SLOVENIAN QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK and REGISTER - more visible and reaching out to users

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DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SQF

For better transparency and accessibility of qualifications in Slovenia and the EU
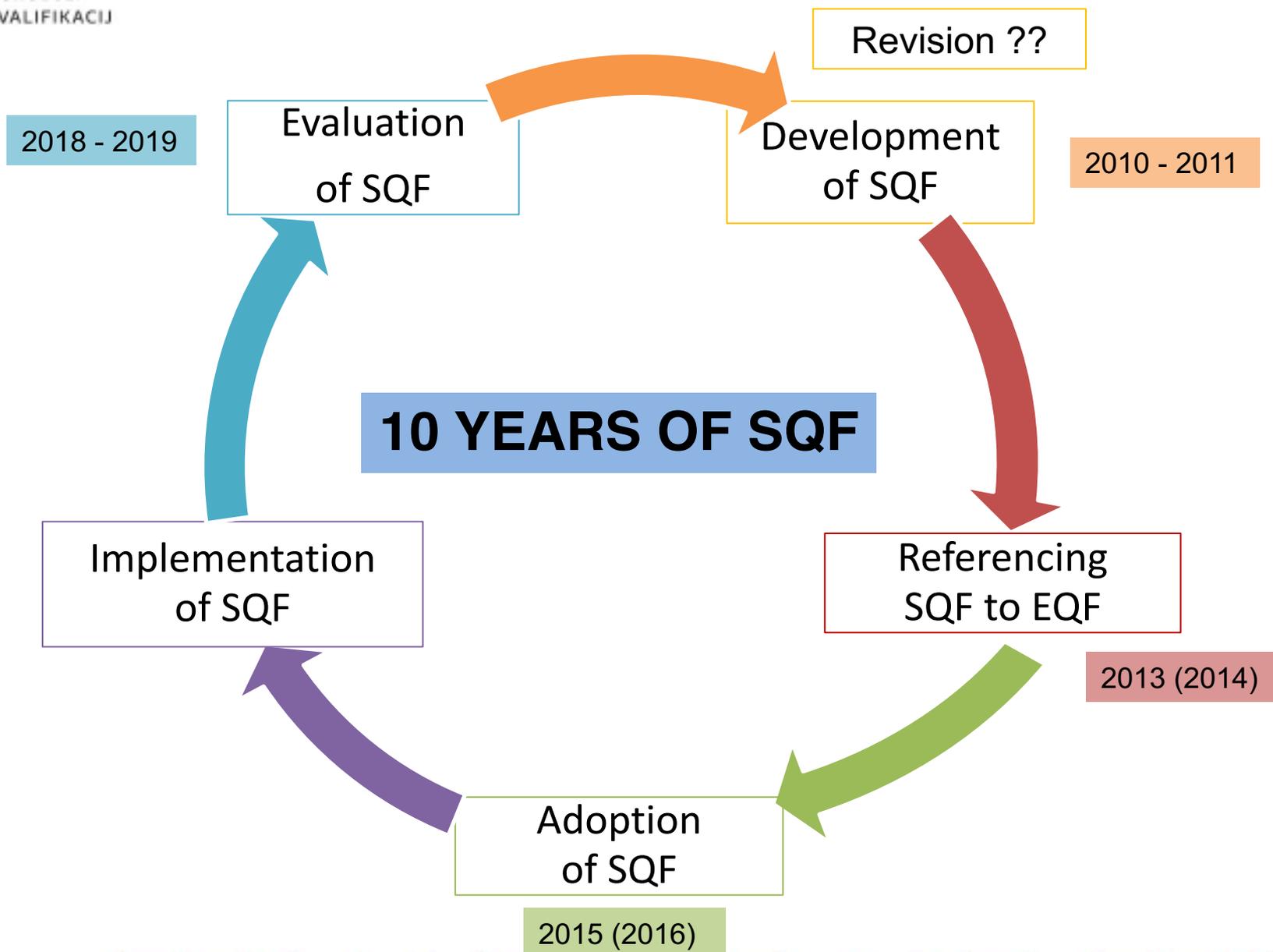
RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE EQF (2008)

Recommendation to MS to designate NCP EQF and define their responsibilities and competences	Recommendation to MS to link their NQFs to EQF	Recommendation to MS to indicate the appropriate levels of EQF on the authenticating documents (certificates, diplomas …)
In October 2009 the Institute of RS for VET appointed as NCP EQF in Slovenia.	In October 2014 final version of Referencing report was published.	The SQF Act stipulates that from 12 July 2016 onwards, the SQF and EQF levels, and for higher education qualifications, the QF-EHEA level, will also be recorded in all public documents.

