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# LEONARDO DA VINCI PROJECT

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## PATHWAYS FOR SKILLS TRANSFER

Pathways for Skills Transfer (PFST) will create a model to identify and overcome existing barriers to the transferability of vocational qualifications for men and women working in the construction industry. The model will facilitate the transferability of vocational qualifications in the European construction sector and encourage the free movement of skilled tradesmen and women. Research data will enable the acceptability of qualifications from Poland and Hungary to be compared with the needs of employers in Western Europe and measured against best practice. The project will enable a matrix of acceptable vocational qualifications to be created.

The matrix will help:

- To identify training gaps and additional training needs for people whose qualifications cannot be recognized across EU member states
- To identify and overcome the barriers to the transferability of vocational qualifications across EU member states.

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The European Framework for promoting transparency of qualifications (Europass) was established in 2005 to encourage the transferability of qualifications. The creation of the pan-European model will help to:

- provide employers in the construction sector with an easily accessible benchmark for vocational qualifications, enabling them to understand and recognise comparable qualifications which meet standards set by trade associations and regulatory bodies in their own countries.
- facilitate the sharing of best practice which enables training providers throughout Europe to design and award transferable vocational qualifications for skilled tradesmen and women that are transferable.
- identify and overcome barriers to the transferability of vocational qualifications by helping trade associations or regulatory bodies to compare their vocational qualifications with other European qualifications and address training gaps in the vocational qualifications they award.

PFST supports the objectives of the Leonardo Da Vinci programme and Europass. The dissemination of the outputs and outcomes of the project, through existing Chambers of Commerce and Accreditation Bodies networks, EVTA and the World Chambers of Federation will highlight:

- the existing barriers to transferability
- recommend ways those barriers can be overcome
- provide guidance on how the model should be used by beneficiaries and end users.

The project complements a previous construction sector initiative in the UK, by providing a European dimension to transparency and transferability of vocational qualification in the construction sector.

The PFST project provides a new approach to the evaluation, recognition and transferability of vocational qualifications in the construction sector. There is currently no equivalent to the reference benchmark / model that this project creates in Europe. The partnership that has been created to deliver the proposed project brings together the worldwide Chambers of Commerce network, the UK NARIC international networks and the construction sector training regulation bodies. This partnership is uniquely placed to disseminate and exploit the reference benchmark / model which results from the implementation of this proposed project throughout Europe. The project is a new and innovative response to the need to ensure that vocational qualifications in the construction sector can be easily verified against an accepted European benchmark. Its successful implementation will ensure that the skills of tradesmen and women can more easily be transferred between EU member states.

Addressing the needs of employers in the construction sector to recruit skilled staff, overcoming existing barriers to the transferability of vocational qualifications and encouraging training provider and trade associations who award vocational qualifications to co-operate and share best practice through the mutual recognition and development of vocational qualifications across Europe are all outputs to the creation of a transferability model.

The PFST project's products are as follows:

- Lists of vocational qualifications in each participating country / member states construction sector
- Reference benchmark matrix, which allows vocational qualifications in member states construction sector to be compared.
- A project website, that facilitates communication between the projects delivery partners and enables the projects results to be disseminated across Europe.
- A list of training gaps, which helps training providers in the participating countries to develop new training program.
- An analysis of individual training needs for any skilled tradesmen or women who are referred to the project, or provide information about their qualifications & experience.

The valorisation model shows in diagrammatic form (below) the delivery partners roles in the valorisation and dissemination of the qualification benchmark matrix / model.

