

Experiences with the Albanian Qualifications Framework

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EQF – International Purpose

Comparability

"The European Qualifications Framework (EQF) acts as a translation device to make national qualifications more readable across Europe"

> Not yet relevant for Albania





AQF – Domestic Purposes

- Integration of MOE and MOL under one common VET roof
- > Opening paths
- Permeability between sub-systems
- ► Re-entry from the labour market
- Recognition of prior and non formal learning





AQF – Stage of Development (1)

- Law approved, but:
 - \succ No sub-legal acts
 - \succ No structures
 - > No processes

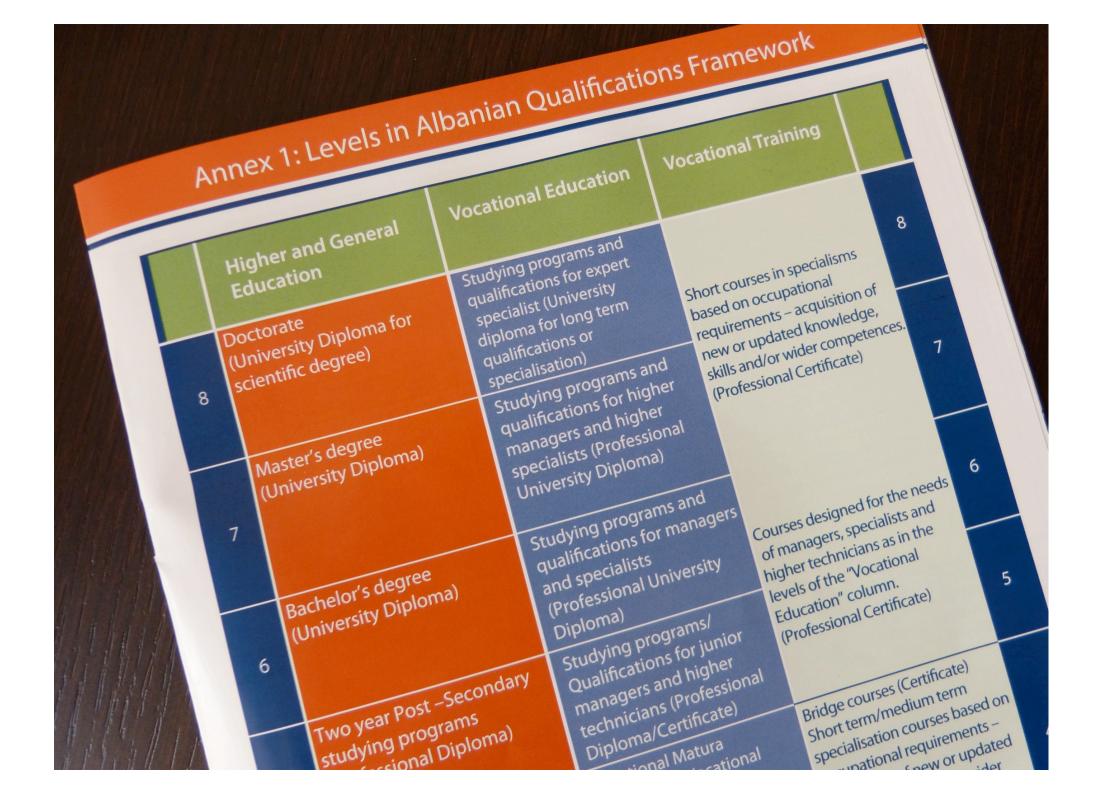




AQF – Present Reality

> Not implemented, **but**:

- ⇒ Present in discussions and quoted in other legal texts
- ⇒ Rather reinforces divide between MOE and MOL
- ⇒ Mistakes and equals qualification levels with educational levels (like ISCED)





AQF – Present Reality

- ➤ Common VET roof ?
 No
- > Open paths ? No
- Permeability between sub-systems ?
- ➢ Re-entry from the labour market ?
 No
- Recognition of prior and non formal learning ?





Challenge in Albanian VET Reform

- Change the mindset and
- Shift the focus from educational attainment to qualifications, learning outcomes, labour market relevance, performance......





Summary and Conclusion

- Comparability comes later
- First comes the change in mindset and then the AQF can follow
- AQF is a good approach to anquor results of VET reform processes
- AQF is not an adequate approach to trigger, stimulate and spearhead a VET reform process





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