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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Second version of the ‘*European Quality Standards in Validating the Learning Outcomes from Volunteering*’.**

The aim of the *eQval* project is to define and promote across the EU the adoption of the ‘*European Quality Standards in Validating the Learning Outcomes from Volunteering*’.

The [first version](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f-5XIfUc22KpT2G4k9Thh-RN5-ZNCIZj/view?usp=sharing) of the ‘*European Quality Standards in Validating the Learning Outcomes from Volunteering*’ was produced by the partners of the *eQval* project in March 2023. Over the next few months, the project partners conducted a public consultation on this initial version of the standards. A total of 684 people from across the EU, representing all the stakeholders involved in the process of validating the learning outcomes from volunteering, took part in the public consultation:

**66** Universities

**64** Vocational schools

**64** Providers of non-formal education

**61** Enterprises

**42** Public administrations and policymakers in the field of education and training

**155** Voluntary organisations

**232** Volunteers

Based on the feedback from the participants in the public consultation, the partners of the *eQval* project produced the [second version](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fbZbEh852V9l48y_AkjNVQnStd2XcNI7/view?usp=sharing) of the ‘*European Quality Standards in Validating the Learning Outcomes from Volunteering*’.

Currently, the project partners are developing a Manual to support all those interested in adopting these quality standards. The Manual will include detailed guidelines and support materials to facilitate the implementation the ‘*European Quality Standards in Validating the Learning Outcomes from Volunteering*’. This Manual will be published at [www.eqval.eu](http://www.eqval.eu) in June 2024.

The *eQval* project is an initiative of the Spanish Volunteer Platform (Spain) in collaboration with: CESUR (Spain), Munster Technological University (Ireland), Centre for European Volunteering (Belgium), CSVnet (Italy), the Portuguese Volunteer Confederation (Portugal), and Psitest (Romania). The project is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.

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