



EQAVET framework and indicators

National Agency for Vocational Education and Training

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- ❑ EQAVET is a community of practice bringing together the EU Member States, the Social Partners and the European Commission to promote European collaboration in developing and improving quality assurance in VET by using the European Quality Assurance Reference Framework.
 - ❑ The mission of EQAVET is realized by:
 - ✓ Assisting the Member States in developing effective approaches to support the implementation of the Reference Framework
 - ✓ Developing a culture of quality, to be embedded at European level and other levels with the help of the Quality Assurance National Reference Points and other Network members
 - ✓ Supporting the Member States and the European Commission in the monitoring and implementation of the Reference Framework within the context of the Education and Training 2020 Strategy

HOW DOES IT WORK?

EQAVET functions as a community of practice where members and national experts could:

- ✓ Exchange information and experience in open discussions
- ✓ Initiate a process of mutual learning and consensus building for the development of common principles, reference criteria, indicators and tools for quality improvement in VET, and the implementation of the Reference Framework
- ✓ Reach shared results and solutions in the development of guidelines and criteria for quality assurance, embedding a culture of quality improvement and sense of ownership in implementing the Reference Framework across Europe



THE NETWORK MEMBERS

- ❑ Member States
 - ❑ National Reference Points
 - ❑ Social Partners
 - ❑ European Commission
 - ❑ Scientific Advisers
- The work of the Network is supported by the Secretariat and collaborating experts.



EUROPEAN QUALITY ASSURANCE REFERENCE FRAMEWORK (EQARF)

- ❑ The European Quality Assurance Reference Framework (Reference Framework) is designed to promote better vocational education and training by providing authorities with common tools for the management of quality.
- ❑ Developed by Member States in cooperation with the European Commission, the Reference Framework has now been adopted by the European Parliament and the Council. It is a key element in the ongoing work in renewing Europe's education and training systems.
- ❑ The adoption and implementation of the Framework in the participating countries is voluntary.



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□ The Framework:

- includes the need for regular monitoring (involving internal and external evaluation mechanisms) and reporting on progress;
- uses common quality criteria and indicative descriptors to underpin the monitoring and reporting arrangements;
- stresses the importance of common indicators to support the evaluation, monitoring and quality assurance of VET systems and providers;

