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Irish Presidency of the Council
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eu2013.ie**Quality Assurance in Qualifications Frameworks**
12-13 March 2013**Programme****Day 1 - 12 March 2013**

08.30-09.00	Registration
	<i>SESSION 1 Chairperson: Gordon Clark, Chairperson, Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)</i>
09.00-09.20	<i>Opening Address from the Presidency of the European Council</i> Seán Ó Foghlú, Secretary General, Department of Education and Skills, Ireland
09.20-09.45	<i>Opening Address from the European Commission</i> Xavier Prats Monné, Deputy Director-General for Education and Culture
09.45-10.30	<i>Keynote Presentation</i> Jim Murray, Ireland
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
	<i>SESSION 2 Moderator: Pat Leahy, Ireland</i>
11.00-12.30	<i>Invited Reactions and Table Discussions</i> Integrating quality assurance and qualifications frameworks to improve integrating education and training systems Reactions: Lucien Bollaert, Netherlands/Flanders Accreditation Organisation; Sean Feerick, European Quality Assurance in Vocational Education and Training (EQAVET) Secretariat; Mile Dželalija, University of Split, Croatia; Jens Bjornavold, European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP)
12.30-14.00	Lunch





	SESSION 3 Moderator: Pat Leahy, Ireland
14.00-15.15	<i>Invited Reactions and Table Discussions</i> Using quality assurance and qualifications frameworks to promote the labour market relevance of qualifications Reactions: Mike Coles, Curriculum and Qualifications Development Expert, UK; Kevin Marshall, Microsoft; Thomas Mayr, European Association of Craft Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, (UEAPME)
15.30-16.45	<i>Invited Reactions and Table Discussions</i> Quality assurance and qualifications as facilitators of the validation of non-formal and informal learning Reactions: Külli All, Ministry of Education and Research, Estonia; Patrick Werquin, Qualifications Policy Expert, France; Christine Wihak, Thompson Rivers University, Canada; Michel Feutrie, European Civil Society Platform for Lifelong Learning (EUCIS-LLL)
16.45-17.00	<i>Introduction to Draft Presidency Statement</i> Bryan Maguire, Head of Qualifications Services, Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)
19.30	Evening Reception, followed by Dinner, with entertainment by Music Generation





Day 2 - 13 March 2013

	SESSION 4 Moderator: Pat Leahy, Ireland
09.00-9.15	<i>Opening Remarks</i> Padraig Walsh, CEO, Quality and Qualifications Ireland, (QQI): Challenges identified, resulting in challenges for workshop groups to resolve (based on overnight analysis of work in Day 1)
09.15-10.30	<i>Invited Reactions and Table Discussions</i> Promoting confidence in Europe's qualifications on a global scale Reactions: Eva Cheng, Qualifications Framework Secretariat, Hong Kong; Mohamed Slassi Sennou, General Confederation of Moroccan Business, Morocco; Karine Harutyunyan, Deputy Minister of Education and Science, Armenia; Allan Bruun Pedersen, Agency for Universities and Internationalisation, Denmark
10.45-11.15	Coffee
	SESSION 5 Bringing home the lessons
11.15-12.30	<i>Breakout Workshops</i> Participants in five parallel workshops will discuss how the issues raised at the conference can be addressed, in their countries and at European level, to support the integrated implementation of qualifications frameworks and quality assurance. <i>Chairs: Sjur Bergan, Head, Education Department, Council of Europe; Sophie Weisswange, Principal Administrator/VET Policy Adult Learning Unit B.3, DGEAC; Mike Coles, Curriculum and Qualifications Development Expert; Ana Carla Pereira, Head of Unit A.3, DGEAC; Tony Donohoe, Head of Education, Social and Innovation Policy, Irish Business and Employers Confederation</i>





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12.30-12.45	<i>Presentation of Presidency Statement</i> Gordon Clark, Chairperson, Quality and Qualifications Ireland(QQI):
12.45 – 13.00	<i>Conference Close:</i> Ana Carla Pereira, Head of Unit DGEAC A.3, Skills and Qualifications Strategies; Multi-lingualism Policy, European Commission
13.00	Light Lunch

