: How are learning outcomes perceived, transmitted, and implemented in daily practice of higher Education Institutions? (April 25, Vienna, Austria)**
- 3) Self-certification – September 2023 (Tbilisi, Georgia)
- 4) Assessment of Learning Outcomes on programme level – Spring 2024 (Tallinn, Estonia)

# The place of microcredentials in QFs for higher education

20 October 2022, Riga, Latvia

## Main presentations:

- Global approach to micro-credentials
- The Canadian micro-credentials context
- Maltese developments for micro-credentials
- The development of micro-credentials in Irish Higher Education: Insights from MicroCreds
- Study on micro-credentials in Latvia
- Micro-credentials: A small package with a big impact (Canada experience)

## Discussion questions:

- Influence of the EHEA QF in the following areas: Transparency and comparability of qualifications, QA of qualifications, design, review and renewal of qualifications, progression, VNIL, recognition.
- Evidence regarding the awareness and use of the EHEA QF by different groups

# Working Group on Micro-Credentials

*(chaired by Latvia, Armenia)*

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium Flanders, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Latvia, Netherlands, Romania, UK Scotland, ESU

## Topics for discussion:

- ▶ Inclusion of micro-credentials in national qualification frameworks
- ▶ How ECTS can be used in the context of micro-credentials at other education levels and in other sectors
- ▶ How to use micro-credentials to improve access to lifelong learning opportunities
- ▶ Findings and recommendations from the discussions



**Outcome:**  
Developed recommendations

# Schedule of Working Group on Micro-Credentials

**WG meetings:** 22 September 2022, 20 October 2022, 9 March 2023, 25 April 2023

## **Exchange of experience**

- Presentation of challenges in introducing MC in EQF (ETF)
- Presentation of Cedeop's main findings regarding MC (CEDEFOP)

## **Main activities:**

- SWOT analysis on MC among the working group members
- Draft recommendations



# Working Group on Self-Certification

*(chaired by Georgia, Bulgaria)*

Andorra, Armenia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Greece, Latvia

## Topics for discussion:

- ▶ Review of the existing self-certification mechanism and ideas for the future
- ▶ How to support other countries to complete their self-certification
- ▶ Main findings and recommendations from the discussions



## **Outcome:**

Developed recommendations

# Schedule of Working Group on Self-Certification

**WG meetings:** 29 September 2022, 21 October 2022, 23 February 2023, 25 April 2023

## **Exchange of experience**

- Presentation of Kazakhstan self-certification of NQF

## **Main activities:**

- Survey on self-certification for TPG A members
- Discussion to outline the key areas for recommendations to be developed by the working group
- Draft recommendations

# Working Group on Short-Cycle Higher Education (chaired by Academic Information Centre, Latvia)

Bulgaria, Latvia, Azerbaijan, Belgium Flanders

## Topics for discussion:

- ▶ Best practices on short cycle qualifications including development and pathways
- ▶ Solutions to reach recognition by learners and labour market
- ▶ Main findings and recommendations from the discussions



**Outcome:**  
Developed recommendations

# Schedule of Working Group on Short-Cycle Higher Education

**WG meetings:** 7 September 2022, 21 October 2022, 15 March 2023, 26 April 2023

## **Exchange of experience**

- Presentation of experience and challenges in introducing short cycle in Latvia
- Presentation of Short cycle Higher Education in Europe

## **Main activities:**

- Fiche on short cycle among the working group members
- Survey on short cycle among the working group members
- Draft recommendations



Thank you very much for your attention!

**Chairs:**

**Karin Riegler, Austria**

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