



BASIC GUIDE ABOUT ECVET

The European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training

www.womeninpower.eu



European
Commission



Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union

THE EUROPEAN CREDIT SYSTEM FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (ECVET) PROMOTE THE RECOGNITION OF LEARNING OUTCOMES ACROSS EUROPE.

What is ECVET?

The European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) is a European initiative, allowing for the accumulation and transfer of credits gained through the recognition of learning outcomes in vocational education and training (VET) across Europe. ECVET has been developed to facilitate the recognition of achievements in vocational education and training, in formal, informal and non-formal learning. Although ECVET is underpinned by European legislation, participation is voluntary and national protocols are respected.

Its objectives are:

- Facilitate the validation and recognition of the skills and professional knowledge acquired in different systems and countries, so that the interested parties can properly include them in their professional qualifications.
- Enhance the attractiveness of mobility between different countries and educational environments.
- Increase the compatibility between the different European vocational education and training systems and the qualifications they grant.
- Increase the employment possibilities of graduates in vocational training and the confidence of employers that each qualification in vocational training requires specific skills and knowledge.

The purpose of this system is not to replace national qualification systems, but to provide a greater degree of comparativity and compatibility between them.

ECVET is applied to all the results obtained by a person in the different education and learning systems that are transferred, recognized and accumulated in order to provide a qualification. This initiative makes it possible for citizens of the European Union (EU) to see their training, skills and knowledge more easily recognized in an EU country other than their own.



What are ECVET points?

ECVET points are a numerical representation of the overall weight of learning outcomes in a qualification and of the relative weight of units in relation to the qualification.

How many ECVET points are allocated to a qualification and how is it done?

Allocation of ECVET points to a qualification is based on using a convention according to which 60 points are allocated to the learning outcomes expected to be achieved in a year of formal full time Vocational Education Training.

What is the difference between ECVET points and credit?

ECVET points are not to be confused with credit. While credit designates the learning outcomes the learner has achieved, ECVET points provide information about the qualification and the units. In other words while credit is related to a person and his/her personal achievement (credit does not exist on its own without someone having achieved it), ECVET points are linked to the qualification structure and description (independent of whether someone has achieved the qualification or not).

Credit can be transferred and accumulated if the competent institution recognises that the credit the learner has achieved is relevant and can be taken into account as part of the qualification the learner is preparing (or seeks recognition for). ECVET points provide information about the credit the learner has transferred and accumulated (e.g. what is the relative weight of units the learner has already achieved).

How many ECVET credits can I get by passing the Women In Power course?

The course of the project is divided into modules, each module has assigned credits as can be seen in the document "report on contents".

In case of passing 100% of the modules, students can obtain a maximum of 4 ECVET credits.



How does ECVET facilitate validation of non-formal and informal learning?

The validation process for non-formal and informal learning in view of achieving a qualification typically follows these phases:

Identification of knowledge, skills and competences developed during voluntary activities, in a family or work environment or during leisure.

Documentation of these learning outcomes through the collection of evidence such as descriptions of previous working activities, development of a portfolio or assessment.

Validation of these learning outcomes against standards, referential or list of expected learning outcomes.

Award of a qualification or part of a qualification (recognition of learning outcomes).

ECVET WORKS TO BREAK DOWN BORDERS IN TRAINING BETWEEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

ECVET facilitates this process because it:

Describes the knowledge, skills and competence required for a qualification and the associated units. This makes it easier for the competent institution to identify what learners' have already achieved in comparison to what is required in view of a qualification.

Can be used to enable learners to achieve some units through validation of non-formal and informal learning and others through formal learning. Facilitates the documentation of learning outcomes achieved through the use of tools such as personal transcripts.

ECVET therefore enables learners to achieve qualifications partly by having non-formal and informal learning validated and recognised and by achieving the remaining units through formal learning.



MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS OF INTEREST:

[ECVET official website of the European Commission](#)

[ECVET TOOLS](#)

[ECVET PROJECTS](#)

[Law and European initiatives \(ECVET\)](#)

[Cartoon explanatory video](#)

WOMEN REPRESENT HALF OF THE GLOBAL TALENT POOL...

...but they account for just 2.8% of the presidents of the largest companies in each of the EU Member States.

inova



• amuebla cooperación empresarial

CENFIM
Home & Contract
furnishings

campus
iberus

Romanian
Textile
Concept

Women in Power aims to become a tool to support equality and gender balance in European boards of directors, providing women working in the traditional sectors the opportunity to acquire skills and competencies that improve their sectoral and managerial skills, thus promoting gender equality and the advancement of women in the European society.

To know more:
www.womeninpower.eu