SLOVENIAN QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

SLOVENSKO OGRODJE KVALIFIKACIJ
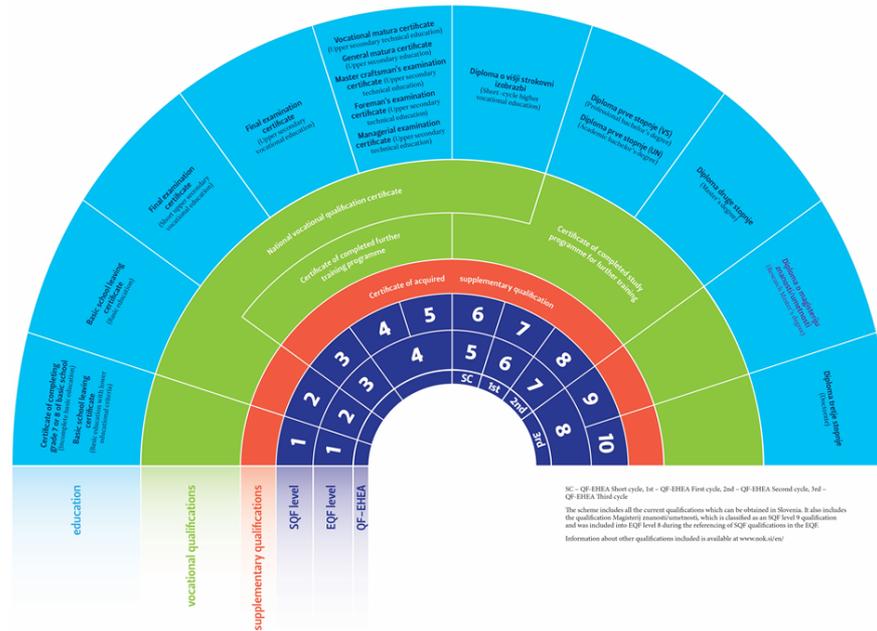
Philosophy: framework of communication

The Slovenian Qualifications Framework (SQF) is a unified system of qualifications in the Republic of Slovenia for the classification of qualifications into levels with regard to learning outcomes.

The **purpose** of the SQF is to achieve transparency and recognisability of qualifications in Slovenia and the EU.

- to support lifelong learning

- to integrate and harmonise Slovenian qualifications subsystems

- to improve accessibility and quality of qualifications with regard to the labour market and civil society

Structure:
comprehensive framework

10 SQF LEVELS

SQF – 10 levels / EQF – 8 levels

SQF	EQF
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	
5	4
6	5
7	6
8	7
9	8
10	

SQF Levels	EDUCATION
1	**Elementary school leaving certificate** (lower educational criteria)
2	**Elementary school leaving certificate**
3	**Final examination certificate** (Lower VET)
4	**Final examination certificate** (Secondary VET)
5	**General and vocational matura certificate**
6	**Higher vocational diploma**
7	**First-cycle diploma** (professional & academic)
8	**Second-cycle diploma** (professional master)
9	**Magisterij znanosti** (master of science)
10	**Doctorate degree**

SQF	QF–EHEA
6	Short cycle
7	First cycle
8	Second cycle
9 10	Third cycle

The SQF level descriptors include 3 categories of learning outcomes: KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

NCP SQF-EQF TASK

Workshops:

USING LEARNING OUTCOMES IN PRACTICE

Target group:
Professionals who prepare description for qualifications

SQF

SLOVENSKO OGRODJE KVALIFIKACIJ

Vocational matura certificate
(Upper secondary technical education)

General matura certificate
(Upper secondary education)

