

Template 1: Favourable conditions in the country for ECVET implementation

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| Organization (full legal name): | HETEL |
| Country: | Spain |

Favourable conditions in the country that can contribute to the implementation of ECVET's principals

Examples:

- National policies that facilitate the implementation of ECVET principles;
- Reforms of the national VET system;
- New regulations that aim to introduce elements supportive of ECVET;
- Aspects of the national VET system that are in line with the ECVET philosophy;
- Alignment between EQF / NQF;
- Indications of ECVET trials for internal use.

The reform of the professional qualifications framework started in 2002 with the approval of the Organic Law 5/2002. This Law followed the Copenhagen Declaration of 2002.

To answer the demands and recommendations of the Copenhagen Declaration, Spain started to work in the development of a National Qualifications Framework (the Spanish Framework of Qualifications, MECU) and its correspondence to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF), going through all levels of education.

The MECU is the result of the National Catalogue of Professional Qualifications (CNCP) plus the Spanish Framework of Qualifications for Higher Education (MECES).

The CNCP defines the qualifications of levels 1, 2 and 3, corresponding with levels 1-5 from the EQF, so all levels of VET (from Initial VET to Higher VET, in formal and informal education), whereas the MECES defines the qualifications corresponding to all levels of higher education (from 5-8 of EQF). The MECES was developed in 2011 to complete the MECU.

The MECU (National Qualifications Framework) combines the CNCP and the MECES but the reference for the first one is the National Institute of Qualifications (INCUAL), dependent from the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport and the reference of the second one is the National Agency for Quality Evaluation and Accreditation (ANECA), also dependent of the Ministry of Education. In this regard, one of the weaknesses of the Spanish System of Qualifications is that there is not a unique national centre coordinated with the European Framework.

Nevertheless, there is an alignment between the EQF and the NQF in Spain (MECU):

| EQF | CNCP | Degree (in Spanish) |
|-----|------|---------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Operario |
| 2 | | |
| 3 | 2 | Técnico Medio |
| 4 | | |
| 5 | 3 | Técnico Superior |
| 6 | 4 | Grado |
| 7 | 5 | Máster |

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| 8 | Not defined | Doctor (PhD) |
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Source: INCUAL

| EQF | MECES | Degree (in Spanish) |
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| 5 | 1 | Técnico Superior en Formación Profesional Técnico Superior de Artes Plásticas y Diseño Técnico Deportivo Superior |
| 6 | 2 | Título de Graduado Título de Graduado en Enseñanzas Artísticas Superiores |
| 7 | 3 | Título de Máster Universitario Título de Máster en Enseñanzas Artísticas |
| 8 | 4 | Título de Doctor (PhD) |

Source: ANECA

For the definition of the professional qualifications, the methodology is based on ECVET recommendations, using the concept of learning outcomes expressed on terms of knowledge, skills and competences. Each qualification is formed by several units of competence and each unit of competence gathers certain knowledge, skills and competences which can be evaluated and certified. Completing the units of competence associated to a certain profession (defined in the National Catalogue of Professional Qualifications), it is possible to obtain a professional certificate, issued by the National Public Employment Service or the Autonomous Communities.

This is the furthest the Spanish system has gone in the implementation of ECVET up to now and the actions right now are addressed to the consolidation of the Spanish National Qualification Frameworks. The translation of units of competence to ECVET points/credits (in a similar way to the ECTS system, which it does is implemented) is still something pending.

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