

PROJECT CLOSING CONFERENCE

The OpenQAsS project will develop an open source software toolkit to support the management of QA systems in vocational schools and training providers. The main focus of the development has been shaped by the results of a large-scale, online survey of teachers and other stakeholders, in four of the participating countries, and through meetings and workshops at Multiplier Events.



On 29th August, 2017 the project closing conference was held in Budapest, with 50 participants who came from 39 various organisations. Most of them were VET teachers, but headmasters, developers and quality specialists attended as well.

The conclusion was that at present in many institutions there is no formal QM system established, or even if there is some kind of a system, significant development is needed. In this context the products of the OpenQAsS project are

very much progressive, valuable, and offer considerable help in setting up and developing Quality Management Systems.

Participants experience a positive change and feel that the direction of initiatives is definitely good. They say that the topics covered were relevant and important, they liked the software especially the Lesson Planning module and the Quality Management Toolkit. They look forward to the next steps, they look forward to start using the software.

The quality of the learning content and the professionalism of the involved specialist were praised as well as the project leader.

Regarding resources, however, there is a reported lack of specialists within the institutions, further trainings and a support system would be required.

It is very promising, that further talks were encouraged by one of the participants, the representative of the Ministry of Human Capacities.



Open Source Quality Assurance System for Vocational Education

The OpenQAsS project vision is to utilise the potential of today's networking technology in all areas of the implementation of the EQAVET Reference Framework principles, and so make the resulting tools part of the daily practice of institutional Quality Assurance in our VET schools.

Target groups

- Teachers and headmasters of VET schools; managers and trainers of VET provider companies;
- VET schools and VET providers;
- Researchers working in the field of the vocational education;
- Software developers joining the OpenQAsS.org community.

Objectives

- To improve the culture of quality assurance by involvement of VET teachers and trainers into online consultation in the partner countries;
- To develop Open Source Software toolkit (OpenQAsS) to promote and facilitate QA management in VET schools and adult educational VET providers;
- To develop a certificate – Institutional Quality Assurance Manager (IQAM) – for VET teachers and trainers who take responsibility for quality management tasks in institutions.

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