

**The referencing of the UK frameworks to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF)**  
**Launch conference: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2010**  
**John McIntyre Conference Centre**  
**The University of Edinburgh, 18 Holyrood Park Road, Edinburgh, Scotland**

**Day One: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2010**

11.00 – 12.00	Registration and coffee
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch An opportunity to visit exhibition stands
13.00 - 13.15	<b>Welcome and opening address by the Chair</b> Sir Andrew Cubie of the SCQF Partnership
13.15 – 13.30	<b>The relevance of the EQF to Northern Ireland</b> A message from Sir Reg Empey MLA, Minister for Employment and Learning, DELNI
13.30 – 14.00	<b>The EQF: a European tool for transparency and mobility</b> Gordon Clark, European Commission Questions and answers
14.00 – 14.45	<b>Referencing of the UK frameworks to the EQF</b> Mike Coles Panel for questions and answers: Aileen Ponton, Trevor Clark, Rhian Dent, Caroline Egerton, Janice Charlton
14.45 – 15.00	<b>Scene setting for workshops</b>
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 – 16.45	Workshop 1: Methodologies for referencing to the EQF. An exploration of the process used for referencing to the EQF by the UK frameworks and Estonia  Workshop 2: A practical application of the EQF and its implications: the perspective of awarding and certification bodies  Workshop 3: Making the EQF work: a sector and employer perspective  Workshop 4: Enabling linkages between VET and Higher Education  Workshop 5: Recognising and valuing all learning achievements: awarding below EQF level 1  Workshop 6: The added value of national qualification frameworks (NQFs)

## Day Two: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2010

08.30 – 09.00	Coffee
09.00 – 09.05	<b>Welcome by the Chair</b> Roger McCune, Head of Qualifications, Skills and Accreditation at CCEA, Northern Ireland
09.05 – 09.20	<b>The relevance of the EQF to Scotland</b> Keith Brown MSP, Minister for Skills and Lifelong Learning, Scotland
09.20 – 10.00	<b>An international perspective: the NQF in South Africa</b> James Keevy, South African Qualification Authority Questions and answers
10.00 – 10.05	Scene setting for workshop sessions
10.05 – 11.15	<b>Workshops</b> Repeat of workshops from day one
11.15 – 11.45	Coffee break
11.45 – 12.15	<b>An overview of school leaving certificates in different countries</b> Slava Pevec-Grm, Cedefop Questions and answers
12.15 – 12.45	<b>European developments: taking stock and looking to the future</b> Jens Bjornavold Questions and answers
12.45 – 13.00	<b>Closing address by Chair</b>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch and depart