Master craftsman's examination certificate (Upper secondary technical education)

Foreman's examination certificate (Upper secondary technical education)

Managerial examination certificate (Upper secondary technical education)

Final examination certificate
(Upper secondary vocational education)

Final examination certificate
(Short upper secondary vocational education)

Basic school leaving certificate
(Basic education)

Certificate of completing grade 7 or 8 of basic school
(Incomplete basic education)

Basic school leaving certificate
(Basic education with lower educational criteria)

Diploma o višji strokovni izobrazbi
(Short-cycle higher vocational education)

Diploma prve stopnje (VS)
(Professional bachelor's degree)

Diploma prve stopnje (UN)
(Academic bachelor's degree)

Diploma druge stopnje
(Master's degree)

Diploma o magisteriju znanosti/umetnosti
(Research Master's degree)

Diploma tretje stopnje
(Doctorate)

National vocational qualification certificate

Certificate of completed further training programme

Certificate of completed study programme for further training

Certificate of acquired supplementary qualification

education

vocational qualifications

supplementary qualifications

SQF level

EQF level

QF–EHEA

SC – QF-EHEA Short cycle, 1st – QF-EHEA First cycle, 2nd – QF-EHEA Second cycle, 3rd – QF-EHEA Third cycle

The scheme includes all the current qualifications which can be obtained in Slovenia. It also includes the qualification Magisterij znanosti/umetnosti, which is classified as an SQF level 9 qualification and was included into EQF level 8 during the referencing of SQF qualifications in the EQF.

Information about other qualifications included is available at www.nok.si/en/

QUALITY ASSURANCE OF THE SQF

CORE INSTITUTIONS

➢ Interdepartmental Working Group NQF

➢ NCP SQF-EQF

➢ NCP SQF-EQF Expert Panel

ONLY ACCREDITED QUALIFICATIONS ARE INCLUDED IN SQF

QUALITY ASSURANCE BODIES
✓ Ministry of Education
✓ Ministry of Labour
✓ National QA Agency for HE

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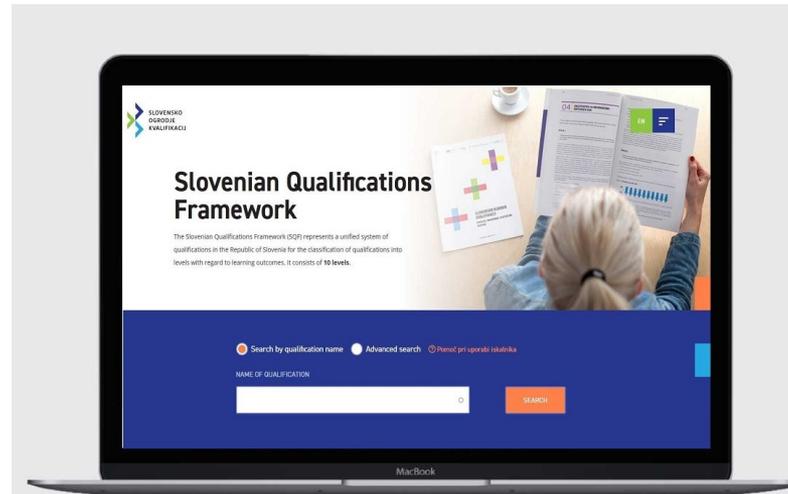
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SQF PORTAL

The SQF portal, together with the SQF Register, is a publicly accessible information system of SQF that provides insights into all of the individual qualifications that can be obtained in Slovenia.

All qualifications are presented in Slovenian and English.

Purpose of SQF Register

The SQF, in particular with the help of **the Register of SQF qualifications**, significantly increases the transparency of the qualifications system in the country.

