

A conclusion of the EQAVET Secretariat report on 2013 is that there seems to be room for improvement in supporting Vocational Education and Training providers: a) identify areas for improvement to quality assurance and implement quality assurance systems in line with the EQAVET recommendation; and b) introduce or develop self-evaluation systems.

The project eQvet-us, funded under the Erasmus+ programme, key action Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices, field Strategic Partnerships for vocational education and training, is primarily concerned with this topic.

With our newsletter we would like to inform you regularly about the progress and the continuance of the project.

„eQvet-us - European Quality Assurance in VET towards new Eco Skills and Environmentally Sustainable Economy” started in September 2014. Quality is a requirement to generate confidence in the qualifications and VET providers need to establish and implement quality assurance systems in the area of sustainable development, under the EQAVET framework. Also they need to determine the return of investment in VET programs, which means efficiency of the program as a quality indicator of the VET provider. For this purpose we set the goal to develop an updated and innovative framework and practice set consisting in detailed documentation like: guides, self-diagnostic tools, good practices, strategies for implementation, etc.

## What happened till now?

In November 2014 the first project meeting with all European partners took place in Lisbon, Portugal. Schedule, goals and further procedures were discussed. The project group started to conduct a comparative analysis between QUALECO model and EQAVET reference framework.

After the end of the comparative analysis in January 2015 partners will work to produce a report. The next meeting will take place in February 2015 in Wien, where a first concept for the innovative eQvet-us framework and practice set will be developed, based on the results of the comparative analysis.

On the project website <http://eqvet-us.upm.ro> you can follow our activities.

