



Bologna Seminar

**Council of Europe Higher Education Forum  
on  
Qualifications Frameworks**

**PROGRAMME**

**Council of Europe Headquarters, Strasbourg**  
Thursday 11 – Friday 12 October 2007  
Room 1

***Purpose:***

Following the decision by Ministers in the London Communiqué, to launch the sharing of experience in the development of national qualifications frameworks.

***Participants:***

- officials responsible for the development of national qualifications frameworks of all countries party to the Bologna Process;
- Representatives of the European Commission and of consultative members of the Bologna Process;
- As appropriate, observers from other countries and organizations, including the ENIC and NARIC Networks and the Lisboa Recognition Convention Committee.

***Background material:***

Participants will be provided with:

- the overarching framework of qualifications of the European Higher Education Area;
- a background report by Professor Stephen Adam (expected to be available by October 1);
- the web link to the report of the Working Group on Qualifications Frameworks submitted to the Bergen Ministerial meeting (2005);
- a copy of the report of the Working Group on Qualifications Frameworks submitted to the London meeting (2007);
- the Irish and Scottish self certification reports;
- a copy of the book *Qualifications: Introduction to a Concept* (Council of Europe Higher Education Series).

**Working languages**

English and French, with simultaneous interpretation between the two. Much of the conference material will, however, be provided in English only.

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**THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER**

*Day 1 is intended to give an overview of the issues and overarching frameworks. There will be time for discussion after each presentation*

**08 30 – 09 30: Registration**

**09 30: Opening**

- Sjur Bergan, Head of the Department of Higher Education and History Teaching, Council of Europe
- Sebastião Feye de Azevedo, Chair of the Bologna Follow Up Group
- Mogens Berg, Chair of the Working Group on Qualifications Frameworks 2003 - 2007

### **First working session**

Chair: Sjur Bergan, Council of Europe

**09 50: The Concept of Qualifications Frameworks and the overarching framework of qualifications of the European Higher Education Area: A Reminder and a View Forward**

Mogens Berg, Chair of the Working Group on Qualifications Frameworks 2003 - 2007

**10 30 Qualifications Frameworks: Status and Some key Issues**

Stephen Adam, University of Westminster, UK Bologna Expert.

**10 50 Coffee break**

**11 20                    The European Qualifications Framework for lifelong learning (EQF) and its relationship to the EHEA framework**

Peter van der Hijden, European Commission

**12 00                    Qualifications frameworks: a Perspective from outside Europe**

Frances Kelly, New Zealand Representation to the EU

<b>12 30                    Lunch</b>
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**Second working session**

Chair: Germain Dondelinger, Luxembourg, Vice Chair of the Bologna Follow Up group and member of the CDESR Bureau

**14 30                    What is a qualification?**

Sjur Bergan, Head of Higher Education and History Teaching, Council of Europe

Discussion

<b>15 45                    Coffee</b>
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**16 15                    Learning Outcomes, Credits and Qualifications Frameworks**

Stephen Adam, University of Westminster, UK Bologna Expert

<b>17 30                    End of first day</b>
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<b>FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER</b>
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*Day 2 is intended to provide an introduction to issues confronting those who will develop national frameworks and to provide opportunities to discuss issues arising from national contexts as well as of issues in the development of national frameworks, drawing on national experiences.*

### **Third working session**

Chair: Katia Dolgova-Dreyer, Higher Education and Research Division, Council of Europe and Secretary to the CDESR

**09 15                      Developing a national qualifications framework - the experience of Hungary**

Eva Gönczi, Programme Director, Collegium Budapest, Hungary

**Developing and validating a national qualifications framework: issues and pitfalls**

Seán Ó Foghlú, National Qualifications Authority of Ireland

**10 00                      Discussion Groups**

Parallel discussion groups. Each group will have a moderator, and one country per group could possibly be asked to introduce the discussion by highlighting its own experience.

<b>13 00                      Lunch</b>
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**15 00                      Feedback from the group discussions**

Moderator: Sjur Bergan, Council of Europe

**16 00                      Report by the General Rapporteur**

Gerard Madill, Universities Scotland

<b>17 00</b>	<b>Closing of the conference</b>
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