

# Sectoral Qualification Framework – SQF

A new approach

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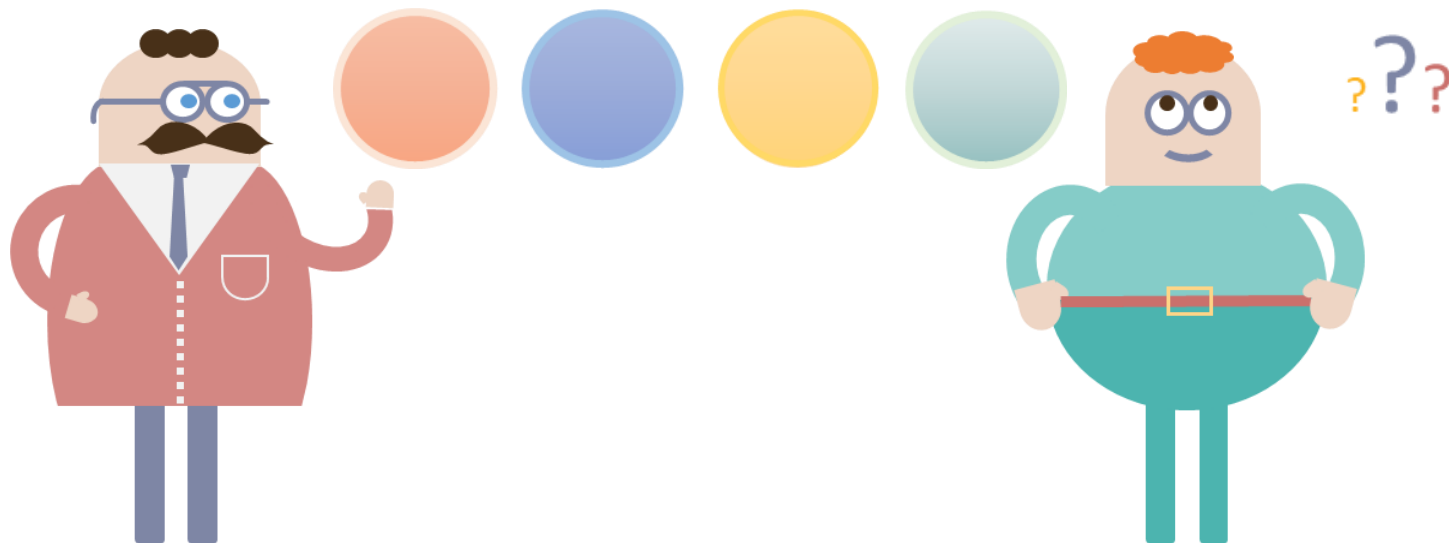
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## What is a SQF?

A SQF is intended to be a useful tool to:

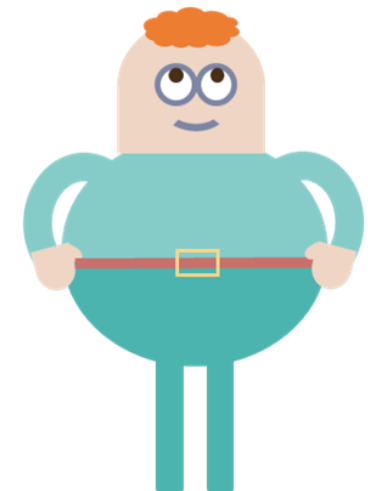
- facilitate comprehension and interaction among different training systems
- to increase employability, mobility and lifelong learning

