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## NATIONAL QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK

Many countries are already involved in formulating a national qualifications framework (NQF), a variation of the EQF in their respective national contexts, in order to make the training and vocational process of individual citizens more recognisable.

These European and national systems acknowledge the new reality of the learning approaches of European citizens, increasingly characterised by variety and informality, as an educational continuum.

The Recommendation sets 2010 as the final date for achieving the objective of a common reading for the qualifications systems in the various countries through the EQF. In fact, beginning in 2012 all new qualifications must bear a EQF reference to be recognisable and comparable.

## WHAT IS THE EUROPEAN QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK?

The EQF (European Qualifications Framework) is a translation system – a conversion and reading grid – that tie together the various degrees (qualifications, diplomas, certificates, etc.) issued in the member countries; the comparison is based on the learning outcomes.

The European Qualifications Framework (EQF) is organised into eight reference levels, covering knowledge, capabilities/abilities and skills acquired by the student,

beginning with the qualifications obtained at the end of mandatory education and continuing through the highest level, the doctorate or equivalent.

This is a structure against which the member states are asked to voluntarily review their own educational and training systems so that there is a connection among the individual national systems of reference for degrees and qualifications and the European EQF framework.

## **EUROSEA AND THE EUROPEAN QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK**



EUROSEA project aims to elaborate a European Reference of the qualifications existing in the fish and seafood cannery sector, in order to compare the vocational training related to the sector among the participating countries.

The main result will be a tool in order to be used as a reference by the stakeholders and policy makers in education and vocational training, and for the social agents of the fish and seafood cannery sector.

With EUROSEA project it will be promoted the recognition of the professional qualifications in the sector, included those acquired through non formal and informal learning, encouraging the lifelong learning, and will help to establish European qualifications in this sector.

## **ACTIVITIES COMPLETED**




Two meetings were held among the partners: in Madrid in January 2010 and in Palermo in May 2010.

The various situations regarding the status of the fish & seafood cannery industry and the relative job market were compared.

## **NEXT STEPS**



- Definition of the existing professional profiles in the sector in each participating country.
  - Analysis of the training offer of the educational and vocational training systems addressed to the fish and seafood cannery industry.
  - Elaboration and validation of a European Reference Tool at national and transnational level for the vocational training systems.
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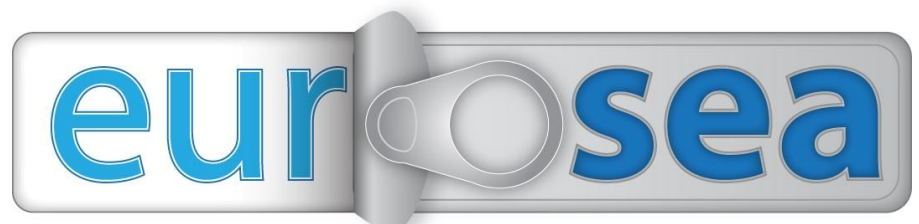

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