

BEQUAL meets EFQUEL

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End of June I attended the conference of the BEQUAL project in Piraeus in Greece. The conference centred on quality assurance in European training institutions, especially in initial and continuous Vocational Education Training (VET). The conference included an introduction to the BEQUAL project, its tools and its portal, presentations on the 'Common Quality Assurance Framework' (CQAF) in VET, ISO 9001:2008 and the Greek ELOT 1433 standards. It also provided concise overviews on quality approaches in VET in six European countries.

Throughout the conference I was able to discover a lot of synergies and complementarities of the BEQUAL Benchmarking Tool with the ideas and approaches of QUALC (<http://www.efquel.org/qualc>).

QUALC stands for 'Quality Assurance Network for Adult Learning Centres' and includes continuous Vocational Education Training (VET). QUALC developed a learner centred Handbook and a three staged quality recognition and assurance process for 'Adult Learning Centres' (ALC). Another interesting project in the area is SEVAQ+ (<http://www.sevaq.eu>)

). This project is focusing on the self-evaluation of quality in 'Technology Enhanced Learning' (TEL). It might be finally interesting to build links between the BEQUAL project and the 'European Foundation for Quality in eLearning' (EFQUEL;

<http://www.efquel.org>). The

foundation serves as sustainable and proactive network and provides valuable services to persons and institutions interested in quality in (e-)Learning.

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