



INVITATION TO TRANSNATIONAL PEER REVIEW SEMINAR AND TRAINING

Joint activity: Croatia, Estonia, Finland and Slovenia

This is a formal invitation for an open event organised by four national institutions which are part of the EQAVET NRP network. We kindly invite you to a **Transnational Peer Review online** seminar and training which will be held on **10th October 2024**.

The *online* seminar is organised as a part of joint activity of the EQAVET NRP 2023-2026 project and the goal of it is to promote the European Peer Review methodology at VET provider level to everyone interested in it and also prepare the four VET providers for their own peer reviews in 2025. Each country participating at the project activity has a VET provider which will be involved in a Peer Review. Each VET provider will have the opportunity to host international peers from each country contributing to the development and dissemination of the European Peer Review.

The peer review process, in which a peer review group evaluate the procedures and processes of a VET provider, is a useful tool in many ways to involve and motivate staff, students, working life and other key stakeholders in quality development from which both the VET provider reviewed and the peers can benefit. This involvement is the important value of peer review as it creates a development atmosphere and a quality culture in the organisation where everyone does quality work in their own role and work. The focus lies on the promotion of a culture of continuing quality improvement, mutual learning, trust and openness. VET providers participation in a peer review is voluntary. Added value of the transnational peer reviews is the participation of international peer reviewers. For more information about the European Peer Review please take a look at the European Peer Review methodology handbook, European Peer Review leaflet or European Peer Review QA and criteria handbook.

The seminar and training is open for everyone interested in the topic of peer reviews and participation is available for everyone regardless of prior knowledge about peer reviews.

GOALS

This seminar and training cover two main areas which are part of the joint activity in the current project cycle.

- **One area covers the topic of sustainability in education. Sustainability is a core part of quality assurance which is why the team working on this activity is searching for the best way to highlight the sustainability in different quality areas, criteria and indicators.**



- **Second area covers the topic of peer review methodology of the European (Transnational) Peer Review at VET provider level and will focus on the benefits of the Peer Review. This area is organised as a preparation training targeting, in first place, the VET providers and Peers which will be part of Transnational Peer Reviews this cycle, but is also a great opportunity for all participants to better understand the benefits of an European Peer Review.**

The seminar and training will be held on **10th October 2024** starting at **13:00 (CEST)** and lasting approximately 2.5 hours. If you would like to participate in the first *online* training session, please register via this [link](https://forms.office.com/e/m2C6HESbwa) no later than **4th October 2024***.

LINK: <https://forms.office.com/e/m2C6HESbwa>

* Agenda will be given to the **registered** participants.

On the behalf of the project team, we look forward to the *online* training!

AGENDA

12:45 – 13:00	Arrival of participants; technical information
13:00 – 13:10	Opening and welcome <i>Nino Buić, Assistant Director for European Affairs, International Cooperation and Projects, Agency for Vocational Education and Adult Education (AVETAE), Croatia</i> <i>Dorian Ruljančić, Associate for Project Preparation and Implementation, AVETAE</i>
13:10 – 13:25	Transnational Peer Review at VET Providers Level - Erasmus+ EQAVET NRPs Joint activity (NRPs from Croatia Estonia, Finland and Slovenia) <i>Riikka Vacker, Senior Advisor, Finnish National Agency for Education, Finland</i>
13:25 – 13:40	Current EU initiatives for Supporting the Implementation of Quality Assurance Schemes at VET Providers Level (Plans for Peer Review and Sustainability in Education) <i>EQAVET Secretariat</i>
13:40 – 13:50	VET providers Peer Review (WHY?) Training Part I* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims and Principles of Peer Review • Quality Areas and Criteria in Transnational Peer Review - common framework as starting point • <i>Sustainability Criteria and Indicators</i> <i>Tiina Halmevuori, Development Director, Keuda Group, Vocational Education and Training, Finland</i>



13:50 – 14:10	Sustainability and its quality in the activities of VET providers, <i>Erkka Laininen, Planning Manager, The OKKA Foundation, Finland</i> <i>(The foundation maintains the Finnish national Sustainable Development Certification of Educational Establishments)</i>
14:10 – 14:20	Short break
14:20 – 14:50	VET providers examples on sustainability in school life <i>examples from 4 VET schools TBC</i> <i>Croatia: Technical School Daruvar</i> <i>Estonia: School TBA</i> <i>Finland: Perho Culinary, Tourism & Business College</i> <i>Slovenia: School TBA</i>
14:50 – 15:30	Peer Review Method (HOW?) Training Part I* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roles and responsibilities of peer team and VET provider • From preparation to implementation • Results and continuous improvement • Impact of Peer Review <i>Tiina Halmevuo</i>
15:30 – 15:45	Summary and Wrap-up

