



## European conference

**Brussels, Belgium, 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2010**

**Belgian Comic Strip Center**

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It seems that transparency of qualifications, and moreover the differences in the meaning, content and interpretation of tasks and functions on the European labour market and the mutual agreements on qualification profiles are one of the barriers in the mobility of learners and workers.

At European level, instruments have been developed to support European citizens to fully exploit the potential of the European lifelong learning area and the EU-wide labour market. One of these instruments is **EQF: the European Qualifications Framework**.

Even with a tool as EQF, experiences tell that EU-wide agreements on qualification profiles do not always hold when it comes to their interpretation and implementation.

The TIPTOE project intends to discover how and why these interpretational differences occur and, especially, how they can be overcome, or even better: prevented.

In the conference the results and observations on the differences in interpretation between education and labour market, the used methods for EQF referencing and mapping of occupations and qualifications will be presented to representatives of education and labour market and to European and national experts on EQF.

### TIPTOE project

Leonardo da Vinci project, Transfer of Innovation (NL/08/LLP-LdV/TOI/123011)

*“Working on EQF: From framework to practice”*

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## Programme

Languages: English, French, Dutch



10.00	Arrival and registration of the participants
10.30 – 10.45	<b>Welcome</b> and introduction <i>Mr. R. van Wezel, KCH International (NL) project leader of the TIPTOE project</i>
10.45 – 11.15	<b>EQF: the progress of the implementation in Europe</b> <i>CEDEFOP (speaker to be confirmed)</i>
11.15 – 11.30	<b>Coffee break</b>
11.30 – 12.00	<b>EQF: The first referencing reports in EU member states</b> <i>Dr. J.J. Calleja, Chief Executive, Malta Qualifications Council</i>
12.00 - 12.30	<b>TIPTOE: experimenting with EQF in the trade sector</b> <i>Mrs. P. van den Bosch, EVTA</i>
12.30 – 14.00	<b>Lunch</b>
14.00 – 14.45	<b>Workshops round 1 (parallel sessions):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>EQF referencing: the used methods and observations</i> <i>Mrs. F. Curto, CECOIA (PT) and Mr. T. Popovac, AGEFA PME (FR)</i></li><li>• <i>Mapping of occupations and qualifications in the trade sector</i> <i>Mr. J. Haenen, Albeda College (NL) and Mr. C. Fröhlich, BSH (DE)</i></li></ul>
14.45 – 15.30	<b>Workshops round 2 (parallel sessions):</b>
15.30 – 15.45	<b>Coffee break</b>
15.45 – 16.45	<b>Panel discussion</b> Discussion of the outcomes of the workshops with the panel experts. <i>Moderator: Mr. P. Mare, KCH International (NL)</i>
16.45 – 17.00	<b>Conclusions, recommendations and closing words</b> <i>Mr. R. van Wezel and Mr. P. Mare</i>

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