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The Europass framework

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The political background

Free movement of citizens is one of the founding principles of the EU.

In particular:

- **To work**

EU-wide labour market

- **To learn**

EU lifelong learning area



The policy background

**Making it easier to move
to either learn or work
is a priority to implement the
Lisbon strategy:**

**better information,
more transparency,
easier recognition.**



The policy background

A 3 pillar strategy to increase
transparency, recognition and mobility

1-Ploteus



2003

2 –



2005

3-
European
Qualifications
Framework

[2006]



Mobility?
To where?
Why?

Mobility:

Within education or
training

School to work

Changing job

Changing company

Changing trade

In the country of residence

ACROSS borders



The forerunner

Europass Training

- **recording European pathways in work-linked training or apprenticeship;**
- **released only when specific quality criteria were met;**
- **available on paper only;**
- **more than 100 000 in 5 years.**



The forerunner

Europass Training

The first transparency document to be:

- **Established through a legal act – Council Decision 1999/51/EG;**
- **Financially supported at Community level;**
- **Implemented by a specific network of National Contact Points.**



The development

- Experience from the various documents;**
- Management and evaluation of the Europass Training initiative;**
- Wide consultation;**
- Development group:**
 - national experts, social partners, Commission, Cedefop, Council of Europe.**



The legal process

**Proposal adopted by the
Commission on 15 December 2003.**

**Council political agreement
on 28 May 2005**

**Adoption by European Parliament
and Council on 15 December 2005**



The legal act

**Decision 2241/2004/EC
of the European Parliament and the Council
of 15 December 2004
on a single Community framework
for the transparency
of qualifications and competences (Europass)**

OJ L 390 of 31.12.2005, p.6.

Entry into force: 1st January 2005



The purpose

Europass aims at:

helping citizens make their qualifications and competences easily understood, when applying for a job or a learning opportunity

thus making it easier for them to move for both occupational and learning purposes.



The instruments

Europass starts with five existing documents:

- **covering qualifications and competences in a lifelong learning perspective;**
- **improving transparency through a competence based approach;**
- **all established at European level;**



Better communication and appreciation of competences



**Language
Passport**

**Helps people highlight
their competences**

**Helps people to clearly
describe language skills**

**Documents completed by citizens themselves
in particular through the European portal.**



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Three documents are issued to citizens on achieving a learning experience:

Europass
Mobility

**Objective report on a
mobility experience**

E. Diploma
Supplement

**Details a citizen's
educational record**

E. Certificate
Supplement

**Explains a vocational
certificate**



The instruments

Main implementation tools:

- the Europass portal:

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

- the network of

National Europass Centres.



The Europass portal

- is both an information and a service portal:
 - informs on instruments and provides links;
 - allows citizens to complete on line their Europass CV and Language Passport;
 - technically developed and hosted by Cedefop
<http://europass.cedefop.eu.int>

1.5 million visits (6 000 daily)



The National Europass Centres

- shall coordinate all activities related to Europass in their country and directly carry out some of them;
- shall be the main contact point for Europass and its elements in their country liaising with the relevant bodies in relation to each Europass document;



The National Europass Centres

- shall coordinate the delivery of Europass Mobility, DS and CS;
- shall promote Europass among citizens, learning institutions and companies, including through a national Internet site;
- shall liaise with employment services, guidance networks and social partners;
- shall work as a European network.



Coordination is the keyword



**ENIC-
NARIC**



European Year of Workers' Mobility 2006



euro | guidance

**2007: Integrated
lifelong learning
programme**



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Outcomes

Europass will provide:

- **better information among citizens, education and training institutions, companies**
- **easier access to each and every document through the portal and the National Europass Centre**



Outcomes

- **greater communication impact**
 - **common logo**
 - **each document reinforces each other**
- **easier cooperation with employment services**
- **more effective management**
 - **coordination through NEC**



Outcomes

Europass will provide:

a coherent framework for further development of transparency.

Further documents will be developed

- to better serve specific sectors (metal, hotel and catering, construction, etc.)**
- to focus on specific sets of competences (computer related skills, business skills, etc.)**



A service to citizens who wish to move throughout Europe



europass

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

