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Overview

- What makes ECVET and EQF valuable?
- Comparing nursing education across Europe
- Opportunity for life long learning
- Potentials in the international (further-) training market
- Obstacles

What makes ECVET and EQF valuable?

- 27 states and 27 education systems prevent international mobility
- EQF provides permeability from initial training to high level expertise
- ECVET opens the system for vocational training
- Task orientation as basis for qualification oriented payment
- Reference system for employers and employees

Comparing nursing education across Europe (AILA Project)

The Problem:

- Nurses education varies from nursing assistance over high level vocational training to academic degrees
- In the Anglo-Saxon systems only staff with a bachelor degree is considered a nurse
- Practical experiences of well trained nurses are not considered as competences
- Although there is quite some mobility of nurses in Europe there is no credit system available so far



ECVET can provide transparency and permeability

Comparing nursing education across Europe (AILA Project)



Comparing nursing education across Europe (AILA Project) Credit Points according to ECVET



Next steps: Opportunity for life long learning



Europass in combination with ECVET an EQF will allow to document practical experience and life long learning

Potentials in the international (further-) training market

- The international market for further training is estimated at 3 trillion US \$ per year
- Many countries look for successful systems for providing transparency and comparability of training
- ECVET and EQF based trainings may become an export opportunity
- Export of training is one of the most powerful drivers of industrial policy

Obstacles

- National and local administrations defend their regulations
- Professional interests lobby for their status
- Employer and employee organizations stick to old fashioned tariff agreements
- But opportunities exceed threads. Therefore there is reason for some optimism

Thank you for your attention

