



# International Peer Review Conference

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## Conference Conclusions

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## Suitability and usefulness of Peer Review

- 15 of 15 transnational European Peer Reviews carried out successfully during the Pilot Phase 2006.
- ➔ The pilot phase has shown that the European Peer Review procedure works in practice – also if carried out in a transnational setting with one Peer coming from abroad.
- ➔ The European Peer Review procedure is a very useful instrument for stimulating improvement and cooperation at the VET Provider level.

# Added-value of Peer Review

- Provides an external view (external evaluation)
- Dynamic, open, motivating and inspirational process
- Flexible procedure, can be adapted to different contexts
- Fosters networking of VET Providers
- Professional development of teachers, lifelong learning
- Supports mutual learning
- Combines internal with external evaluation
- Qualitative approach complements quantitative approaches.
- Especially suitable for evaluating the „core business“ of VET, the learning and teaching processes („open classrooms“)

## National and transnational Peer Reviews

- European Peer Reviews can be conducted on a national and/or a transnational level.
- Despite certain challenges (higher costs [travel]), language) the conference participants hope there will be **opportunities for conducting transnational European Peer Reviews in the future.**



# Transnational European Peer Reviews

- Added-value of transnational European Peer Reviews:
  - Useful for detecting blind spots and learning from other countries
  - Enhance transnational cooperation and increase transparency and mutual trust
  - Enhance credibility and independence of Peer Reviews
  - Spread culture of quality in Europe in the VET sector/profession.

## Further use of Peer Review

- Further Peer Reviews by VET Providers on individual level
- Further pilots/implementation on national level in most participating countries: e.g. Finland, Italy, Austria, Hungary, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain etc.
- Further European cooperation:
  - Peer Review Extended II (pending decision)
  - Liaison with ENQA-VET: Inclusion of transnational European Peer Reviews in Work-programme 2008-2009?

# Proposals and challenges for the future

- Proposal for further activities and challenges for future implementation at European level:
  - European Peer Review Network
  - European Peer Training
  - European Peer Register, profile for transnational Peer
  - How to ensure the coordination of the network at European level?  
A sustainable framework and structure are needed!
  - Work through existing structures (national reference points, Virtual Community etc.) to disseminate and manage Peer Reviews
  - Availability of funding?!