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Dear readers,

welcome to the third issue of the VET-CERT Newsletter, the second issue in English! Since the last issue the development work on the curricular framework has made marvelous progress, not least because of the engaged input of the development team! As a result we are proud to present in this issue a short summary concerning the past work of the curricular framework. The curricular framework “Quality management in vocational education and training” will be presented at the **VET-CERT Final Conference on 3rd of December 2012** in Vienna. Through five workshops an insight into the individual modules of the curricular framework is provided to the participants. More information about the curricular framework and the **VET-CERT Final Conference** is available online at [www.vet-cert.at](http://www.vet-cert.at). We hope you enjoy reading the VET-CERT Newsletter. Your feedback is most welcome!

### 1) **VET-CERT** - Curricular Framework and Certification Concept for Quality Managers in VET available soon (by Jörg Markowitsch, 3s)



(translation from German by Jouko Luomi)

In the previous issues, we have already reported about the good progress of the VET-CERT project ([www.vet-cert.at](http://www.vet-cert.at)). During the project new ways for the further professionalization of the implementation and conversion of quality management systems in the Austrian initial VET were sought. More precisely, the point of interest has been on the systematic further training of the persons responsible for quality work in the VET system. Based on the comprehensive competence profiles for quality personnel in the VET system (developed as a part of the VET-CERT project), a curricular framework was developed for this target group during a period of almost one year.

The Curricular Framework includes for school quality process managers (SQPMs) a basic programme “Quality Management in VET”(offered as extra-occupational programme at university colleges of education or universities) with 12 ECTS credits. Particular attention is paid to the recognition of qualifications and previous knowledge. The basic programme comprises four modules (including QIBB, Instruments and Methods for Quality Management, Change Management and Communication as well as Process- and Project Management) and one module related to project work/practical phase. For people with strategic tasks in quality assurance, such as principals and school inspectorates, a separate programme was designed with 6 ECTS Credits. It comprises two modules, with both target groups sharing module 1 “Quality management and QIBB”. The curricular framework, which will be presented to the public for the first time at the 4<sup>th</sup> Quality Network Conference for Austrian VET on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of

December 2012 ([www.arqa-vet.at/arqa\\_vet/konferenz\\_2012](http://www.arqa-vet.at/arqa_vet/konferenz_2012)), contains not only a detailed description of the modules but among other things also recommendations on access and admission requirements, recognition possibilities, examination regulations, and on the didactical design. Using these design elements, the programme is ready to be implemented in a next step. In addition to the curricular framework, recommendations for quality assurance of future programmes as well as a concept for re-certifications of graduates based on relevant further training has been developed. These recommendations will also be presented at the Quality Network Conference.

For further questions please contact Jörg Markowitsch (3s, 01-5850915-15, [markowitsch@3s.co.at](mailto:markowitsch@3s.co.at)).

## 2) VET-CERT Final Conference, 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2012 in Hotel Strudlhof, Vienna

VET-CERT Final Conference, „**QUALIFICATION AS A WAY TO QUALITY - Professionalisierung von Qualitätsverantwortlichen in der Berufsbildung**“, which at the same time is the 4<sup>th</sup> Quality Network Conference for Austrian VET, will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2012 in Hotel Strudlhof, Vienna. In addition to the three Keynote Speakers (Hermann G. EBNER/University of Mannheim, Peter SCHLÖGL/öibf and Jörg MARKOWITSCH/3s), who are going to explore both the general conditions for successful quality management in VET institutions and also specifically discuss the qualification of quality managers in VET, the curricular framework “Quality management in vocational education and training”, which was developed as part of the VET-CERT project, will be presented in five different workshops. Each workshop concentrates on one module of the curricular framework with the aim to provide a concrete insight into the specific module by showcasing the content of a module. An international workshop in English is also offered for international participants. The constellation of the altogether six workshops is as follows:



### Workshop 1: Module 1 - Principles of Quality Management and QIBB

Frank SCHRÖDER (kos Berlin), Helene BABEL (BMUKK) & Franz REITHUBER (HTL Steyr)

### Workshop 2: Module 2 - Instruments and Methods for Quality Management

Michaela STOCK (University of Graz) & Wilhelm SCHÖNANGERER (HBLW Linz-Landwiedstr.)

### Workshop 3: Module 3 - Change Management and Communication

Sabine KURZ (bei der Senatorin für Bildung, Wissenschaft und Gesundheit, Bremen) & Barbara WIMMER (JKU and HBLW Linz-Landwiedstr.)

