



'Tools for VET Mobility' Thematic Seminar - Results and next steps

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Thematic Seminar ‘Tools for VET Mobility’



- **When:** 3 and 4 October 2019
- **Where:** Brussels, Belgium
- **Who:** 40 participants from 22 countries & representatives from Cedefop, EfVET, European Commission & ECVET Secretariat
- **What:** discuss lessons learnt from ten years of using the ECVET tools for VET learner mobility (Learning Agreement, Memorandum of Understanding); contribute to ongoing discussions about the further development of ECVET for mobility

Full documentation of the Thematic Seminar available at the ECVET Secretariat website
<http://www.ecvet-secretariat.eu/en/training-and-events/3-4-october-thematic-seminar-tools-vet-learner-mobility-brussels-belgium>





- ECVET's greatest success has been in facilitating the design, development and implementation of vocational learning mobility, contributing to
 - improving the quality in VET mobility
 - creating a common language for VET mobility practitioners, together with tools and templates (LA, MoU)
 - yet no established *European system* for credit transfer
- ACVT working group 2019: options for the future of ECVET
- VET mobility as a tool to promote VET as an attractive learning pathway
- ECVET as an initiative that puts learners in the centre: room for improvement in practical implementation

Varied discussion inputs



New Europass
& Digitally Signed
Credentials

European Student
Card Initiative in
Higher Education
(Erasmus Without
Papers)

Project examples:
Green Wheels
EURspace platform
VETExpress
platform

EU level policy
update



Outcomes from:

- PLA on 'Developing mobility support tools and services' - Cyprus, 2017
- One-off thematic working group - Brussels, 2017

Four main discussion topics:

- 1. What are the similarities and differences across different Learning Agreement templates in use?
- 2. What would be the requirements of a Learning Agreement template for use in mobility outside Erasmus+?
- 3. How useful would it be to have a digitalised workflow for VET mobility?
- 4. How can the new Europass potentially support VET mobility?



1. What are the similarities and differences across different Learning Agreement templates in use?

- LA is broadly used and considered indispensable for VET mobility
- A starting point that is adapted for specific purposes: need for simplification AND tailoring
- Some of the practical dilemmas at hand:
 - A pedagogical and/or administrative tool?
 - Target group: education professionals vs. non-education professionals?
 - Nature of mobility: school stay vs. work placements?
 - Duration: short-term vs. long-term mobility?
 - Outcomes: intended & non-intended outcomes
 - Approaches to recognition of LO acquired abroad



2. What would be the requirements of a Learning Agreement template for use in mobility outside Erasmus+?

- ECVET tools mainly used in the context of Erasmus+ mobility
- Large variations in the share of VET mobility outside Erasmus+ across countries
- Development of an integrated (digital) VET mobility tool supporting the new Erasmus programme could potentially make life easier for Erasmus+ mobility, but would probably not be (easily) accessible for mobility stakeholders outside Erasmus+



3. How useful would it be to have a digitalised workflow for VET mobility?

- Digitisation (process of converting information into digital format) vs. digitalisation (transformation of work processes as a consequence of digitisation)
- Digitalised workflow as a natural next step for VET learner mobility
- Ongoing developments:
 - European Student Card initiative in HE
 - Updating of Erasmus+ Learning Agreement template: early stage of conception
- ECVET tools: focus on simplification and user-friendliness, yet without diminishing their pivotal role in facilitating communication and partnership building
- Usability, interoperability and data protection



4. How can the new Europass potentially support VET mobility?

- **New Europass: a tool for lifelong learning & career management**
 - New Europass platform, e-portfolio & digitally signed credentials
 - Close coordination with the European Student Card initiative (HE)
- **Europass Mobility often used as a Personal Transcript**
 - Yet not considered a perfect match for a Personal Transcript
 - Not in the focus of current (Phase 1) Europass developments
- **Europass & European Student Card developments are of great interest in the context of VET mobility: more coordination requested**
- **Need to make sure that the new Europass is equally interesting for VET learners/graduates as for those from HE**