

QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORKS

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

- *support the sharing of experience in the elaboration of national qualifications frameworks.*
- *qualification frameworks should be designed so as to encourage greater mobility of students and teachers and improve employability.*

COORDINATION GROUP

- Assist countries if and as needed
- Stimulate European and regional activities
- Disseminate information
- Bologna web site for QF
- Gain an overview of developments at national level
- *Not infringe on the authority and responsibility of countries for their own QFs*
- *Not develop new standards*

COUNTRIES

- Responsible for the development of their won QFs
- Provide information on the development of their QF
 - National QF correspondent
 - Web site

DEVELOPMENT OF NQFS

NATIONAL CORRESPONDENTS

- 38 countries/systems
- All Bologna members except:
 - Azerbaijan, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Luxembourg, Moldova, Serbia, Slovak Republic
 - “Holding reply”: Italy, Russia

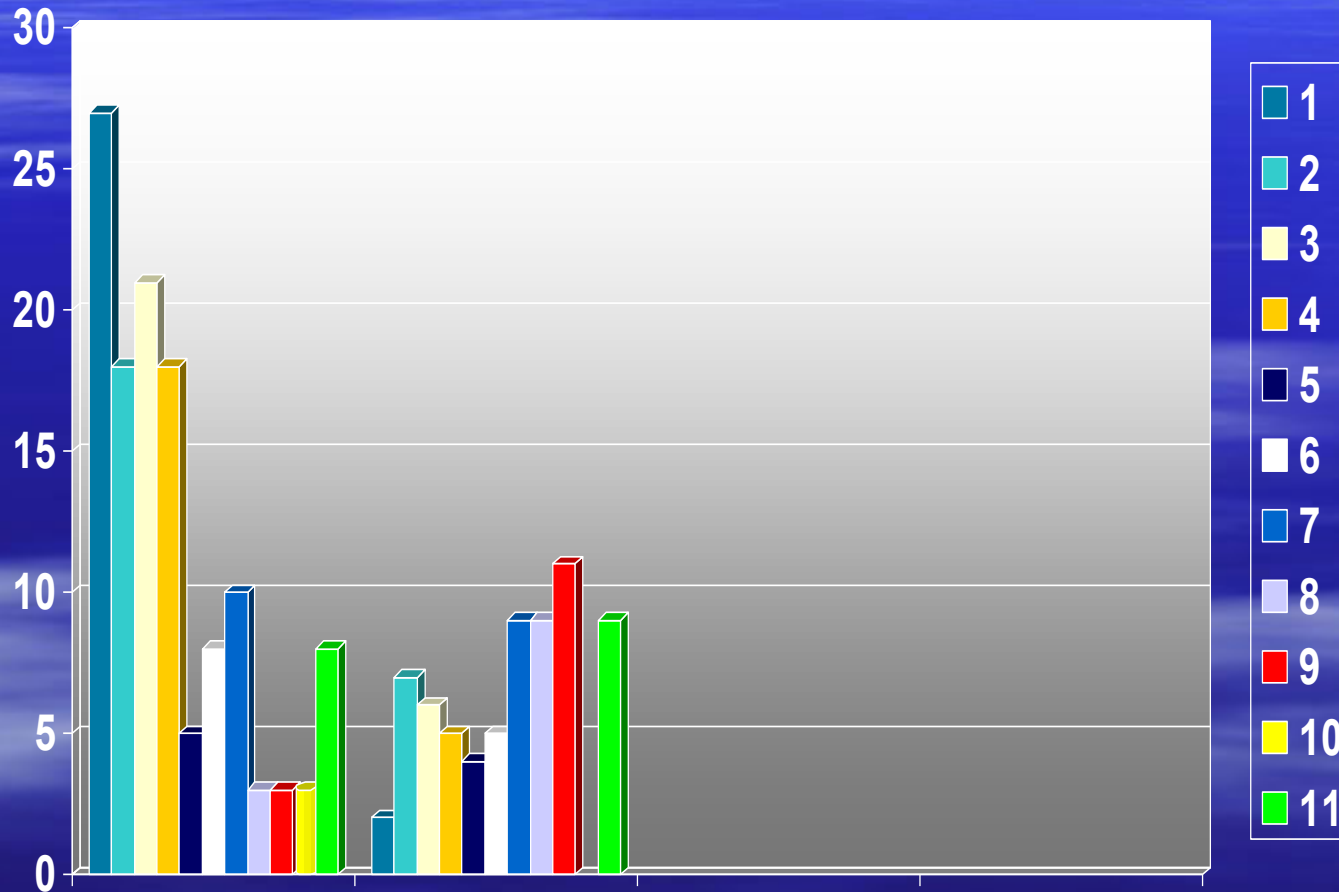
PROVIDED INFORMATION

- 33 countries/systems
- All Bologna members except:
 - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Luxembourg, Moldova, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Slovak Republic
 - Provided information after the report was sent to the Bologna Secretariat: France

NQF: STATE OF DEVELOPMENT

Action/step	Step completed
1. Decision to start	27; 2 uncertain
2. Setting the agenda	18; 7 uncertain
3. Organizing the process	21; 6 uncertain
4. Design Profile	18; 5 uncertain
5. Consultation	15 countries; 4 uncertain
6. Approval	8 countries; 5 uncertain
7. Administrative set-up	10 countries; 9 uncertain
8. Implementation	3 countries; 9 uncertain
9. Inclusion of qualifications	3 countries; 11 uncertain
10. Self-certification	3 countries, but much uncertainty
11. NQ web site	8 countries; 9 uncertain

NQF: STATE OF DEVELOPMENT



EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENTS

EUROPEAN EVENTS

- QF conferences
 - Council of Europe Forum on QFs (Strasbourg, Oct 2007)
 - Learning outcomes (Edinburgh, Feb 2008)
 - Self certification (Tbilisi, Nov 2008)
- Other Bologna conferences