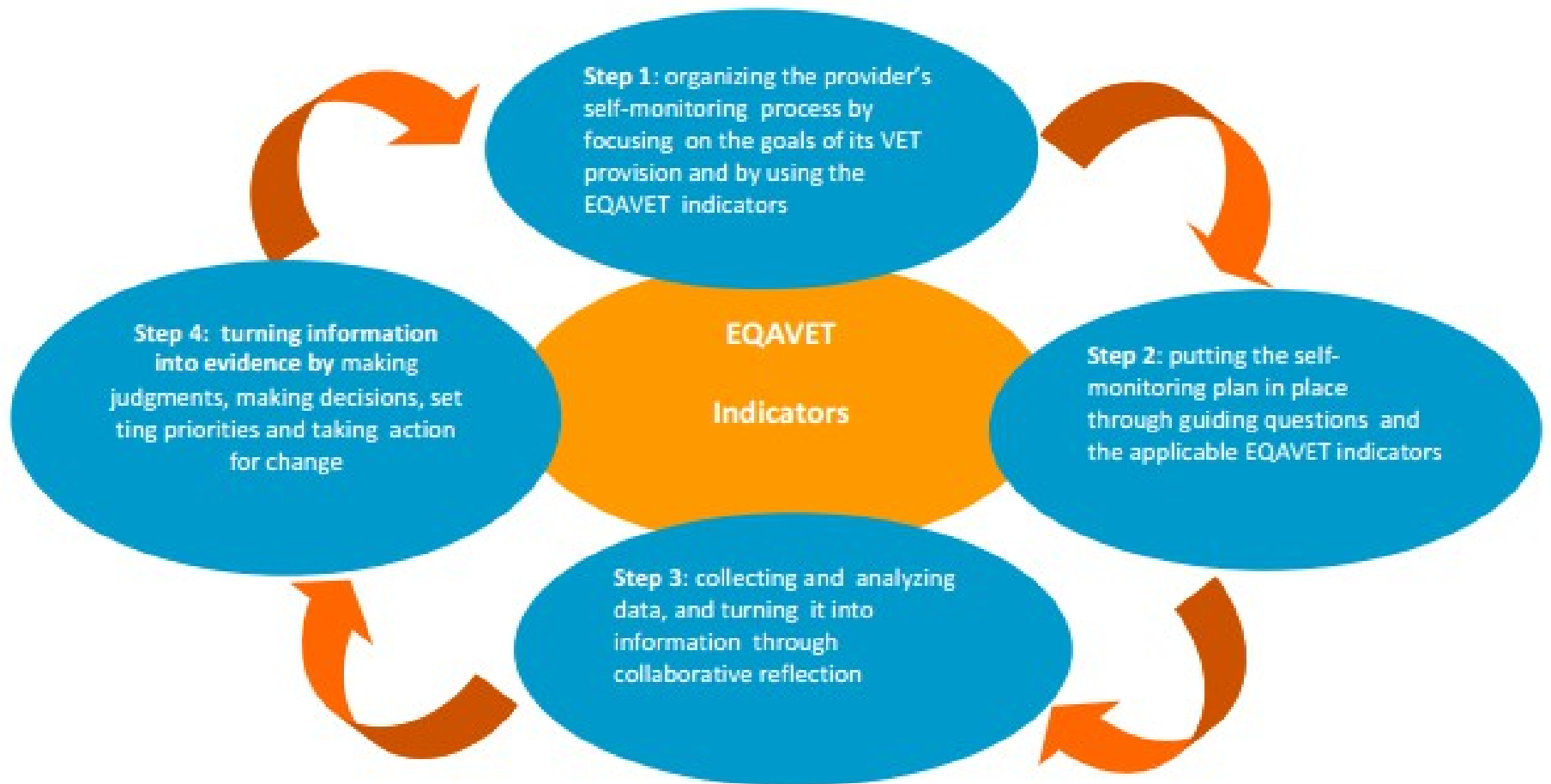


EQARF QUALITY CRITERIA

- ❑ Planning
- ❑ Implementation
- ❑ Assessment and Evaluation
- ❑ Feedback and Procedures for Change (Review)



The self-monitoring cycle



INDICATORS

- The Framework is accompanied by a set of **10 indicators** which may be used as a “tool box” by countries as they work on adapting and developing their VET systems. The indicators are not designed for benchmarking but rather to support a culture of quality assurance in VET.

- 1. Relevance of quality assurance systems for VET providers*
- 2. Investment in training of teachers and trainers*
- 3. Participation rate in VET programmes*
- 4. Completion rate in VET programmes*
- 5. Placement rate in VET programmes*
- 6. Utilisation of acquired skills at the workplace*
- 7. Unemployment rate*
- 8. Prevalence of vulnerable group*
- 9. Mechanisms to identify training needs in the labour market*
- 10. Schemes used to promote better access to VET*

FRAMEWORK IMPLEMENTATION

- ❑ The Reference Framework is a voluntary instrument that can be implemented progressively and in accordance with national legislation and practices
- ❑ Its main users are public authorities and the bodies charged with quality assurance and improvements, as well as VET providers
- ❑ Since its adoption in 2009, Member States and the Commission are putting important emphasis on testing and further developing this instrument. This involves launching of pilot projects funded through the Lifelong Learning Programme and also through national initiatives
- ❑ By 2011 Member States are expected to have devised an approach aimed at improving quality assurance at national level making best use of the Reference Framework in accordance with national legislation and practices. Member States should involve all relevant stakeholders in this process.



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