



Implementation of an NQR (Nationaler Qualifikationsrahmen) in Austria



European qualification framework for life-long-learning

- **Recommendation of the europ. Parliament (autumn 07)**
- **Common framework with 8 levels**
- **Translation, understanding, comparing, transparency of systems**
- **General education, VET, HE, further education**



NQR versus EQR

NQR

- recognition
- national priorities
- national cooperation
- national benchmarks
- spezif. descriptors

EQF

- no recognition
- european policy/priorit.
- mutual trust
- no context (learner approach)
- common (general) descriptors



Goals in Austria

- **Development of an NQR (→ EQF) with all stakeholders**
- **Whole education system**
- **Based on learning outcomes**
- **Based on the needs of the Austrian labour market**
- **With a research fundament**



Basic Principles I

- **Broad involvement of all stakeholders in education to create a “common framework” with “common indicators”**
- **Strategy (Dissemination policy, preparation of decisions) in the sectors**
- **Three corridors (formal – non formal informal)**



Basic Principles I

- **Enough time – but result-oriented planning**
- **Foster the strengths of the Austrian System**
- **Link to European policy**
- **Dynamic system**



Organization / Structure of the process

- **Project group in BMUKK and BMWF for coordination**
 - **strategic planning, operationalisation
involvement of stakeholders, organisation
of scientific monitoring**
- **National Steering group**
- **Research consortium**



Time-frame (short-, medium-term)

1. Fact-finding: Feb. – Sept. 07

- Information**
- Clarification**
- First research results**
- Development of a concept paper and the structure of a consultation paper**



Time-frame (short-, medium-term)

2. Consultation: Oct. 07 – Feb. 08

- **National consultation process**
- **Basis: Consultation paper including descriptors – incl. concept for the classification of “pilot – qualifications”**
- **Written reports of stakeholders**
- **Evaluation of the process (Jan., Feb 08)**
- **QA concept**



Results

- **Konferences, workshops, seminars, discussion, presentations**
- **European cooperation**
- **Concept of scientific monitoring**
- **Visibility of the whole approach**
- **Create hard facts**



Time-frame (long-term)

until 2010

- **Structure and description of all qualifications acquired in the formal education system → Establishment of an NQR with European reference**
- **National coordination - unit**
- **First methods of implementing non formal and informal learning in the approach**
- **Logistic framework**