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- Registering on the portal and participating in the 'Community of Practice'.
- Completing the benchmarking tool to see what strengths and areas for improvement you have in comparison with other European institutes.
- Providing a good practice example from your own quality management system.
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### What is the European Quality Assurance Reference Framework for Vocational Education and Training?

The European Quality Assurance Reference Framework for VET constitutes a framework of quality criteria, indicative descriptors and reference indicators that aim to support European Member States to further improve and develop their VET systems, support lifelong learning strategies and promote a culture of quality improvement and innovation at all levels.

The Framework may be considered as an instrument that can support policy makers and VET practitioners to design quality assurance systems choosing those descriptors and indicators that they consider most relevant to their requirements.



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## EXPAND QUALITY ASSURANCE IN VET (BENCHMARKING TOOL)

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## What is EXPANDVET?

This Leonardo da Vinci TOI project addresses the challenge of improving quality assurance systems in VET institutions. The project transfers good practice and innovation techniques to four EU countries (Lithuania, Austria, Poland and United Kingdom) and ends in September 2014.

### The EXPANDVET project will promote the Use of the European Quality Assurance Reference Framework in the European VET community and the innovative content transferred consists of:

- An electronic benchmarking tool for quality assurance in VET institutions. This offers the opportunity for VET providers to compare their performance with similar institutions in their country or in other European countries, and helps to identify their strong and weak points, thus setting preconditions for improvement;
- A web based quality sharing network and good practice centre establishing a Community of Practice (CoP) in the field of quality assurance in VET;
- A thematic portal as a reference point for practitioners, researchers and policy makers in VET.

All the products of the project are found at <http://www.idec.gr/expandvet> and [www.bequal.info](http://www.bequal.info).

### MAIN PROJECT TASKS

- To examine the existing approaches for quality assurance in participating countries.
- To transfer, adapt and pilot the benchmarking tool in Lithuania, Austria, Poland and United Kingdom.
- To develop the Lithuanian and Polish language versions of the thematic portal.
- To enrich the thematic portal with a range of content including documents, links, articles and videos.
- To disseminate and promote the benchmarking tool at regional, national and European level.
- To collaborate in the development of products and quality assurance practices.

## The EXPANDVET PROJECT provides the opportunity to:

### Use a self-evaluation tool:

- Try an innovative approach to reviewing your quality assurance system and practices.
- Self-evaluate all stages of your quality management system including planning, implementation, evaluation and review.
- Find out areas for further improvement your institution has in comparison with others in Europe.

### Benchmark your quality processes:

- Benchmark your quality management system and practices with that of other training institutions from your country and from 12 other European Countries.
- Join the community of VET providers who have benchmarked their quality assurance system and processes.

### Share good practices:

- Improve your institution by adapting and implementing good practices from other European VET providers.
- Raise your profile among European VET providers by submitting your own good practices related to quality assurance.

### Find out more:

- Discover more about the European Quality Assurance Reference Framework.
- Keep yourself updated with new developments on the theme of Quality Assurance in VET.

## JOIN US if your VET institution:

- wants to develop or improve quality assurance system and practices
- has and wants to share their good practices with others (at national and EU levels)
- would be willing to complete the benchmarking tool and see what strengths and areas for improvement it has in comparison with other European institution
- wants to disseminate and promote actual documents, events, publications concerning quality in VET
- leads in innovation
- wants free advertising for 18 months at [www.bequal.info](http://www.bequal.info)
- wants to get a 'Certificate of Participation' in the project from the Coordinator, showing your acknowledgement to European Quality Assurance Reference Framework

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