"International Expert Discussion within the Framework of the second Elaboration Phase"

October 22nd 2009

Aims

The international expert discussion will take place in Berlin on October 22nd 2009 within the framework of the DQR working group and with the participation of external guests.

The aim of this conference will be a discussion with experts on the level of development of national qualifications frameworks in Luxembourg, Austria and Denmark as well as in Ireland and Poland, on the approaches used and the difficulties faced in the practical classification work. This discussion should provide impulse for further work within the framework of the DQR trial.

Programme

From 9.00 a.m. *Registration / Coffee*

10.00 – 10.20 a.m. Official welcome and presentation of the international expert discussion + statement on the state of the second elaboration phase of the DQR
Lothar Herstix, Standing Conference of Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder, Ministry for School and Further Training of North Rhine-Westphalia, Düsseldorf

Followed by three statements on the level of development of the national qualifications frameworks in Austria, Luxembourg and Denmark, with particular attention paid to the following questions:

- *What were the methods chosen in the elaboration of the national qualifications framework and why? What experiences were made?*
- *Which country-specific issues, problems and points of contention determine the development of the national qualifications framework in the respective countries? Which approaches have been found to address these issues?*
- *How was the qualifications classification for the national/European qualifications framework developed? What is the intended classification or what are the reflections on the subject?*
- *What are the expected effects of the introduction of the national qualifications framework?*

10.20 – 10.40 a.m. Statement on the level of development of the national qualifications framework in Austria,
Peter Kreiml, Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, Vienna

10.40 –11.00 a.m.	Statement on the level of development of the national qualifications framework in Luxemburg, **Antonio de Carolis**, Ministry of Education, Luxembourg
11.00 – 11.20 a.m.	Statement on the level of development of the national qualifications framework in Denmark **Ida Bayer Kühl**, Danish Technological Institute, Taastrup
11.20 – 12.00 a.m.	Questions and discussion[1] **Moderation: Lothar Herstix**, Standing Conference of Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder, Ministry for School and Further Training of North Rhine-Westphalia, Düsseldorf
12.00 – 12.45 a.m.	*Lunch break*
12.45 – 1.45 p.m.	First Podium discussion Open Plenum ***On the link between academic and professional qualifications:*** *How can an adequate description of the equivalences in both fields be achieved?* Podium: **Prof. Volker Gehmlich**, Fachhochschule Osnabrück - and Chair of the DQR Working Group Trade, **John O'Connor**, National Qualifications Authority of Ireland, **Peter Kreiml**, Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, Vienna and **Antonio de Carolis**, Ministry of Education, Luxemburg **Moderation: Dr. Susanna Schmidt**, Head of Department, Federal Ministry of Education and Research
1.45 – 2.00 p.m.	*Coffee break*

[1] The two topics of the afternoon discussion should be excluded from the discussion.

2.00 – 3.00 p.m. Second Podium discussion
Open Plenum

An outcome-oriented classification process
How viable is the term "competence"?
What are the reflections on the inclusion of learning outcomes in qualifications/measures of compliance?

Podium: **Kerstin Mucke**, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB) and Chair of the DQR Working Group IT, **Peter Thiele**, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Referat 311, **Tomasz Saryusz-Wolski**, Working Group on Polish Qualifications Framework, Lodz, **Ida Bayer Kühl**, Danish Technological Institute, Taastrup

Moderation: Dr. Susanna Schmidt, Head of Department, Federal Ministry of Education and Research

3.00 – 3.15 p.m. Summary of the results and perspectives: **Dr. Susanna Schmidt**, Head of Department, Federal Ministry of Education and Research

3.15 p.m. *Conclusion with coffee and cakes*