

# **Updating LTQF Referencing Report**

View from the HE sector

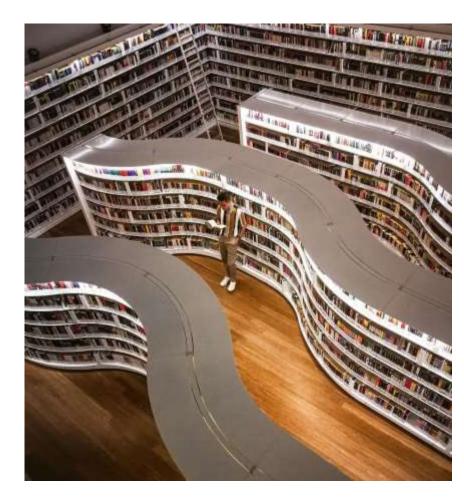
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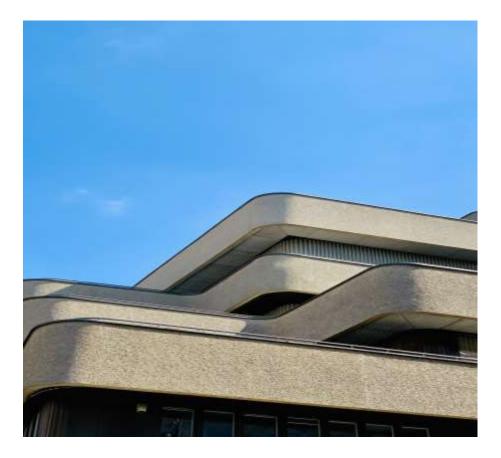


# Outline

- 1. Why?
- 2. How?
- 3. Outcome
- 4. What comes next?



## **Context in Milestones**



- LTQF referenced to EQF in 2012
- Implementation of learning outcomes / competence approach and framework:
- ESG compliant QA in HE (SKVC was granted full membership in ENQA in 2012)
- EQF/LTQF levels indicated in diplomas and/or supplements
- Improved permeability between level 6 and 7
- Development and maintenance of registers and databases

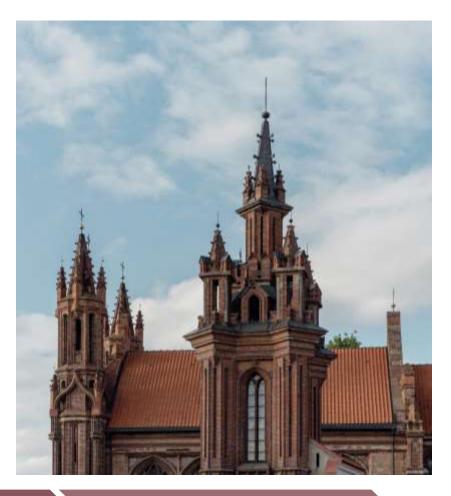
# Why?

- 24 sectoral qualification standards defining more than 600 qualifications
- 57 study field descriptors
- Learning outcomes and competence-based core curriculum in GE
- Developments in QA systems
- Modular VET programmes at levels II-IV
- Introduction of LTQF/EQF level 5 awards in HE and VET

Validation

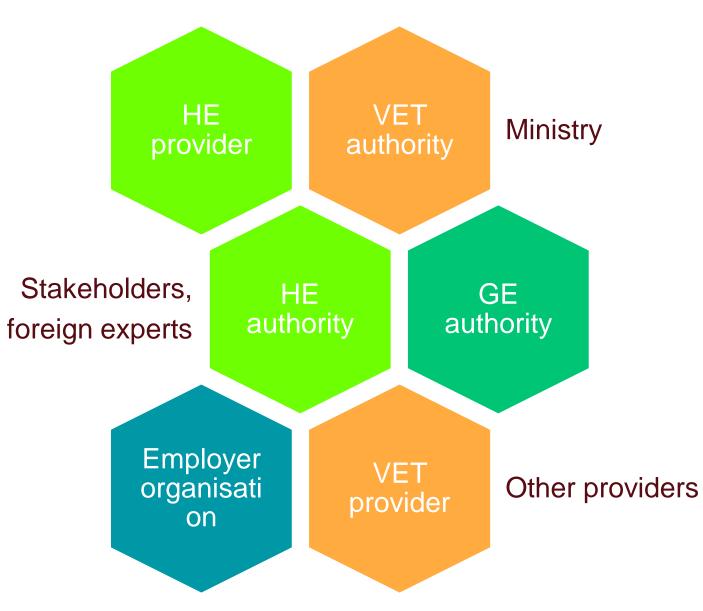
• Development of lifelong learning

Stocktaking



Operationalisation

## How?



Referencing the Lithuanian Qualifications Framework to the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning and the Qualifications Framework of the European Higher Education Area

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## Higher Education: LTQF, EQF, and QF-EHEA

## Transparency

- Transparent and comprehensive ٠ qualifications
- Permeability between qualifications
- Recognition in LT and abroad

## **Quality Assurance**

- Internal and external
- Compliance with ESG •

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## Concept of

- Qualification Qualification type (Professional Bachelor)
- Qualification within Specific Field (Master in Life Sciences)
- Individual Qualification (Master of Lifes Sciences awarded by VU)

## Focus on outcomes

- LO in design of program
- Input versus output
- Flexible and fair recognition

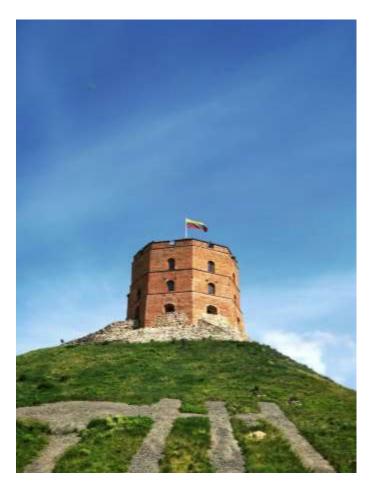
## **Outcomes: Highlights**

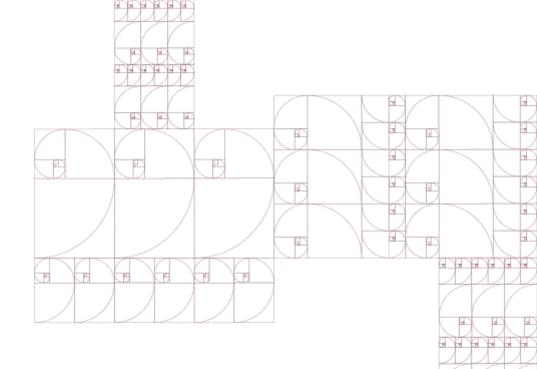


- Major progress made since 2012:
  - Learning outcomes
  - Design of programmes
  - Leveling
  - Quality assurance
  - Impact on recognition
- Concept of qualification
  - In VET, directly correlates with occupational standards
  - In HE, a set of assessed learning outcomes
  - In GE, lack of identification with a qualification
- Purpose of LTQF
- Meaningful incorporation of nonformal and informal learning

# What comes next?

- Improving permeability
- Strengthening decision making to level newly developed qualifications
- Open up LTQF for diverse qualifications
- Developments in QA of VET
- Wider discussion about the development of the qualification system
- Awareness raising and impact
  assessment





# Thank you! / Paldies!

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