



B.I.F. NETWORK

BANKING & INSURANCE & FINANCIAL NETWORK

**- PROMOTING RECOGNITION OF LEARNING OUTCOMES THROUGH ECVET SYSTEM -
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SUMMARY

The Project B.I.F. Network intends to promote the application of ECVET to the training provision of the Banking, Insurance and Financial Services sector. The project is designed to raise awareness and build a path for progressive adoption of the European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) in order to facilitate the international transfer, accumulation and recognition of individual's learning outcomes starting from the BIF services.

B.I.F project aims to respond to ECVET objectives - facilitation of the mobility of the individuals involved in a training pathway, assessment and validation of learning outcomes achieved in lifelong learning, transparency of qualifications and the mutual trust and cooperation among stakeholders involved in VET in Europe - providing a valid network of professional organisations in the BIT, a set of tools and a guidance to reach these objectives and facilitate the transition.

EBTN thanks to its existing network combined with the experience acquired in previous project will facilitate a wide adoption of the ECVET system. The BIF project aims also to offer a complete overview of the present adoption of the ECVET system throughout Europe in the BIF sector, a methodology for assigning ECVET points to existing qualifications and, in order to facilitate this adoption, two easy to use tools: one for orientation of potential users in the ECVET system (Users Guide) and a ECVET points attribution Vademecum for training professionals and expert to design programmes according to ECVET requirements.

Through the adoption of the ECVET system, the BIF sectors will be able to rely on a higher degree of transparency and quality assurance of training supply and qualifications.

MAIN ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

The first three months of the B.I.F project will be dedicated to contact and make aware of the ECVET system through seminars aimed to provide a full overview on the credit system and implementation. Eighth awareness raising national ECVET seminars will be organized to raise awareness about the application of the ECVET system and at the same time illustrate the potentials of adopting the system.

Consultations with stakeholders will also be a focus point of the development: the collection of feedbacks will be essential for the creation of a User Guide aimed to provide a useful and comprehensive orientation guidance to the ECVET system based addressed to two target groups and divided in two modules: one for trainers and the one for trainees.

The core phase of the project regards the development by partners of a methodology for assigning ECVET credit points to training programme/qualifications in the BIF sectors. After a review of the ECVET implementation in the countries involved, the Guidelines will be developed with the

contribution of all partners, including the Gateway Partners to guarantee the right set of criteria and tools for the attribution of the ECVET credits to the 2 selected qualifications of the BIF sectors. All recommendation deriving from this exercise will be fundamental for the delivery of the validated version of the ECVET points attribution Vademecum, aimed to provide a concrete tool to help training organisations and experts to structure and design according to ECVET system.

The Vademecum will be validated during the piloting sessions in partners Countries and will provide them with a set of tools for applying and developing programmes which comply with the ECVET system.

The results of the piloting phase will be integrated into the proposed Guidelines in order to build up and deliver a final and validated version of the proposed ECVET points attribution Vademecum.

The guidelines and the results achieved in this stage of the project will also be validate by representative stakeholders to assess its applicability in different contexts and to ensure its coherency with the EU policy directions.

PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

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P1 Applicant Organisation	Portugal	THE PORTUGUESE BANK TRAINING INSTITUTE	ADU-VET
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P3 Methodological Coordinator	Italy	SCIENTER	RES-PRV
P4 Partner	Malta	INSTITUTE FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES	EDU-ALT
P5 Partner	Poland	FUNDACJA WARSZAWSKI INSTYTUT BANKOWOŚCI	NFP-FND

RELAY ORGANIZATIONS

Partner number	Country	Legal name	Type
P6 Partner	United Kingdom	CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF BANKERS IN SCOTLAND	FNP-FND
P7 Partner	The Netherlands	THE NETHERLANDS INSTITUTE FOR BANKING INSURANCE AND INVESTMENT – NIBE SVV	EDU-ADLT
P8 Partner	Slovenia	THE BANK ASSOCIATION OF SLOVENIA - BAS	NPF-ASC

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