



European Workshop On ECVET: the Launch of the Consultation

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**Workshop theme 4:
ECVET and mutual trust**





Mutual trust: why?

- ECVET is a voluntary, decentralised system for international credit transfer
 - depends on partners working together
 - each accepting the status of the other
 - each accepting the value of credit awarded by the other
- the rich diversity of VET
- a challenge for mutual trust



Mutual trust: what is needed?

- **common basis** for negotiation and agreement
- a simple, clear **process**
 - a structure / guideline for cooperation
- **tools** to facilitate credit partnerships
 - simple to operate
 - to clarify all aspects of the learning for which credit is awarded and accepted



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- ECVET Adoption decision
- ECVET process
 - Memorandum of Understanding
- The ECVET 'toolbox'



ECVET process

- mutual acceptance of status by partners
- identification of correspondence between qualifications: 'level'
- agreement on the description of specific learning outcomes for which credit is to be transferred
 - quality: knowledge, skills and competence
 - quantity: credit points
- Memorandum of Understanding



ECVET toolbox

- a set of tools, instruments and templates
- to be used as required, not to be applied as a rigid system
- some existing facilities will be useful
 - Common Quality Assurance Framework
- reference levels: EQF
- qualifications typology and credit profiling
- credit allocation conventions
- other tools

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Questions for workshop 4





Workshop 4: questions

- what factors and conditions in your qualification system would support or facilitate the development of mutual trust with international partners? What factors would constrain mutual trust, if any?
- what would need to be done in your country to enable mutual trust for international credit transfer and how long would that take?
- what actions would be needed at European level to support the development of mutual trust for international credit transfer?
- what additional, documents, handbooks or guidance material should be made available to support the development of mutual trust for international credit transfer?



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