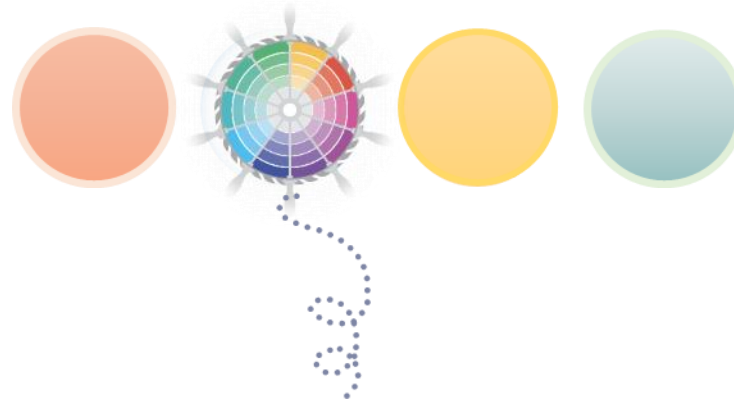




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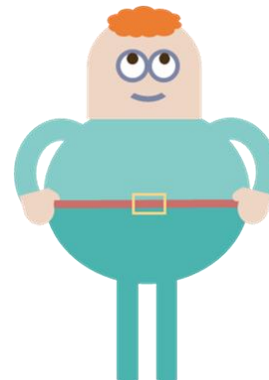
- “Instrument for the development and classification of qualifications, which relates and compares qualifications using a hierarchy of levels of learning outcomes, usually of increasing complexity as a learner progress up the levels. A sectoral qualification framework refers to one specific sectors” ETF - 2011





Learning  
Outcome

- The learning outcomes are statements describing significant and essential learning that learners have achieved at the end of a training.





Knowledge  
Skills  
Competences

- **Knowledge**, **skills** and **competences** are defined in abstract terms without referencing to any specific qualification or training path.

## knowledge

The theoretical or practical understanding of a subject

- Means the outcome of the assimilation of information throughout learning
- Knowledge is the body of the facts, principles, theories and practices that are related to a field of work or study

## Skills

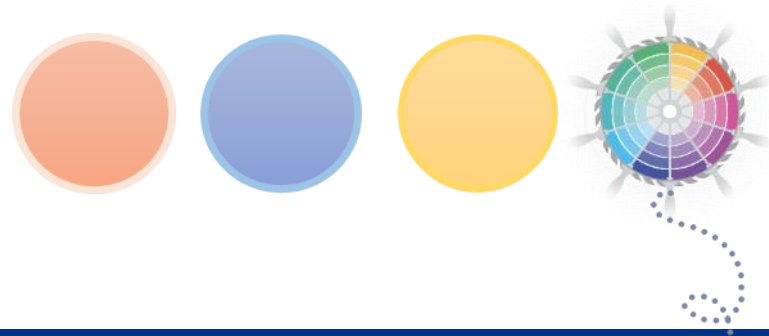
The ability to do something well; expertise

- Means the ability to apply knowledge and use know-how to complete tasks and solve problems

## Competences

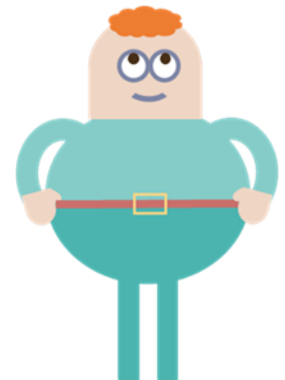
The demonstration of having the necessary knowledge, judgement, skill

- Means the proven ability to use knowledge, skills and personal, social and/or methodological abilities



Shift of  
training  
paradigm

This approach has the advantage to shift the training paradigm from a **teaching** to a **learning** perspective, the focus is not on what trainers have to teach, but what trainees need to learn.



THE SQFCGF IS NOT

A framework to harmonise qualifications between EU Members

A framework introducing automatic recognition of qualifications between EU Members

A framework focused on the classification of each individual job competence through its learning outcomes

A voluntary tool to facilitate the comparison of qualifications btw EU Countries in view of joint initiatives

