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# EQAVET PEER REVIEW ITALY 2025 QUALITY ASSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS AND MEASURES IN VET: REGIONAL POLICIES AND STRATEGIES

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## BACKGROUND



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**2006:** the **Italian NRP was established** and located in ISFOL with the aim to support QA in a European and national dimension.

**2009:** the EU **Recommendation on EQAVET** highlights the role of the NRPs

**2020:** the new EU **Recommendation on VET** reinforces the role of the NRPs

**2021:** the **Italian NRP was newly established** and located in INAPP





### European VET Recommendation 2020

A Quality Assurance National Reference Point for vocational education and training brings together all relevant stakeholders at national and regional levels to:

- ✓ take concrete initiatives to implement and further develop the EQAVET Framework;
- ✓ inform and mobilise a wide range of stakeholders, including Centres of Vocational Excellence, to contribute to implementing the EQAVET framework;
- ✓ support self-evaluation as a complementary and effective means of quality assurance to allow the measurement of success and the identification of areas for improvement, including with respect to digital readiness of VET systems and institutions;
- ✓ participate actively in the European network for quality assurance in vocational education and training;
- ✓ provide an updated description of the national quality assurance arrangements based on the EQAVET Framework;
- ✓ **engage in EU level Peer Reviews of quality assurance to enhance the transparency and consistency of quality assurance arrangements, and to reinforce trust between the Member States**



# ACTIVITIES



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The **National Reference Point** of INAPP continues its activities implementing **3 fundamental actions** through a three-year work plan (2023-2026) approved by the European Commission:



**Action 1** - Project management and coordination



**Action 2** - Communication, dissemination and visibility



**Action 3** - EU and national strategic activities for QA in VET



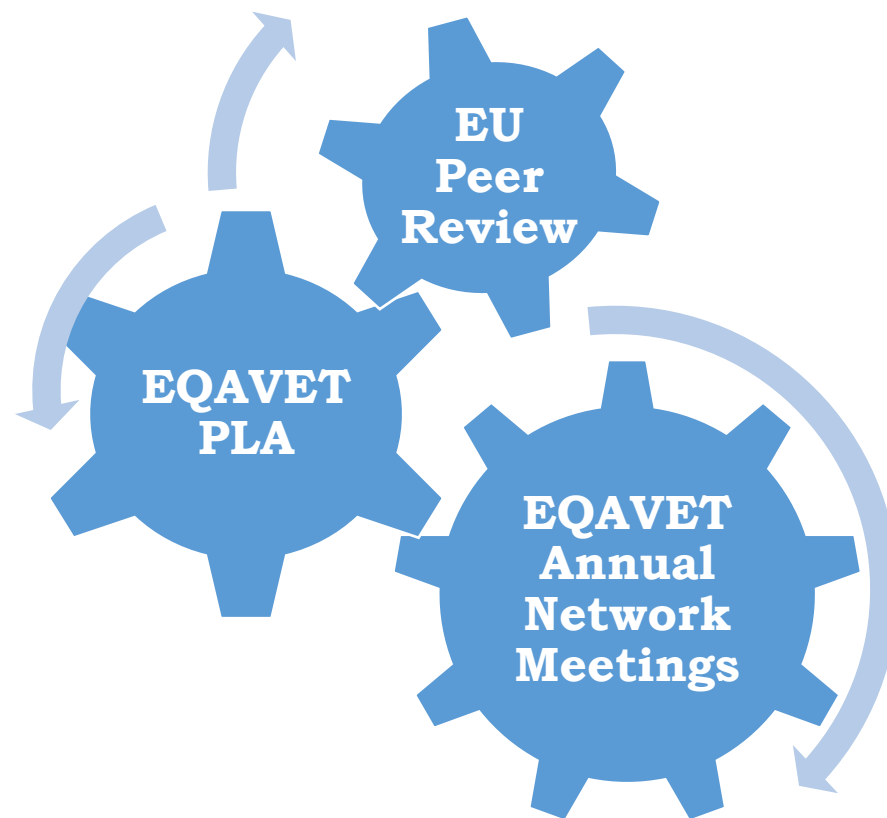
**ACTIVITIES – ACTION 2: COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION AND VISIBILITY**



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As part of the ‘Communication and Dissemination’ activities, **the National Reference Point** will participate in events promoted by the EQAVET network and other actors:



