

EQAVET Annual Network Meeting 2026

AGENDA

11-12 June 2026 Nicosia, Cyprus at the [Hilton Nicosia](#)

Day 1 (Thursday 11 June)		
Time	Agenda Point	Accompanying documents
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival of participants: Coffee and registration	
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome and introductions to the Annual Network Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Koen Bois d'Enghien, European Commission (DG EMPL)</i> • <i>EQAVET Secretariat</i> 	
09:10 – 09:20	Welcome and introduction from the host country <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Pambos Efstratiou, Human Resource Development Authority of Cyprus (HRDA)</i> • <i>Andreas Georgoudes, Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth, Cyprus</i> 	
09:20 – 09:50	Policy update from the European Commission and EQAVET Secretariat report on work of the Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Koen Bois d'Enghien, European Commission (DG EMPL)</i> • <i>EQAVET Secretariat</i> Q&A	<i>Doc 1: The Work of the Network</i> <i>Doc 2: EQAVET survey executive summary</i> <i>Doc 3: Aggregated feedback to the 2024 and 2025 EQAVET Peer Reviews</i>
09:50 – 10:20	Updates from the European Training Foundation and Cedefop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How ETF supports its partner countries in modernising their QA systems: the case of Egypt, Mounir Baati, European Training Foundation</i> • <i>Ensuring the quality of formal and non-formal certified CVET, George Kostakis, Cedefop</i> Q&A	
10:20 – 10:55	Presentations from the host country	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Overview of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training System of Cyprus: Objectives, Strengths and Weaknesses, <i>Stelios Miliatis, Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth, Cyprus</i> The Strategic Role of the Human Resource Development Authority of Cyprus in Vocational Education and Training, <i>Christos Djamias, Human Resource Development Authority of Cyprus (HRDA)</i> <p>Q&A</p>	
10:55 – 11:25	Coffee break	
11:25 – 12:00	<p>Presentation on ‘Citizenship education in VET’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Introductory presentation, Koen Bois d’Enghien, European Commission (DG EMPL)</i> <i>Cedefop’s study on citizenship education in IVET, George Kostakis, Cedefop</i> <p>Q&A</p>	
12:00 – 13:00	<p>The EQAVET National Reference Points’ plans and projects for 2026-2029</p> <p><i>Overview presentation on topic trends by the EQAVET Secretariat based on the submitted grant applications for 2026-2029</i></p> <p><i>Discussions per cluster of topics in small groups to provide space to discuss potential collaborations between NRPs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate tracking and follow-up mechanisms Stakeholder/employer involvement and partnerships Basic skills development Quality assurance system development/ implementation and standardisation <p>Q&A</p>	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Update from countries 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> External evaluation, <i>Barbara Kelly, Quality and Qualifications Ireland</i> Work-based learning Quality Monitoring Mechanism, <i>Carmen Musat, National Centre for TVET Development, Romania</i> Blended Learning and Quality Assurance in Dutch VET, <i>Masha Reijerkerk, CINOP, Netherlands</i> Estonia is modernising QA in VET towards a more integrated, strategic and improvement-oriented system, <i>Rita Kask, Ministry of Education and Research, Estonia</i> 	

	Q&A	
15:00 – 15:05	Introduction to the community development session	
15:05 – 15:35	Coffee break	
15:35 – 16:20	<p>EQAVET Community development sessions</p> <p><i>Three parallel working groups of breakout sessions, to be facilitated by the Steering Committee or by the EQAVET Secretariat</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 1: Communication at national level and involvement of stakeholders in EQAVET • Session 2: Stock-taking on the system level EQAVET peer reviews in view of the upcoming cycle 2026-2029 • Session 3: EQAVET for beginners 	
16:20 – 16:50	<p>Networking on potential collaborations in 2026-2029</p> <p><i>Interactive session to network and discuss opportunities for collaborations between NRPs</i></p>	
16:50 – 17:00	<p>Reporting back from the Community development sessions</p> <p><i>Moderated by the EQAVET Secretariat</i></p>	
17:00	Meeting close	
17:30	Social activity	
20:00	Networking dinner	

Day 2 (Friday 12 June)		
Time	Agenda Point	Accompanying documents
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival of participants: Coffee and registration	
09:00 – 09:15	<p>Welcome and introductions to Day 2</p> <p><i>Moderated by the EQAVET Secretariat</i></p> <p>Key messages and reflections from Day 1</p> <p><i>Thematic expert, EQAVET Secretariat</i></p>	
9:15 – 10:45	<p>Development of the thematic guidance on ‘Quality Assurance of Basic Skills in VET’</p> <p><i>Presentation by the EQAVET Secretariat of the outcomes of the first and second working group meetings on followed by a group discussion in a world café</i></p>	<i>Doc 4: Thematic guidance on basic skills in VET</i>

10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15 – 12:10	<p>Update from countries and stakeholder 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation tool for practical instruction, <i>Martina Kaňáková, National Pedagogical Institute of the Czech Republic</i> • Piloting peer reviews at VET schools in Slovakia, <i>Ľubica Gáľlová, State Vocational Education Institute, Slovakia</i> • Joint project on the use of international peer reviews as a quality management tool for education providers, <i>Riikka Vacker, Finnish National Agency for Education and Marge Kroonmäe, Education and Youth Board /Estonian Quality Agency for Education</i> • Trade unions' views on quality assurance, <i>Agnes Roman, ETUC and ETUCE</i> <p>Q&A</p>	<p>ETUC views on Skills Portability Initiative.pdf</p> <p>Quality assurance must protect quality jobs in the education sector - European Trade Union Committee for Education</p>
12:10 – 12:30	<p>Final reflections, wrap up and official closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Koen Bois d'Enghien, European Commission (DG EMPL)</i> • <i>EQAVET Secretariat</i> 	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
As of 13:30	Departure of participants	