 - ECTS and student workload (Moskva, April 2008)
 - ECTS and learning outcomes (Porto, June 2008)
 - Employability (Luxembourg, Nov 2008)

REGIONAL EVENTS

- South East Europe
 - Conference (Beograd, Nov 2007)
 - Regional network (Cetinje, July 2008)
- NIS
 - Conference (Yerevan, Sept 2008)

EQF-LLL

- Formally adopted April 2008
- Good cooperation:
 - EQF Advisory Board: CoE member
 - Coordination Group: Commission member
 - Working group on referencing

CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

DEVELOPING, DESCRIBING AND IMPLEMENTING LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Developing and describing learning outcomes a great challenge
- Need a good mix of targeted activities at European level and development work at national and institutional level
- Link between describing and implementing learning outcomes is crucial
- Avoid reducing this to a purely formal exercise

SELF CERTIFICATION

- Strong need for continued exchange of experience
- Participation of international experts is an essential part of the self certification
- Need to expand the pool of potential experts

RELATIONSHIP TO THE EQF-LLL

- Main message
 - The differences between the two overarching frameworks less important than the elements they have in common.
 - It is perfectly possible to develop national qualifications frameworks that are compatible with both the EHEA Framework and the EQF-LLL.
- But need to clarify further the relationship between the two

TIMETABLE

- The 2010 commitment has played an important role in launching the development of national qualifications frameworks
- Coordination Group feels obliged to ask whether the 2010 deadline is realistic
 - Quality of work
 - Stakeholder involvement
- Adopt a staggered deadline?

2009 – 2010 WORK PROGRAM

- Should include one major event focusing on qualifications frameworks
 - Ireland: conference fall 2009 focusing on bringing together progress internationally in the implementation of the EHEA-QF and the EQF-LLL
- Continued need to offer assistance and coordination in the development of national frameworks
- Need some kind of EHEA coordination body

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www.bologna2009benelux.org/qf