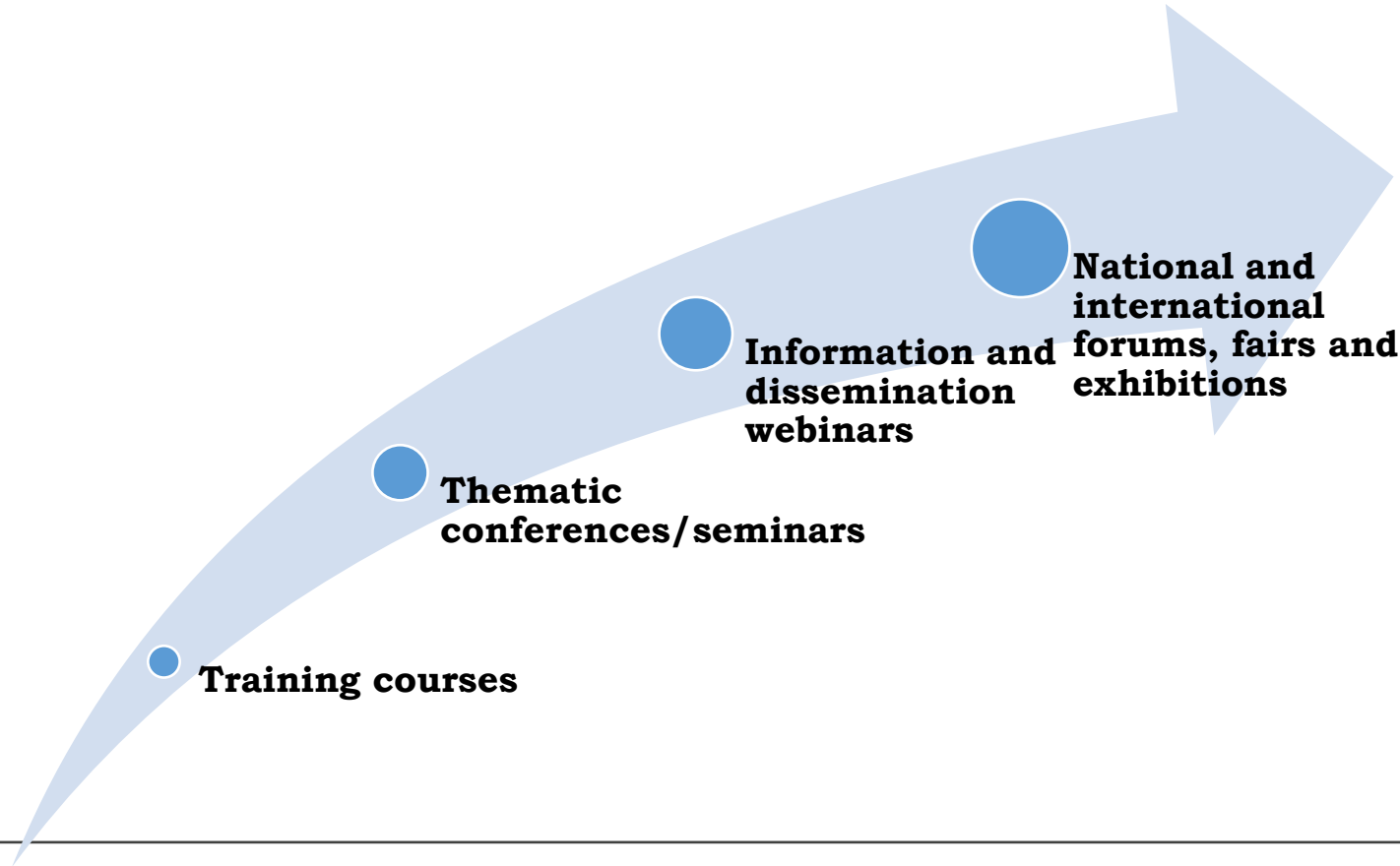
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As in the past, the **National Reference Point** will participate in virtual and face-to-face events to promote the EQAVET Framework, the activities and initiatives of the European Quality Assurance Network and the results of research and studies:



**ACTIVITIES – ACTION 2: COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION AND VISIBILITY**



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The NRP has developed information and promotional materials in order to disseminate their activities, actions and products:

- Brochure of the Italian National Reference Point of EQAVET
- Video clip dedicated to the EQAVET network and Peer Review
- Technical-scientific articles and papers: various topics
- Websites and web pages: both national and European



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- research into methods and techniques for tracking graduates
- updating the description of national QA devices
- research for the adaptation of the EQAVET Framework and its indicators to the CVET
- drafting of a new manual for Peer Review at the level of providers
- research on good practices related to flexible learning pathways
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- To receive feedback on the quality of provision and support from critical friends
- To strengthen mutual learning and the creation of networks
- To share good practice and improve participants knowledge and skills
- To investigate additional external quality assurance measure



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- To consider another VET provider's approach
- To strengthens the creation of networks and mutual learning
- To share good practices and to improve Peers' knowledge and skills
- To strengthens Peers' ability to provide non-judgemental feedback and specific skills (like e.g. interviewing, making reports, etc.).



# SYSTEM PEER REVIEW: AN OVERVIEW



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In the period 2022-2023, a total of **21 system peer reviews** were carried out

Initial results show that most of the **topics** for EQAVET Peer Reviews are related to **recent (or planned) national VET reforms** and ongoing National Reference Point projects, including pilot projects

More concretely, the selected topics reflect the activities of the countries in relation to the following aspects:

1. Review and adapt national quality assurance mechanisms and methodologies to achieve the objectives of a national VET reform

2. Establish new quality assurance mechanisms for new or reformed aspects of the VET system (including Implementation Plans).



# PEER REVIEW TIMELINE



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The **National Reference Point** participates in the new Peer Reviews at the system level, according to a European calendar, also promoted by the EQAVET Secretariat:

**"Regional governance of VET in Slovakia and quality assurance"**, promoted by Slovakia, 23-24 May 2024

**"Implementation of EQAVET at VET providers level"**, promoted by Bulgaria, 24-25 October 2024

**"Feedback on the revised Guidelines/Manual for EQA Audits for Further Education Institutions"**, promoted by Malta, 4-5 December 2024

**"Improving the adaptability of VET to the labour market needs: Using data for strategic decision making"**, promoted by Belgium (FR), 25-26 September 2025

**"Receive feedback from the self-assessment tools aligned with the international quality standards referenced in EQAVET that will have been developed within the framework of the project in Spain"**, promoted by Spain, Q2 2026

**"Link of Micro Credentials to Continuing Vocational Training (CVET)"**, promoted by Greece, June 2026





**System Peer Review** represents an **external evaluation tool of great value** for the continuous improvement of quality in Vocational Education and Training (VET) systems,

### **Main strenghts:**

- offer an external, independent and competent perspective, to objectively analyze strengths and areas for improvement;
- a collaborative and mutual learning dimension;
- continuous improvement to define more clearly evidence-based objectives, strategies and action plans;
- transparency and accountability: actively involving various stakeholders and making the evaluation and improvement processes visible.





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