Making Quality VISIBLE

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Stakeholder consultation on the European area of skills and qualification: Quality Assurance
ESG…

• helped convergence of quality assurance across countries

• but due to generic nature they are understood differently and applied unevenly

• at institutional level their penetration and impact remains limited.
EQAVET...

• contributed to advancing a quality culture and implementation in VET
• however, such measures have focused on institutional, school-based provision, with less visible impact on work-based learning and non-formal provision.
• Moreover, EQAVET's flexible approach and its limited synergies with other tools (e.g. ESG, ECVET) have reduced its potential as a common language and conceptual framework across countries
EQF...

- The common quality assurance principles of the EQF are broadly compatible with the ESG as well as with the EQAVET.
- The principles of the three tools do not provide specific guidance for the QA of the learning outcomes approach, qualifications and qualifications frameworks.
- This potential to provide guidance for all levels and all kinds of qualifications in a lifelong learning spectrum should be exploited.
Justification for EU-wide approach

• individuals increasingly move between systems – both in the traditional initial education pathway and to upgrade and widen their knowledge and.
• More and more learning opportunities no longer fit in conventional classification arrangements.
• Learners are offered the chance of selecting and combining learning opportunities from different sub-systems and forms of delivery, including via ICT-based learning resources.
• They need to be able to trust their quality.
This may call for:

- a common understanding of quality
- a common set of basic principles and guidelines
- across countries and different education sub-systems
- whereby mutual trust and recognition of skills and qualifications can be increased
- independently of how acquired
• DO YOU AGREE?

• WHAT DO YOU THINK?