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USE OF SECTORAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORKS IN A DEVELOPMENT OF STUDY PROGRAMS











Context: qualifications frameworks and higher education in Europe

Sectoral qualifications frameworks – idea and design

Case studies of Polish universities











CONTEXT: QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORKS AND HIGHER EDUCATION IN EUROPE











EVOLUTION OF FRAMEWORKS

2008

European
 Qualifications
 Framework

2011

 National Qualification Framework for Higher Education 2015

Polish
 Qualifications
 Framework

2005

 Framework for Qualifications of the European Higher Education Area (QFHE)











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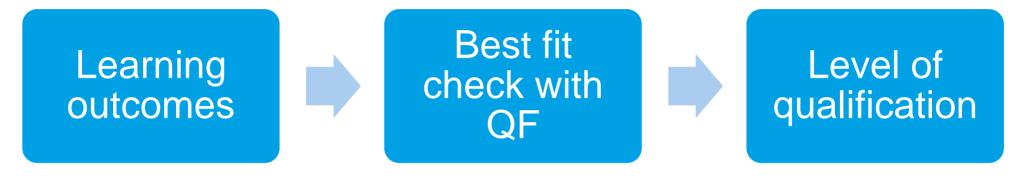






What does it mean to refer?

VET qualifications:



But in higher education usually:













SECTORAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORKS – IDEA AND DESIGN











SECTORAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

Description of levels of qualifications functioning in a given sector or branch

(art. 2, pt 19 Law on Integrated Qualifications System)











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POLISH EXPERIENCE – SQFB LEVEL DESCRIPTORS

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• Is able to find and use basic legal, regulatory and economic information to perform professional tasks based on provided guidelines,

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• Is able to collect and apply economic data in work, including information on financial markets, the business and household sectors

5

 Is able to analyse a complex set of indicators, including sectoral ones, and use the results of the analysis to develop an offer for a customer or synthetic reports for internal use in the bank

6

 Is able to analyse forecasts of important economic variables, including sectoral data, present them in a synthetic form and use them to build/restructure customers' portfolios or to properly manage the bank



 Based on a deep analysis of the economic and regulatory environment of the bank, prepares internal reports leading to the development of new solutions and strategies in an appropriate timeframe for the bank and its customers











STAGES OF SQF DEVELOPMENT

Expert teams

Sectoral determinants

Level descriptors

SQF



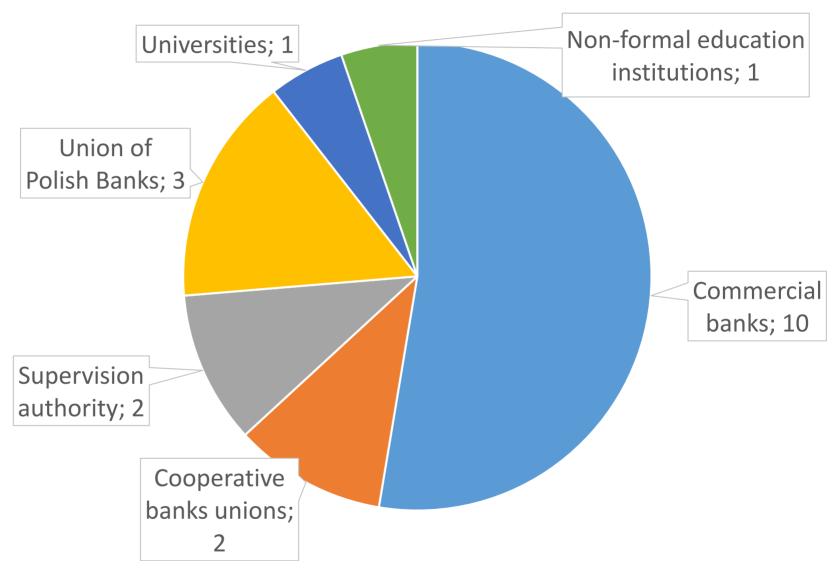








SECTOR FOR THE SECTOR













WORK DONE SO FAR

- Banking;
- Tourism;
- IT;
- Telecommunication;
- Sports;
- Construction sector;
- Fashion industry;
- Development services;
- Trade;
- Public health

























PLANS:

- Agriculture;
- Car industry;
- Chemistry;
- Mining;
- Social care;
- Education sector (SQF for teachers);
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SOME INTERNATIONAL EXAMPLES:

- SQF for Border Guarding (Frontex);
- Triple-E Standard (European Banking Federation);
- Metalog Project (Logistics sector);
- CarEasyVET Project;
- European e-Competence Framework;
- Skills Framework for the Information Age

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CASE STUDIES OF POLISH UNIVERSITIES











GDANSK UNIVERSITY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT

Since 2017 all the learning outcomes of courses "Sports" and "Physical education" were reformulated and based on SQF for Sports

SQF for Sports descriptor	Learning outcome based on SQF for Sports
Can interpret and take into account test results (e.g. of physiological, biochemical, biomechanical, psychological medical exams) in his/her own occupational tasks relating to sports participation	Can perform and assess basic physical measurements, in particular anthropometric, biomechanical, physiological and diagnostic. Can diagnose effort capacities of the organism and training loads.











JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY

TEMPUS PROJECT: food, environment and chemistry sectors;

Project held in countries of former Soviet Union;

New study programmes: Faculty of Chemistry;











WARSAW SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

Department of Tourism:

- Participation in a development of SQF for Tourism Sector;
- Revision of study programme of course "Tourism" and curricula of related subjects in terms of SQF for Tourism;
- Conducting a sectoral human capital balance in order to identify labour market needs in area of tourism; methodology of the survey based on level descriptors of SQF for Tourism











WARSAW UNIVERISTY OF TECHNOLOGY

Department of Construction

- Participation in a development of SQF for Construction Sector;
- Cooperation in a development of Sector Skills
 Councils in Construction and IT sectors; skills
 surveys based on SQF (in particular
 construction);
- First formal works on the defining learning outcomes for post-graduate courses, with use of SQF level descriptors.











CONCLUSIONS AND DISCUSSION

- Are the qualifications frameworks useful at all? Do your institutions use them in the process of designing curricula and defining learning outcomes?
- What are the main obstacles of QFHE or EQF?
- How do you find the usefulness of SQFs?
- Would you rather look for international solutions standards (as SFIA) or regional frameworks, that can take into account a national context of the given sector?
- What sectors appear to be particularly interested in use of such tools? Why?
- How the universities can participate in a process of designing SQFs?











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