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**Workshop theme 2:
ECVET and Transparency**



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Themes discussed in the workshop

- Description of learning outcomes (KSC) and expression of qualifications in terms of units of learning outcomes
- Criteria for allocation of credit points and role of credit points for transparency
- Transparency through procedural aspects



ECVET Reflector

- No antinomy between the final assessment leading to qualifications and alternative ways of assessment of learning outcomes
- The articulation between units/qualifications and modules/programmes should be elaborated



ECVET Connexion

- Whatever the type of system (within the typology identified), all technical specifications are present
- Only some of the existing systems combine most of the technical specifications



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Further Questions (written)

- Which is the role of Europass in making transparent units or learning outcomes accredited?
- The problem of knowledge. Being a support part of the VET programme how should it be accredited?
- Do we need a common view of each job description (based on KSC)? Is the development of common coordinated job profiles an important input to ECVET?
- If a country does not have a qualification system, which is the way to move on agreements on credits?



Key message

Don't forget the three pillars of ECVET:

- Transfer
- Units
- Credits

Under this perspective the consultation phase should try to move forward taking on account the existing national context and restrictions but keeping an eye on the European priorities



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