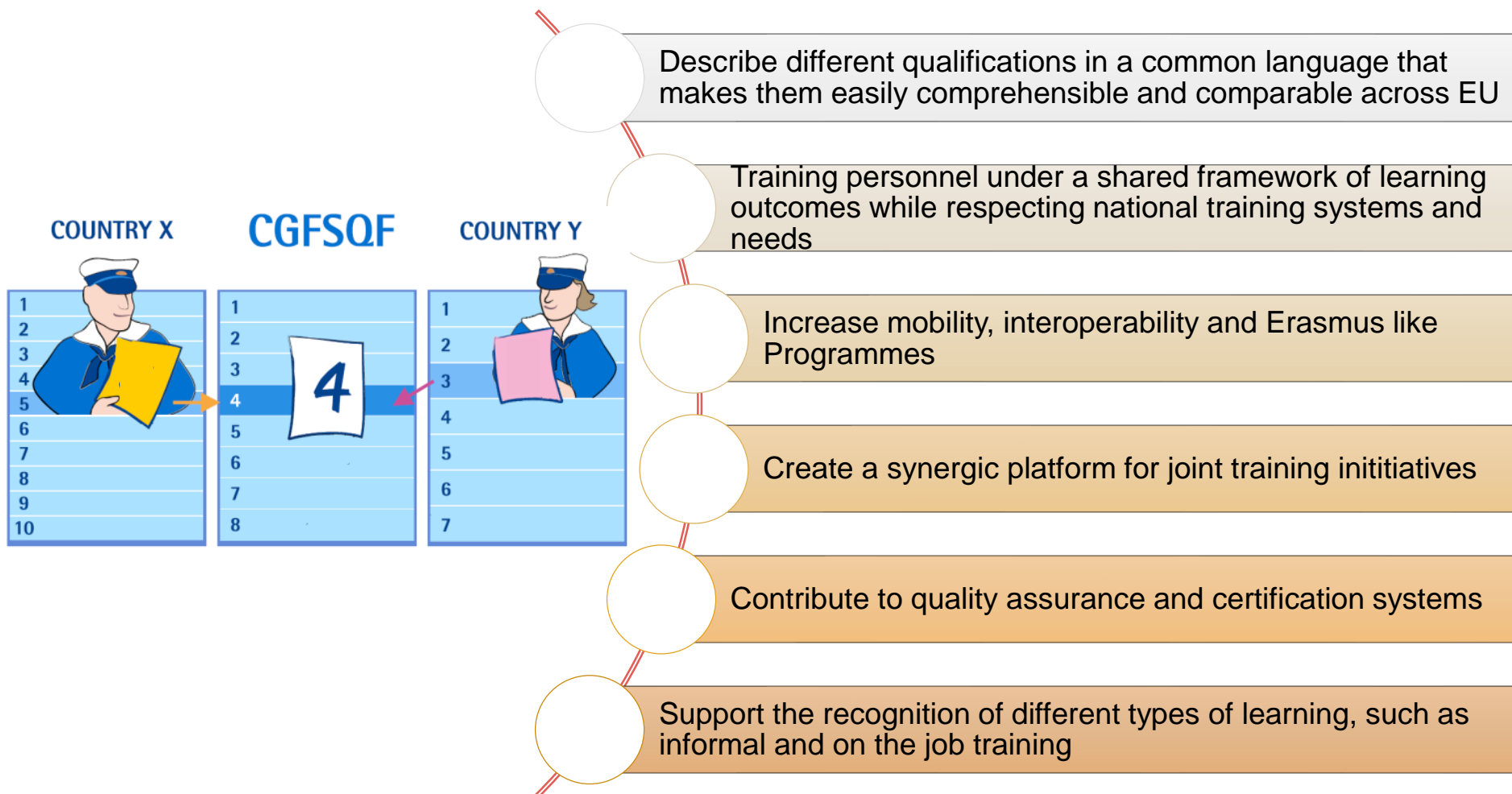
A set of common features that make recognition easier at both European/international and national levels

