The Benefits of ECVET

In this factsheet, we consider the benefits of ECVET for learners and VET institutions / practitioners.

Benefits for Learners:

❖ Tangible outcomes that relate to an existing VET programme or qualification can make mobility programmes more attractive to learners;

❖ Formal recognition of learning acquired during a mobility period abroad means that learners may no longer have to repeat or catch-up on missed units or elements of learning on their return;

❖ Quality-assured and well-documented learning, following the principles of ECVET, means learners are better positioned to present newly- or additionally-acquired skills to employers.

Benefits for VET Institutions / Practitioners:

❖ ECVET allows for improved design and enhanced quality assurance in the delivery of mobility programmes, especially through the use of (units of) learning outcomes;

❖ More productive long-term partnerships can be developed with overseas partners, facilitating increased learner participation and improved learning delivery and recognition;

❖ VET practitioners can learn from their peers in other European countries, enhancing programme design, learning delivery and assessment at the home institution.

Points to Note

The use of one or more ECVET principles can lead to a more fruitful mobility experience for learners and a more beneficial relationship between partner institutions.

ECVET requires a higher level of commitment from partner institutions if it is to be employed fully and effectively.

ECVET does not address all possible obstacles associated with geographical mobility (e.g. language barriers).

Offering mobility programmes based on ECVET principles can be valuable when marketing programmes and qualifications.