



# ProfDRV: Professional driving more than just driving!

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## Basic project parameters

- Full title: „*Professional driving - more than just driving!:  
Qualification requirements and vocational training for  
professional drivers in Europe*“
- Acronym: ProfDRV
- Duration: 10/2010 – 03/2013 (30 months)
- Partners: 16 from 11 countries (11 working, 5 associated)
- Project coordinator: DEKRA Akademie GmbH (DE)
- Workpackages: 8
- Funding: 402.727 Euro

(EC Lifelong Learning Programme,  
Leonardo da Vinci/ LdV,  
Development of Innovation project/ DoI)



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme

# Project partnership

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## Working partners Europe:

- 3s research laboratory, AT
- ASIMAG, ES
- DEKRA Albasafe Akademie Aft., HU
- DEKRA Akademie GmbH, DE
- ETM, DE
- Freight Transport Association, UK
- Universität Bremen (ITB), DE
- Tk Formazione Srl, IT
- Universität Erfurt, DE
- VTL, NL

## Working partners third countries:

- Canadian Trucking Human Resources Council, CA

## Associated partners

- AFT-IFTIM, FR
- CNA, IT
- FIOH, FI
- TYA, SE
- Verdi, DE

# Point of departure

## Low level of qualification

- so far, obligatory training only in a few EU member states
- many drivers only worked based on their driving license and without being trained for this occupation
- missing “learning” culture within the profession

## Strongly changing qualification requirements

- constantly changing qualification requirements due to changes in
  - \_technical standards
  - \_market requirements
  - \_work organisation and environment
  - \_etc.

## Shortage of qualified drivers

- qualification gap
- difficulty to attract young people for the job and to keep the experienced drivers
- negative image of the occupation

## Varying implementation of directive

- implementation of directive varies strongly from country to country ... and leads to very different qualification levels of drivers

# Foundation of the project

## Directive 2003/59/EC

- Regulates basic and continuous (vocational) training for professional drivers in Europe
- Implemented through EC DG Mobility & Transport
- Benchmarks:
  - 2003 - Directive published
  - 2006 - Transposition into national law
  - 2008/09 – Professional drivers must be trained
  - 2013/14 - First round of periodic training to be completed

## European Qualifications Framework (EQF)

- Serves as a translation device to compare different qualifications in Europe
- Implemented through EC DG Education & Culture
- Benchmarks:
  - 2008 - Recommendation from Parliament and Council on EQF
  - 2010 - Member states relate qualifications systems to EQF
  - 2012 – All new issued certificates contain EQF reference

# EQF learning outcomes approach

- **Aim:** make **qualifications comparable** across borders
- **Shift from input to output orientation** to make this possible
- Definition of qualification profiles/ certificates/ curricula in terms of corresponding learning outcomes
- Description of learning outcomes based on **3 categories:**

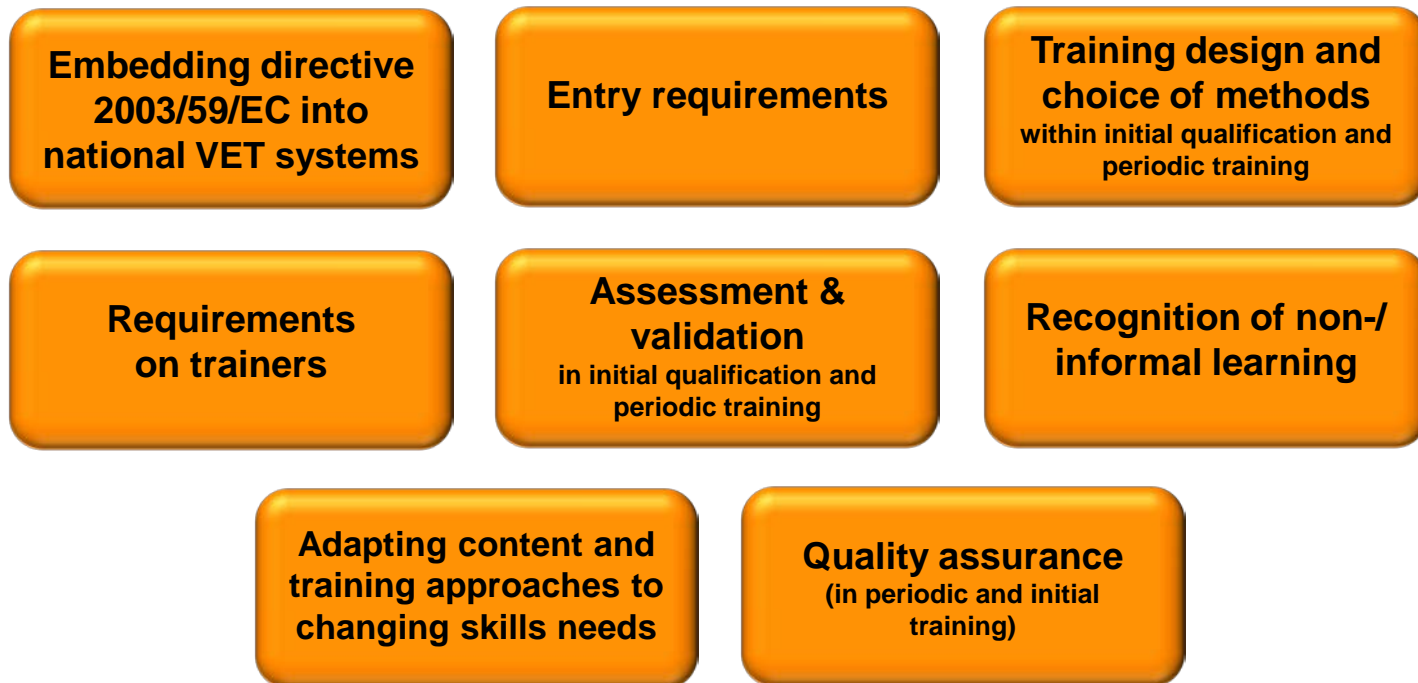


- **Level structure** of Qualifications Frameworks
- **Referencing** of certificates/ profiles/ qualifications to the EQF via NQFs



# ProfDRV Quality Standards

- EQF-based Quality Standards for the implementation of professional driver training (based on directive 2003/59) in Europe
- Standard elements:



# ProfDRV core profile (revised, v.2)

- EQF-based profile described in knowledge, skills and competences and based on the actual tasks of a professional drivers
- Defined task/ cross-cutting areas:

Driving and manoeuvring the vehicle

Cooperation with customers

Performing pre-departure tasks

Cooperation with supervisors, colleagues, controlling bodies and general public

Loading and unloading

Planning driving times and routes

Occupational health and safety and healthy lifestyle

Maintenance of vehicle and vehicle combinations

Continuous education and training

Work documentation and paper work



# Workpackages/ Key results

WP 1: Project management

WP 2: Vocational training schemes for professional drivers in Europe

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WP 6: Exploring the implementation of directive 2003/59/EC

WP 5:  
Transport meets education

WP 7: External communication and dissemination

WP 8: Quality management



*Thank you!*

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