

## Call for BWP 2/2025

### "European transparency instruments"

Transparency is crucial in shaping a European Education Area. Its aim is to facilitate communication between the different national education systems without enforcing their standardisation. In the past, instruments such as EQF, ECVET, EQAVET and Europass Template have been developed for this purpose. They are designed to facilitate the mobility of learners and skilled workers by making their qualifications "legible" and comparable in the various education systems and on a European labour market. More recent formats, such as ESCO and currently Micro Credentials pursue similar objectives.

In light of the demands posed by ecological and digital transformation, as well as the heterogeneity of the labour force, lifelong learning is once again gaining prominence. Financial and digital support is provided for skills development at an individual level through tools such as individual learning accounts, recognition and validation of informally and non-formally acquired skills, the Europass portal in order to make educational success (graduate tracking) visible.

The aim of this BWP issue is to examine these different instruments, reflecting their origins and relevance to vocational education and training in Europe. The focus will be on the level of learners, educational institutions and professional stakeholders as well as the system level. Key questions for this reflection may include:

- What contribution were the instruments able to make to shaping a European education area? Which goals were achieved, and which were not and why?
- What effects have they had in terms of transparency, standardisation and governance?
- How compatible are the instruments in the national education contexts and what impetus for further development have they been able to trigger there?
- What new approaches and developments do exist, e.g. as a result of digitalisation?
- What impact can the European instruments also have on the organisation of vocational education and training worldwide?

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