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THE EU DIMENSION

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QUALITY OF VET THE EU DIMENSION

What we mean by VET

What we mean by quality

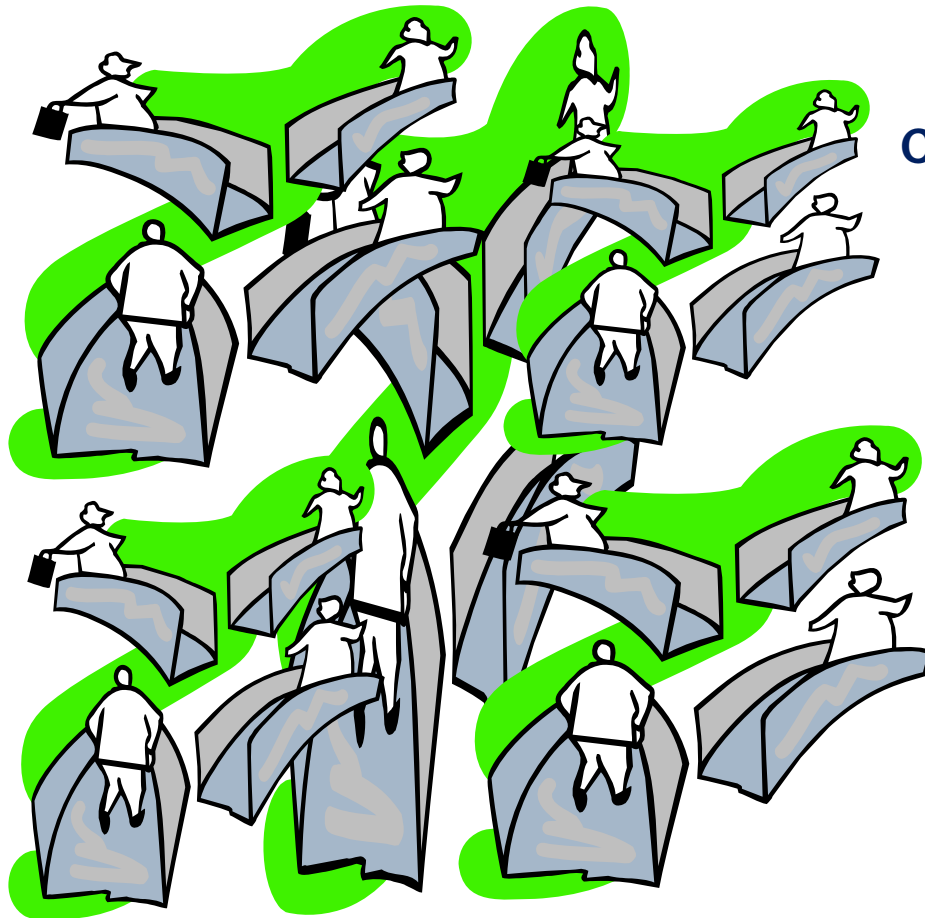
Why the quality of VET is an EU issue

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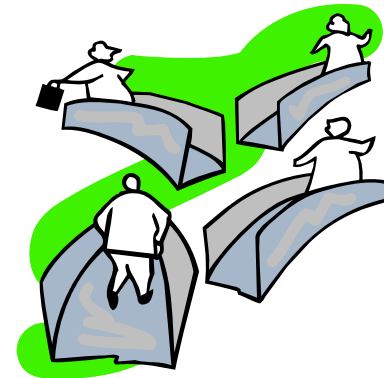
**Quality-the key to make VET in the
EU a world reference**