It is used by different target groups:

- ❖ *Individuals: learners, unemployed, employees*
- ❖ *Employers*
- ❖ *Educational institutions*
- ❖ *Career counsellors*
- ❖ *Recognition bodies*

Development of SQF Register

2009

Preparing descriptions of individual qualifications in selected sectors

2012

Online platform Register of the SQF qualifications

2014 – 2016

Qualifications described in Slovenian and English

2018

Published on portal LOQ

2019

Published on portal ESCO

2020

New Europass portal

Legal framework for SQF Register
SQF Act (2015)

1.677 qualifications

Description of the qualification

- Name of Q
- Type of Q
- Category of Q
- Duration
- Credits
- Admission requirements
- ISCED field

- SQF level
- EQF level
- QF EHEA level
- Learning outcomes
- Assessment procedure
- Providers
- Possibility of progression to further education

Chart values: 1353, 312, 12

Legend: Educational Qualifications, Vocational Qualifications, Supplementary Qualifications
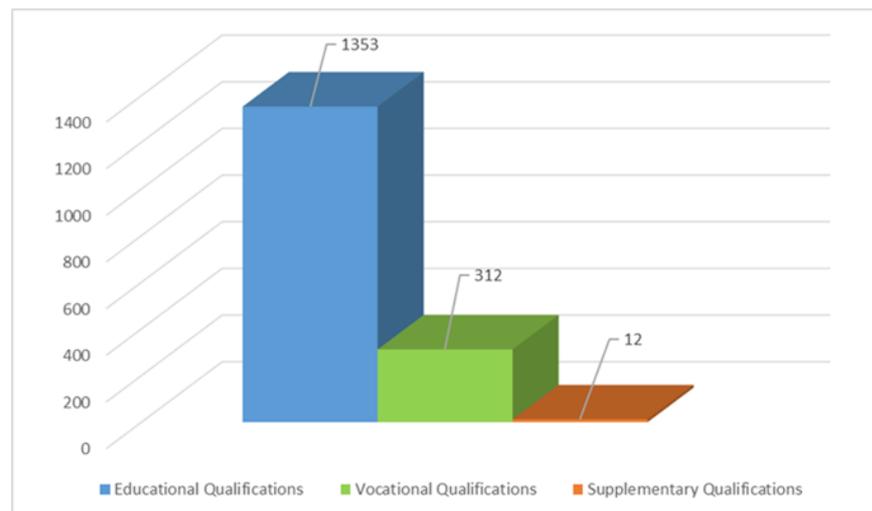
SQF Register - functionalities

✓Various methods to search for qualifications (name or advanced searching with several parameters)

✓A user video guide of the SQF Register (in Slovenian language)

✓Transparent presentation of Qualification structure

✓Distinction between past and actual qualifications

✓Comparison between qualifications

✓Career path presentation

✓Connecting qualifications with occupations
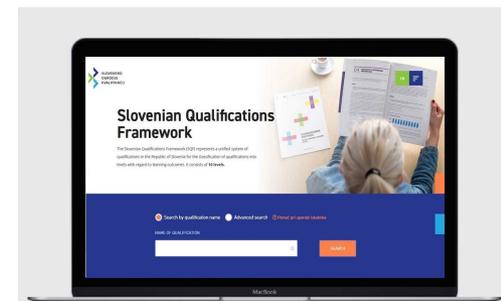
Quality assurance in the SQF Register

NCP SQF-EQF is in charge for managing of the SQF register

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Establishing electronic communication with system of NAKVIS and NRP portal – to provide accurate and up-to-date information about qualifications in Slovenia

FOR DIFFERENT
TARGET GROUPS!
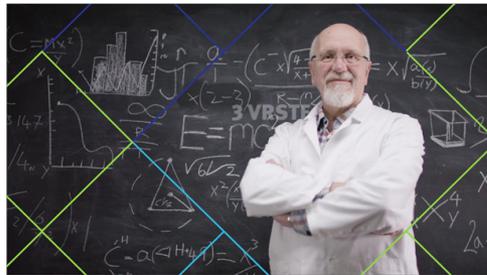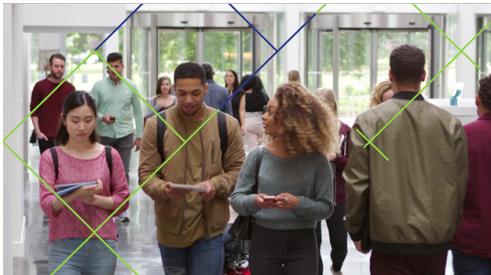
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