

VET-CERT is a Leonardo da Vinci project developed and coordinated by ARQA-VET in cooperation with various national and international project partners. The exact project title is: Qualifizierung als Weg zur Qualität: Zertifizierung von Personen mit Funktionen innerhalb von Qualitätsmanagementsystemen in der beruflichen Erstausbildung sowie in der Erwachsenenbildung (**Qualification as a way to quality: Certification of persons holding functions in quality management systems in initial VET and in adult education**).

With the VET-CERT project the competence development of persons in quality management functions in initial VET and in adult education should be fostered. This will support the professional implementation of the Quality Initiative VET ([QIBB](#)) and the implementation of the Ö-CERT framework in adult education as well as the implementation of the European reference framework for quality assurance in VET ([EQARF](#)) in both sectors. Professionally qualified and certified persons (principals, school quality process managers, regional quality process managers, quality managers in adult education etc.) should receive a comprehensive understanding of quality management tools and the possibilities they offer.

The two main aims thus are:

- > to guarantee that persons dealing with quality management in VET institutions have the necessary competencies
- > to make these competencies visible through a certification process.

The following products should be developed within VET-CERT:

- > competence profiles for persons holding functions in QM systems at the different system levels
- > proposals for a curricular framework (training contents, training methods, training institutions)
- > a concept for the certification which takes into consideration the validation of non-formal and informal competencies.

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**Kick-off Meeting:** 17.3.2011

Project ends: 31.1.2013

**International partners:**

- > BIBB - Bundesinstitut für Berufsbildung - Federal Institute for VET (Germany) ([www](#))
- > FETAC - Further Education and Training Awards Council (Ireland) ([www](#))
- > CPI - National Institute for VET (Slovenia) ([www](#))

**National partners in the project:**

- > Österreichisches Institut für Berufsbildungsforschung (öibf) - The Austrian Institute for Research on VET ([www](#))
- > Donau-Universität Krems, Department für Weiterbildungsforschung und Bildungsmanagement - Danube University Krems, Department for Continuing Education Research and Educational Management ([www](#))
- > HTL Steyr - Higher secondary college of engineering Steyr ([www](#))
- > Universität Graz, Institut für Wirtschaftspädagogik - University of Graz, Department of Business Education and Development ([www](#))

**Associated partners:**

- > Bundesministerium für Unterricht, Kunst und Kultur, Sektion Berufsbildung - Federal Ministry for Education, the Arts and Culture, General Directorate II for VET ([www](#))
- > Pädagogische Hochschule Burgenland - University College of Teacher Education Burgenland ([www](#))
- > Arbeiterkammer Wien - Austrian Chamber of Labour, Vienna ([www](#))
- > Österreichische Wirtschaftskammer - Austrian Federal Economic Chamber ([www](#))
- > Berufsförderungsinstitut (BFI) - Institute for the Promotion of Trainings ([www](#))

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