Challenges

EQUIPING PEOPLE WITH SKILLS AND COMPETENCES THAT CAN BE USED ON THE LABOUR MARKET



**A WIDE AND DEEP
CONTINUUM OF LEARNING**



**RESPONSIVE TO
ECONOMIC
AND
SOCIAL
GOALS**

THE HETEROGENEITY OF VET

EU ECONOMY

**ECONOMIC POLICY
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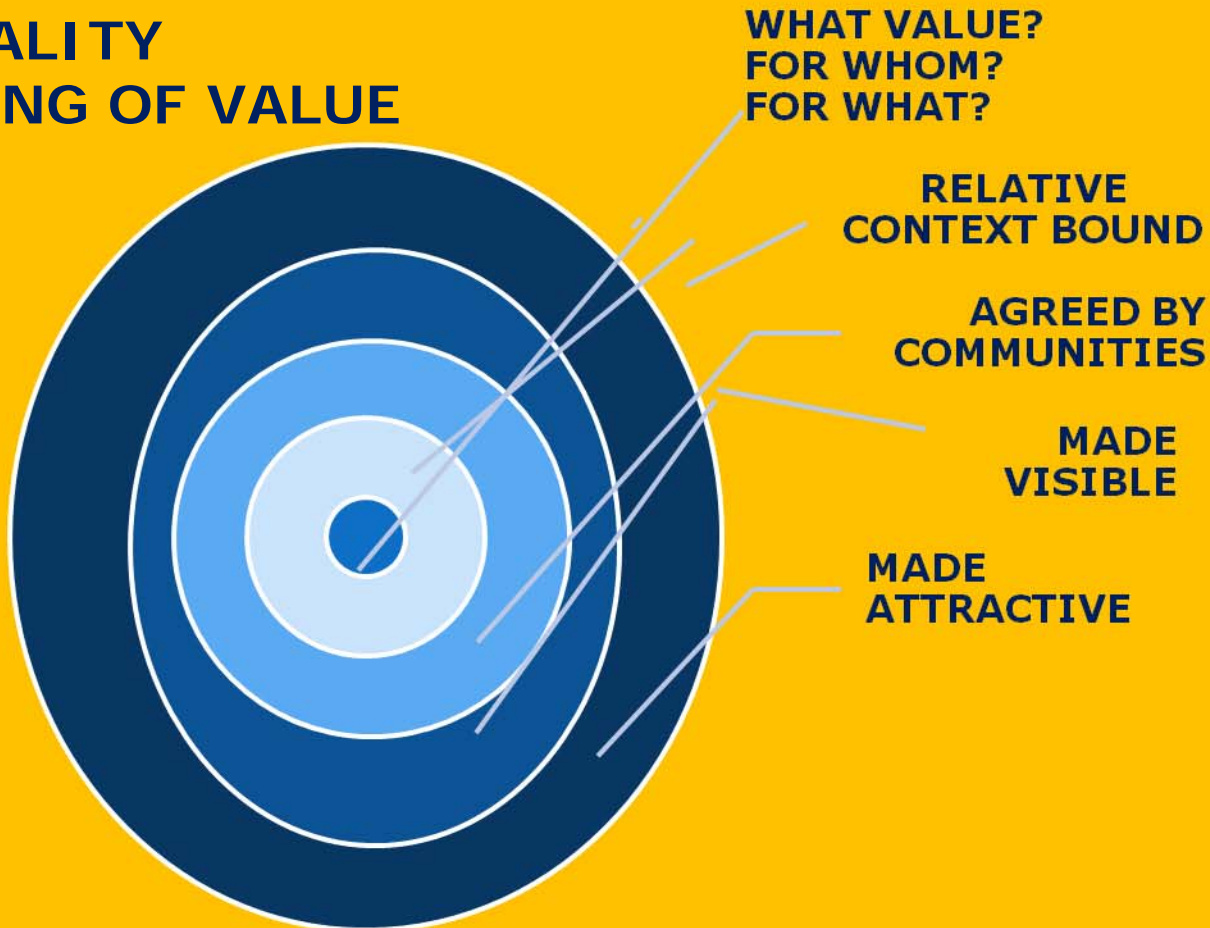
SOCIAL EUROPE

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FURTHER LEARNING AND
TRAINING**

"QUALITY IS NOT AN ACT, IT IS A HABIT"

Aristotle

**QUALITY
BEING OF VALUE**



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WHY THE QUALITY OF VET IS AN EU ISSUE

THE QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY OF HUMAN CAPACITIES AND EU ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GOALS