### Workshop 4: Module 4 - Process Management

Karl WILBERS (University of Erlangen-Nürnberg) & Victoria PUCHHAMMER-NEUMAYER (TGM)

### Workshop 5: Module 6 Quality Management for Principals and School Inspectors (LSI)

Cornelia WAGNER (HU Berlin) & Wilfried NAGL (LSR Upper Austria)

### Workshop 6: International Workshop (in EN) - Transferability of the results of VET-CERT into other national contexts? Jouko LUOMI (ARQA-VET)

More information available at: [www.qualitaet-in-der-berufsbildung.at](http://www.qualitaet-in-der-berufsbildung.at)

### 3) VET-CERT in retrospect

#### VET-CERT Workshops:



#### 5th Workshop in Steyr, 4.7.2012

The fifth project intern workshop took place on the 4th of July 2012 in Steyr. 13 participants from 6 national partner organisations worked intensively with the themes of curricular framework, certification concept, quality assurance of VET-CERT project and project management. ARQA-VET would like to thank our hosting organisation HTL Steyr and all participants for a very active and successful workshop!



#### 6th Workshop in Vienna, 5.11.2012

The sixth and last national VET-CERT workshop was organized by ARQA-VET in Vienna on the 5th of November. Together with project partners from Vienna, 3s research laboratory, öibf and ARQA-VET, the development work on the curricular framework and certification concept continued. In addition, preparations for the upcoming VET-CERT Final Conference were discussed and fine-tuned. Many thanks to all participants for an active and effective local meeting!



#### VET-CERT at the 3rd Austrian Conference on Vocational Education and Training Research in Steyr, 5. - 6.7.2012

The VET-CERT project was presented in a Poster Session at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Austrian Conference on Vocational Education and Training Research under the theme “New Worlds of Learning for All” in Steyr. With a detailed poster the work and results as well as future activities of the project were presented to the conference audience. The VET-CERT [conference poster](#) is available online in German. Please check out also other VET-CERT products in English at the project website [www.vet-cert.at/home//EN/!](http://www.vet-cert.at/home//EN/)



Conference documentation with numerous photos are available online: [www.berufsbildungsforschung-konferenz.at](http://www.berufsbildungsforschung-konferenz.at).



## VET-CERT cooperation with the EQAVET Projects

4. EQAVET Projects seminar in Breukelen/Utrecht 25. -26.6.2012

5. EQAVET Projects seminar in Bonn, 12. - 13.9.2012

During the summer and autumn of 2012 VET-CERT project continued the active cooperation with the five EU financed EQAVET projects. At the fourth EQAVET Projects seminar in Breukelen/Utrecht in the Netherlands, 25.-26.6.2012, the VET-CERT project was represented by Michaela Jonach and Jouko Luomi.

The fifth EQAVET Projects seminar took place in Bonn, Germany, under the theme „Commonalities and specificities: What can we learn, how can we cooperate“. The seminar was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2012. Franz Gramlinger from ARQA-VET, representing VET-CERT project, participated in the seminar. As a part of the seminar Mr Gramlinger was also interviewed. The interview, all presentations and seminar documents as well as more information on the cooperation of the EQAVET Projects and about the "EQAVET Promotion and Knowledge Management Unit" are available online: [www.eqavetprojects.eu](http://www.eqavetprojects.eu).

### 3) VET-CERT - coming up

- > **VET-CERT Final Conference on 3rd of December 2012 in Vienna** - more information available at the conference website: [www.arqa-vet.at/arqa\\_vet/konferenz\\_2012//EN/](http://www.arqa-vet.at/arqa_vet/konferenz_2012//EN/)
- > **EQAVET Projects Final Conference "European Conference on Quality in VET - Practices and lessons learnt from successful EQAVET implementation at national level" - VET-CERT workshop and presentation of project products and results: 17.-18.1.2013 in Brussels.** More information and registration at: [www.eqavetprojects.eu/conference-main-page/](http://www.eqavetprojects.eu/conference-main-page/)
- > January 2013: 4th issue of VET-CERT Newsletter
- > 31.1.2013: official project end of VET-CERT

With kind regards,  
the VET-CERT Team

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## VET-CERT - Qualification as a Way to Quality

VET-CERT is a Leonardo da Vinci project developed and coordinated by ARQA-VET in cooperation with 12 national and international project partners.

With the VET-CERT project the competence development of persons in quality management functions in initial VET and in adult education will 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.

More information about the VET-CERT project is available on the project website:  
[www.vet-cert.at](http://www.vet-cert.at)



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