

Europass

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Background and Environment

- Lisbon Declaration
Europe to become the most dynamic knowledge-based economic area in the world
- Copenhagen
The role of VET to be strengthened
- Maastricht 2004 ⇒ Helsinki 2006
- General and Vocational Education 2010
- European Qualification Frame (EQF)
- ECTS / ECVET
Credit transfer and accumulation in higher education and VET



Europass

Definition (Europass Decision)

*“This Decision establishes a single Community framework for achieving the transparency of qualifications and competences by means of the creation of a personal, coordinated **portfolio of documents, to be known as ‘Europass’**, which citizens can use on a voluntary basis to better communicate and present their qualifications and competences throughout Europe.”*

(15 December 2004)



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Participating Countries

- EU-27 as of January 2007
- EEA countries
(Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)
- Turkey



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Aims and target groups

Europass aims at

- improving the documentation of qualifications and competences
- taking into account all forms of learning experiences
- removing barriers in the field of transferability and recognition of qualifications and competencies
- enhancing mobility within the European labour and education area

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- addresses **every person**, who intends to communicate her / his qualifications and competencies efficiently (Students, vocational trainees, volunteers, teacher and trainer, job seekers, employees)



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Benefits

Europass

- consists of five documents with a common European structure which can be used separately as well as combined with each other
- enables to clearly present qualifications and competencies
- supports the job search
- facilitates communication between job seekers and employers
- stimulates mobility of learning and working citizens
- strengthens the ties between Education and Economy





Europass Documents

Europass **CV** (Curriculum Vitae)

to be filled by the user him / herself

Europass **Language Passport**

Europass **Mobility**

to be issued by an authorised institution

Europass **Certificate Supplement**

Europass **Diploma Supplement**



Europass Curriculum Vitae (CV)

- Standardised European format for creating a CV
 - Information on the person
 - Work experience, education and training
 - Skills and competences
- Systematic, chronological and flexible description on acquired qualifications and skills
- Room for the documentation on skills acquired informally (such as “soft skills”)
- To be created online at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/> or templates for download



Europass Language Passport

- Standardised European format for the presentation of language skills and experiences
- Filled out on a self-assessment basis
- Developed out of the European Language Portfolio (Council of Europe) in co-operation with the European Commission
- Six level-scale of the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages”
- Clear distinction between productive (writing, speaking) and receptive (reading, listening) language skills
- To be created online at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/> or templates for download



Europass Mobility

- Utilises a common European structure to document experience gained on a learning or work stay abroad
- Assists individuals seeking placements and jobs in documenting their experiences abroad
- Covers **all** areas of education and training - general and vocational schools, higher education and adult education
- Replaces Europass Training
- Can be used for all types of educational mobility within or outside of EU programmes
- In Austria to be created online at www.europass-mobility.at (several countries have databases already)



Europass Certificate Supplement

- Developed in 2002/2004 by a joint working group (European Commission, CEDEFOP & EU member countries)
- Agreed upon by member states
- Common and detailed description of the vocational certificate / diploma (2 pages)
- Overview about the qualifications and competencies gained during the vocational education
- No substitute for the actual certificate / diploma
- To be delivered by vocational schools at national level – in Austria also available at www.certificate.at



Europass Diploma Supplement

- Common European structure
- Description of the individual course of study at universities, higher education colleges (i.e. Fachhochschule institutions) etc.
- Stimulation of mobility and facilitation of the access to education and lifelong learning
- No substitute for the original diploma / certificate
- To be delivered by the respective Higher Education Institution
- Information at national contact points for ENIC-NARIC network
- Related to the implementation of the Bologna process



National Europass Centres Tasks and duties

- Coordination and administration of all Europass tasks
- Promotion of the documents and their use
- Collaboration with all relevant institutions and bodies in the respective country
- Information, counselling, networking ...
- International co-operation, participation at thematic initiatives

<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>

<http://www.europass.at>



Thank you!

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Vielen Dank
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