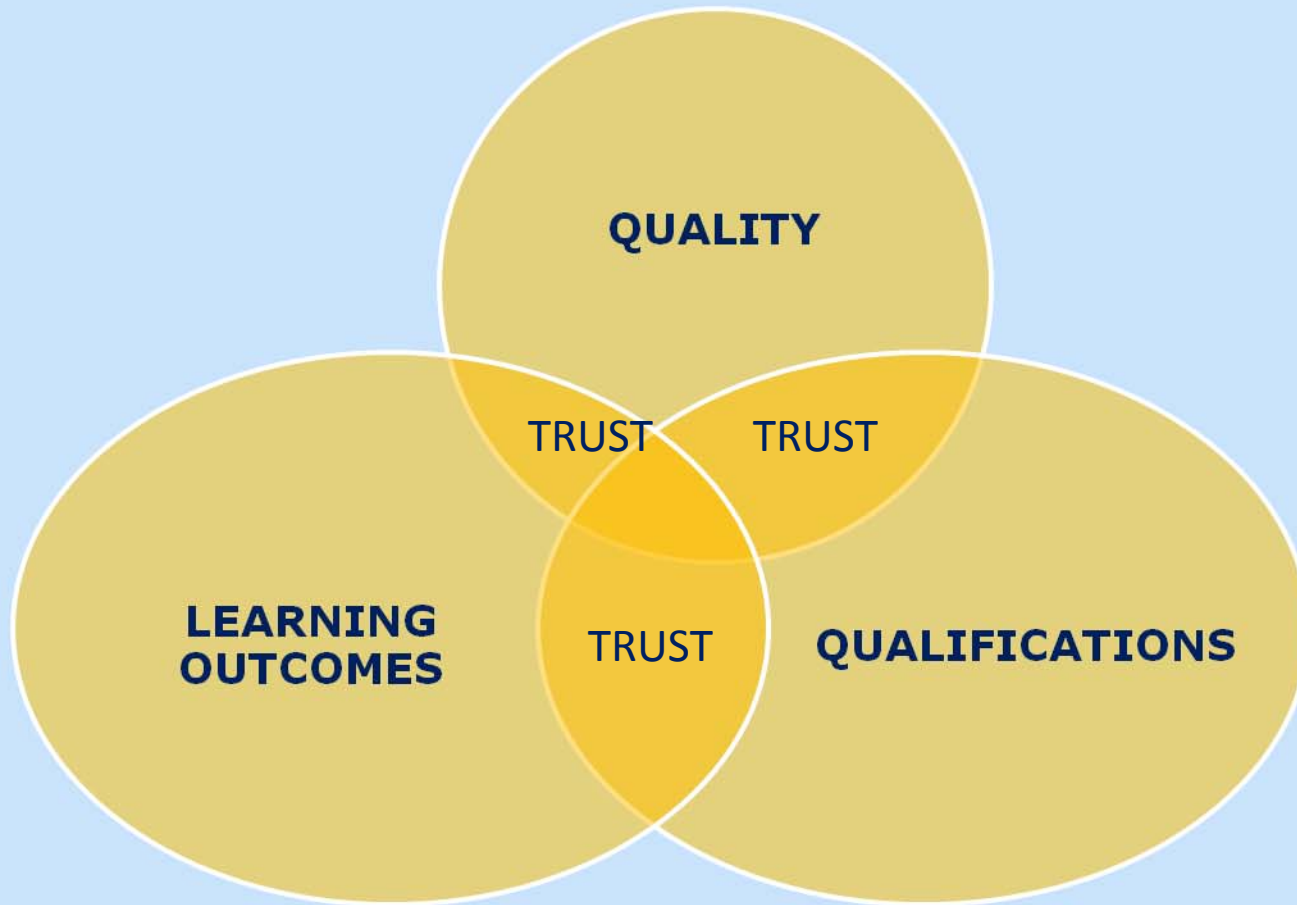


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THE EU SUPPORTS QUALITY IN VET



“Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skilful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives “ (W.A. FOSTER)



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CHALLENGES

EU measures for quality development need to:

1. Make visible the quality of VET in its diversity
2. Reflect the expertise of its diverse scientific communities and communities of practice
3. Support the attainment of the highest degree of quality for the different VET routes
4. Support the development of “Cultures of quality”, which cause quality, rather than control it
5. Be tested and validated by the stakeholders who are expected to implement them

"QUALITY MEANS DOING IT RIGHT WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING"

(Henry Ford)

QUALITY IS IN OUR HANDS !



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