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National Qualification Authority of Ireland,
5th Floor, Jervis House,
Jervis Street,
Dublin 1.

Re: Response to EQF Proposal from City of Dublin VEC

Dear Sir,

On Tuesday 25th October a number of Principals from City of Dublin VEC met to consider the above proposal. After a discussion, the following points were noted:

- CDVEC broadly welcomes the EQF proposal
- CDVEC recognises that the proposal will improve access, transfer and progression for learners within the EU community
- CDVEC expects that the EQF will facilitate the best placement of visiting learners to courses offered by CDVEC
- CDVEC believes that the EQF will increase the number of visiting learners to Ireland
- CDVEC suggests that EQF equivalent levels are articulated on all certification issued under the authority of NQAI through FETAC and HETAC
- CDVEC would welcome clear diagrammatic representation of the EQF transfer structure
- CDVEC understands the importance of each Member States autonomy in relation to QA. CDVEC fears that using different numbers to represent equivalent levels of attainment may prove confusing to learners.
- The use of a colour code to indicate the equivalence of levels assigned, different numbers could make the links more transparent
- A set of colours – e.g. from the spectrum red, orange, yellow, blue, indigo and violet and black, silver, white – could also help in a colour representation of progression.
- CDVEC wonders whether all awards i.e. major, minor, special purpose and supplemental can be mapped on this structure
- CDVEC recommends the strong promotion of the structure with industry, learners and the general public etc.

Yours sincerely,

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Education Officer.**

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