



European Certification &
Qualification Association

Your latest news & updates

Greetings!

please find below news & updates from our association!

Virtual Vocational Education and Training – VIRTUS

VETgoes virtual thanks to VIRTUS

The “Virtual Vocational Education and Training – VIRTUS” project (562222-EPP-1-2015-1-EL-EPPKA3-PI-FORWARD) has developed an innovative, fully functional virtual vocational education and training centre enabling the provision of VET in an e-learning environment linking modular multi-media training materials with integrated validation of learning objectives. The overall validation of competences leading to certification at the end of the courses is assured by the ECQA who is currently implementing an interface from their exam and certification portal to the VIRTUS platform.



The VIRTUS training centre currently provides two pilot courses in Tourism and Hospitality Services, as well as in Social Entrepreneurship, corresponding to regional growth potential and skills needs and targeting at increasing the participation rate of Adult Learners in continuing VET. Pilot trainings are currently being launched in Greece, Spain, Italy and Austria by the VET providers EuroTraining, FF Euskadi, CIRSES, and BEST respectively. The VIRTUS platform development is assured by the RWTH Aachen in Germany.

Visit the [projects website](#) for more information.

Solar CV - SSA to coverskill needs throughdelivery and recognition of EU joint CV inConcentrated Solar Power

Solar CV is a project funded by European Commission under the Erasmus+ programme. It aims at increasing the response of Vocational Education Training (VET) systems by anticipating the Concentrating Solar Power (CSP) labour demand, integrating work-based learning (WBL) in the design of CSP VET and increasing mobility of EU CSP learners, by the recognition of learning outcomes and by achieving qualifications.



Solar CV project has recently released three reports:

- [Report on Skills and training provision needs per country and EU level](#)
- [Report on innovative tools from LLP projects designing EU competence profiles and EU CVs](#)
- [Report on current situation of non-formal, informal and formal training in the CSP sector](#)

Visit the [projects website](#) for more information.

INNOTEACH - Teaching and Certifying Innovation Skills in Schools by ECQA



Nowadays innovations are of crucial importance for the development and economic results of the European Union and its members. Slovenia, Austria and Hungary invest a lot in the field of innovation, yet there are still challenges to be faced involving innovation in all fields. One of them is related to the educational system which has to be continuously adapted to the needs of the modern society. It should address the nowadays needs, e.g. creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship. Creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship (CI&E) are crucial competences that cannot be taught in a simple manner. The Project's aim is to trigger different ways of thinking in schools and to show that creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship are crucial for success - anywhere; in all subjects, in daily situations in school, in real life challenges, and to teach participants how to implement that in practice.

The InnoTEACH project empowers the innovation mind-set in the European Union by establishing learning environments in schools which fertilize the grounds for young people to apply innovation principles in problem solving and learning about entrepreneurship concepts at the same time.

The project developed an ECQA certified job role for innovative teachers and school mentors and is trialed in schools in Slovenia, Hungary, and Austria.

The big vision is that by empowering young people and networking them this will empower the research in Europe in the future generations. ECQA and this new schema will contribute to this plan.



ECQA® Certified Diversity Manager goes University!

ECQA Certified
Diversity Manager



Big success for Forum European Diversity Management, an international ECQA® Certified Exam Organisation and JRC Manager: The new course "Academic Diversity and Inclusion Manager" at the FH BFI Vienna offers a practical, high-quality, contemporary and internationally oriented training in diversity & inclusion management.

Successful completion of the Academic Diversity & Inclusion Manager programme also entitles students to take the Diversity Driving Licence exam of the European Certification and Qualification Association ECQA®.

Diversity and Inclusion is good for business:

"Targeted use and appreciation of diversity in the workplace



and in the business world is the secret of success and a current megatrend!" says Scientific Director of the new course "Academic Diversity and Inclusion Manager" at the FH BFI Vienna, Gabriele Sauberer, Vice President of ECQA® and President of the Forum European Diversity Management (FEDM).

[More information](#) about certification of diversity management systems and professional.
More information about the FH BFI [here](#).

ECQA® ACTs: High-level Information day on Accessibility and Certification in Brussels.



On 28 April 2017, ECQA® was represented by Gabriele Sauberer, Vice President, at the high-level Information day for EU Representatives responsible for and involved in accessibility activities for European Citizens. The info day took place within the EU Project ACT – Accessible Culture and Training – and was an excellent opportunity to position ECQA® as Europe's leading certification and qualification association for professionals.

Visit the [projects website](#) for more information.

CSR "Guru" Martin Neureiter joins ECQA®



...with his most successful CSR company international. International expert, pioneer in CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) and father of ISO 26000, Martin Neureiter, becomes new **ECQA® Certified Training Organisation**. Martin is a founding member of the Job Role Committee **ECQA®. Certified Applied Sustainability and CSR Professional**.



Webinar "How to bring businesses to the next level with sustainability" with Martin Neureiter. In this free webinar, CSR guru Martin Neureiter, explains what we need to bring our business to the next level with sustainability and CSR.

Visit the webinar:

[Webinar1](#)
[Webinar2](#)



New ECQA® Certificate Engineering Terminology

The International Network for Terminology (TermNet) launched a new certificate and preparation training to qualify as **ECQA® Certified Terminology Manager – Engineering**.

What do engineers think about terminology?

To find out, TermNet conducted a series of interviews with ECQA® and EuroSPI2 pioneers, such as Richard Messnarz, Risto Nevalainen, Paul Clarke and Andreas Riel. The interviews are part of the new course **ECQA® Certificate Terminology**

Manager – Engineering. First alumni of the training found these interviews very interesting and helpful.



Stopgoogling - search with ecosia and plant trees!

ecosia is a new and amazing search engine that donates its revenues from adverts to plant trees. The search results of ecosia are excellent – forget about Google! Become part of a community that cares about the environment and our planet!

More information [here](#).

Upcoming Events

EuroAsiaSPI²2017

ECQA and EuroAsiaSPI 2017, 6.-8.9.2017, Ostrava, Czech Republic

EuroAsiaSPI 2017 has **8 international workshop communities** which organise workshops on day 1, day 2, and on day 3 as well as **international key notes, a research stream**, and presentations from leading industry and leading research institutes, and a joint paper award with the American Society of Quality. Open the **HTML based program** [here](#).

EuroAsiaSPI 2017 creates a **new theme and topic driven conference architecture, where experience papers are grouped into major topics which can be attended in form of workshops**. This allows leading industry to attend EuroAsiaSPI not only for a conference but also for a dedicated topic based training event.

We are proud to announce [keynotes by Volkswagen and by the president of the Austrian Computer Society](#). more key note announcements will follow.

PDF Program Flyer [Download](#).

ECQA certified job roles are main drivers of some of the EuroASiaSPI workshops such as functional safety manager, innovation manager, Automotive Quality Engineer, sustainability manager, certified terminology manager, etc.

ECQA members are board members, PC committee members, and workshop leaders at EuroAsiaSPI 2017.

ECQA®reacts: Web Accessibility is becoming an international standard – new Job Role of ECQA® is on its way.

A EuroSPI 2017 Key Note and workshop contribution is dedicated to the global trend of making web sites and all media accessible to Person with Disabilities. Good practice projects such as “Accessibility through ICT” or “IT4Blind” of the Austrian Computer Society inspired ECQA® representatives to propose a new Job Role Committee and Certificate, the ECQA® Certified WebAccessibility Professional.

***We send you our sincere regards from Austria
and wish you a pleasant and refreshing summer.***

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