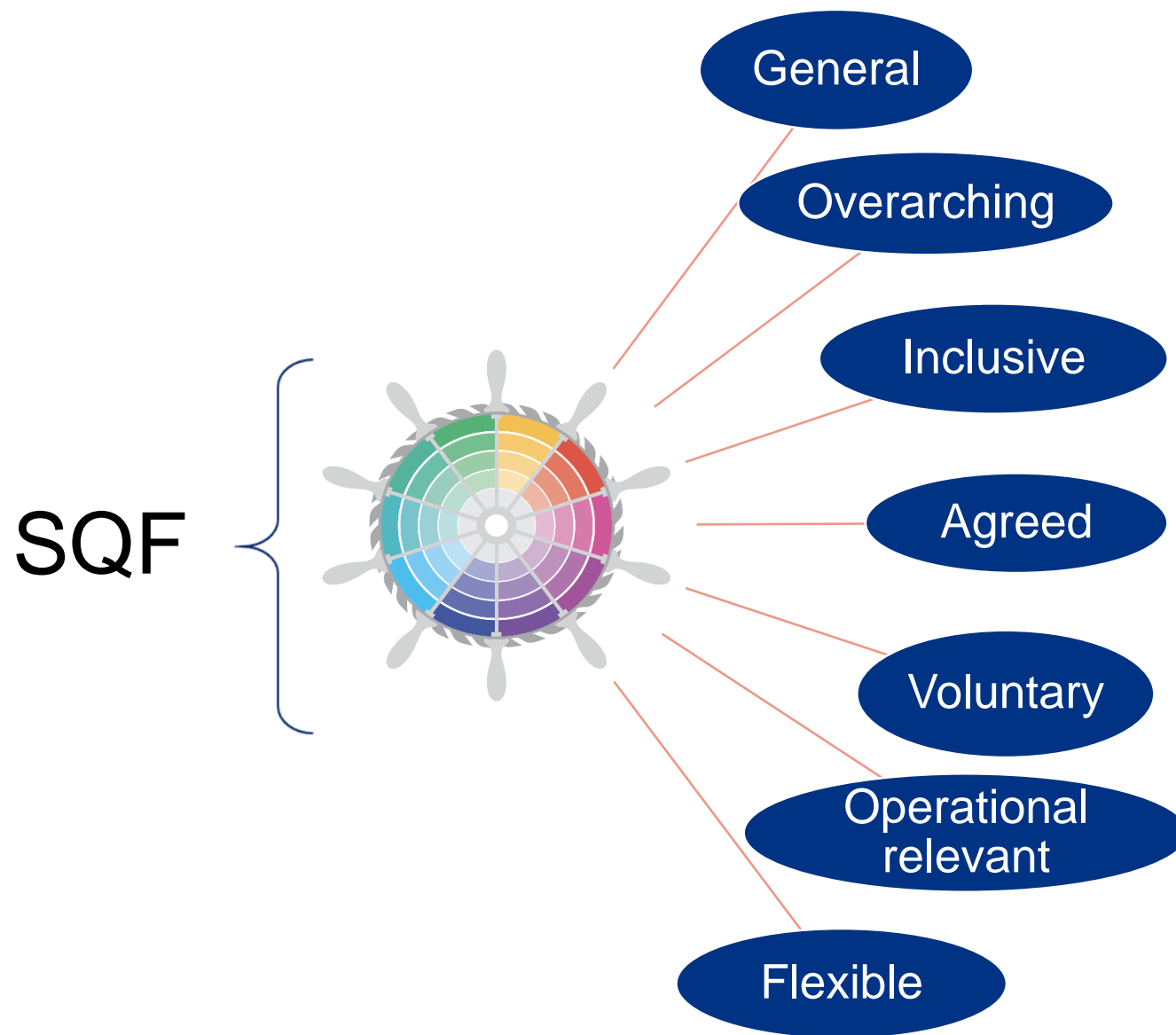
A tool to inspire and facilitate the assessment and validation of skills acquired through work experience

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# SQF - A tool for cooperation







10 functions

4 levels

22 learning areas

Learning outcomes

[http://www.educatio.it/GUARDIA-COSTIERA/index\\_new\\_2019.html](http://www.educatio.it/GUARDIA-COSTIERA/index_new_2019.html)

- 1 • Maritime safety, including VTS
- 2 • Maritime ship and port security
- 3 • Maritime customs activities
- 4 • Prevention and suppression of trafficking and smuggling and Law Enforcement
- 5 • Maritime monitoring and surveillance
- 6 • Maritime environmental protection and response
- 7 • Maritime search and rescue
- 8 • Ship casualty and maritime assistance service
- 9 • Maritime accident and disaster response
- 10 • Fisheries inspection and control



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