

What is ECVET?

THIS FACTSHEET PROVIDES AN INSIGHT INTO THE EUROPEAN CREDIT SYSTEM FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (ECVET) CONFIRMING HOW IT MIGHT BE USED TO BUILD QUALITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY OF GEOGRAPHICAL MOBILITY.



ECVET PROVIDES:

- ☞ a set of principles which support the recognition of learning so that it counts towards a qualification; principles can be flexibly applied across different countries and educational contexts;
- ☞ a common language through which vocational education and training, or VET, providers can better understand learning provision in other European countries;
- ☞ a series of tools and templates able to be used in the delivery of geographical mobility programmes, helping learners to get the most out of their international experience.

ECVET RELIES ON:

- ☞ the use of learning outcomes: statements describing what a learner will know and be able to do by the end of a course or programme of learning;
- ☞ the use of a Learning Agreement (LA) and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) confirming, respectively, the learning duration and expected learning outcomes as well as plans for credit transfer and accumulation
- ☞ assessment, validation and recognition procedures being agreed by all participants (learners, VET providers, employers).

ECVET CAN BE APPLIED TO:

- ☞ all types of geographical mobility for VET learners, ranging from two weeks to twelve months or more;
- ☞ all unit-based vocational learning provision, from existing qualifications or awards already being offered in the home country and institution;
- ☞ learning programmes in a progressive manner so that partner institutions can learn from their experiences as they develop their network or partnership.

POINTS TO NOTE

ECVET does not exist as an organisation; it is neither an award or quality standard like Investors In People (IIP) nor is it a system for accrediting a qualification or its units.

As a mobility practitioner, you might trial ECVET on shorter-term mobility periods and/or focus on one or two units of learning outcomes being targeted during longer-term mobility.

VET mobility practitioners often find that much of what they are already doing is consistent with ECVET principles.