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THE EUROPEAN REFERENCE TOOL IS UNDERWAY

On 3rd and 4th of March 2011, the fourth transnational meeting of the EUROSEA Project took place in Oporto – Portugal, an initiative led by the FEDERACIÓN AGROALIMENTARIA DE LA UNIÓN GENERAL DE TRABAJADORES (The Spanish Union of Workers in Food Industries), with the aim of elaborating the European reference tool for professional qualifications in the fish and seafood cannery sector.

The tool will be used as a qualification 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.

The EUROSEA team have defined the qualifications of the sector corresponding to two key professional profiles, and had been referred to the Vocational Education and Training (VET) systems of partner countries with the European Quality Framework (EQF).

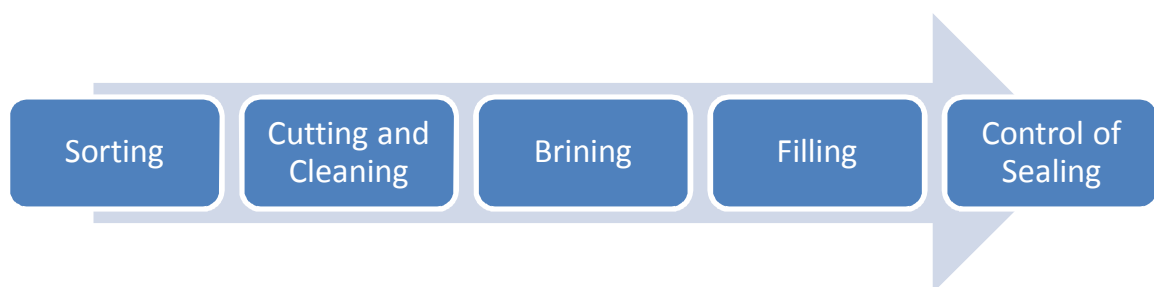
There were two main phases:

(i) Selection of the key professions: “fish canning operator” and “seamer mechanic”.

(ii) Definition of the qualifications of these key professions according to the references within the National Qualifications Systems and/or National Educational Systems.

ANFACO, SINTESI, IDEC, TRIFORMA and UCP-ESB organized working groups in their own country in order to define the qualifications of these two key professions. They also reported the results and compile them in national reports.

In the description of the key activities of the fish canning operator, it was decided to put in common the stages to be described in the qualification. It will be focused in these common stages where this worker profile can develop his/her role.



The European Reference Tool will include two kind of information regarding training:

- The existing training offer in each country for reaching those qualifications
- The training proposed or recommended (as part of the qualifications described in the working groups) by experts involved in EUROSEA project. Each partner will propose (according to the sector reality) training contents of each Qualification Reference (fish canning operator and seamer mechanic).



NEXT STEPS



- **Final national seminars** in Spain, Portugal, Finland and Italy On June 2011.
- **Final transnational seminar in Greece** on 30th of June 2011

Please visit the projects web page www.eurosea.eu , or contact the national partners for further information and for participation.

- Elaboration of the **European reference tool for professional qualifications in the fish and seafood cannery sector.**

The tool will focus on qualifications of the sector corresponding to the professional profiles and competences, as well as references of these qualifications with the EQF.



The tool will be validated by national discussion groups with 6-8 experts from the entrepreneurs' associations, public administration and entities related to VET system and professional qualifications, managers and human resources technicians of the companies of the sector, etc.

Providers and professionals of training in the food industry, entrepreneurs associations and trade unions of the food industry sector, qualifications institutes and public administration entities are invited to participate in the elaboration of the tool.

- Report on external validation of the European Reference Professional Qualification Tool.
- Final partnership meeting in Piraeus – Greece on 1st of July 2011

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