

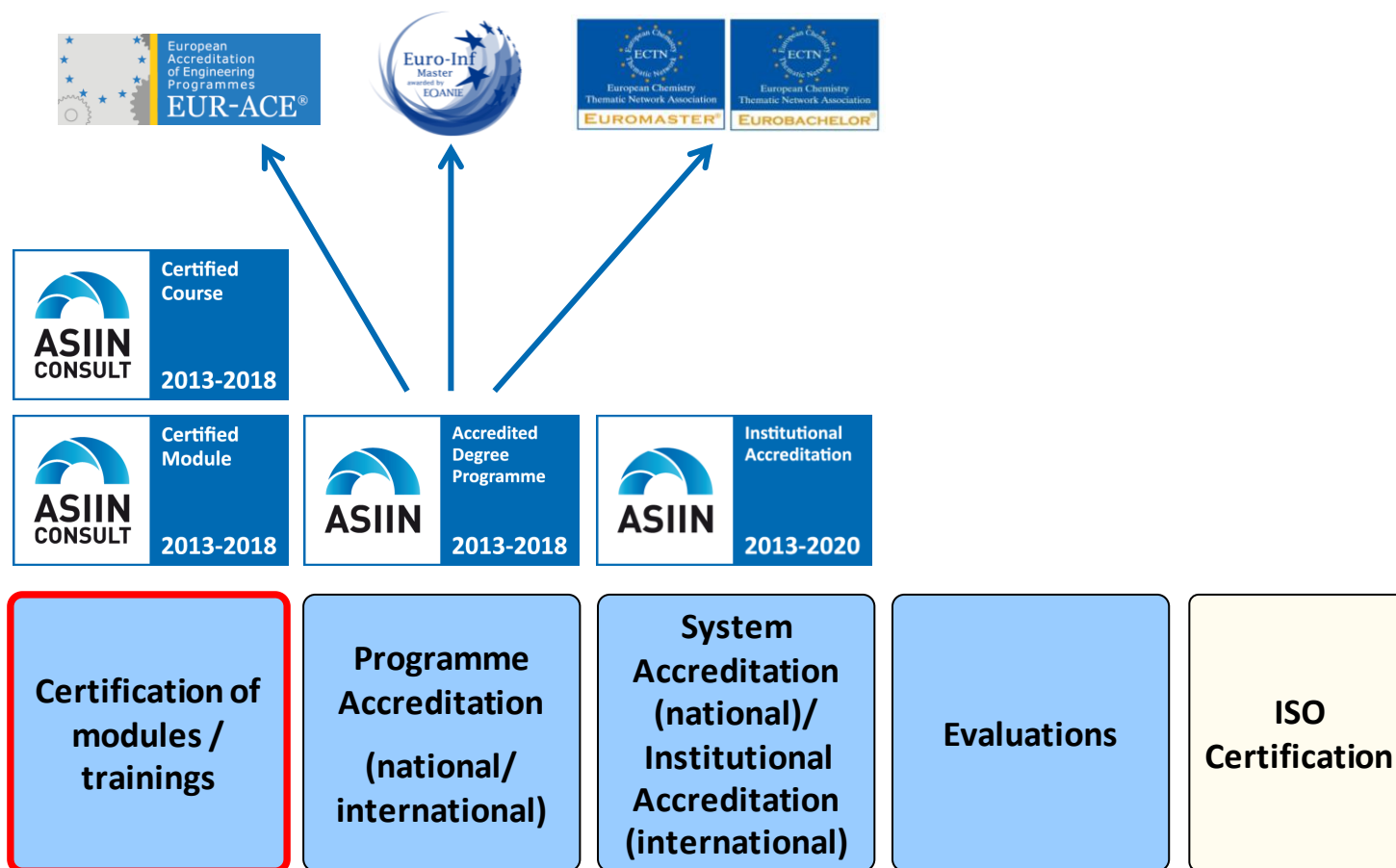


Enhancing permeability and lifelong learning: Certification of further education offers

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The range of ASIIN quality seals



The national and international context of an ASIIN certification

→ The ASIIN Portfolio with its diverse quality labels at the module/course/program/system/institutional level is an expression of diverse quality needs of our HEI partners and at the same time reflects recent trends of the

1. Bologna process
2. Copenhagen process
3. Common European Market policies
4. HE policy decisions in Germany (decisions of the Standing Conference of Ministers of Education, Decisions of the German Accreditation Council) and abroad

European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning (1)

- 8 levels
- 3 dimensions: knowledge – skills – competence

Level 5

- Short Cycle
- (linked to or within First Cycle)

Level 6

- First Cycle degrees
- (Bachelor)

Level 7

- Second Cycle degrees
- (Master)

Level 8

- Third Cycle degrees
- (PhD)

- applies to all types of education, training and qualifications, from school education to academic, professional and vocational at each of its levels

→ **Link between Bologna Process and Copenhagen Process**

Experience from (subject-specific) EQA

Peers from the professional community

Fitness for purpose

Learning outcome approach

Stakeholder involvement

→ relevance for the professional community

What can be certified?

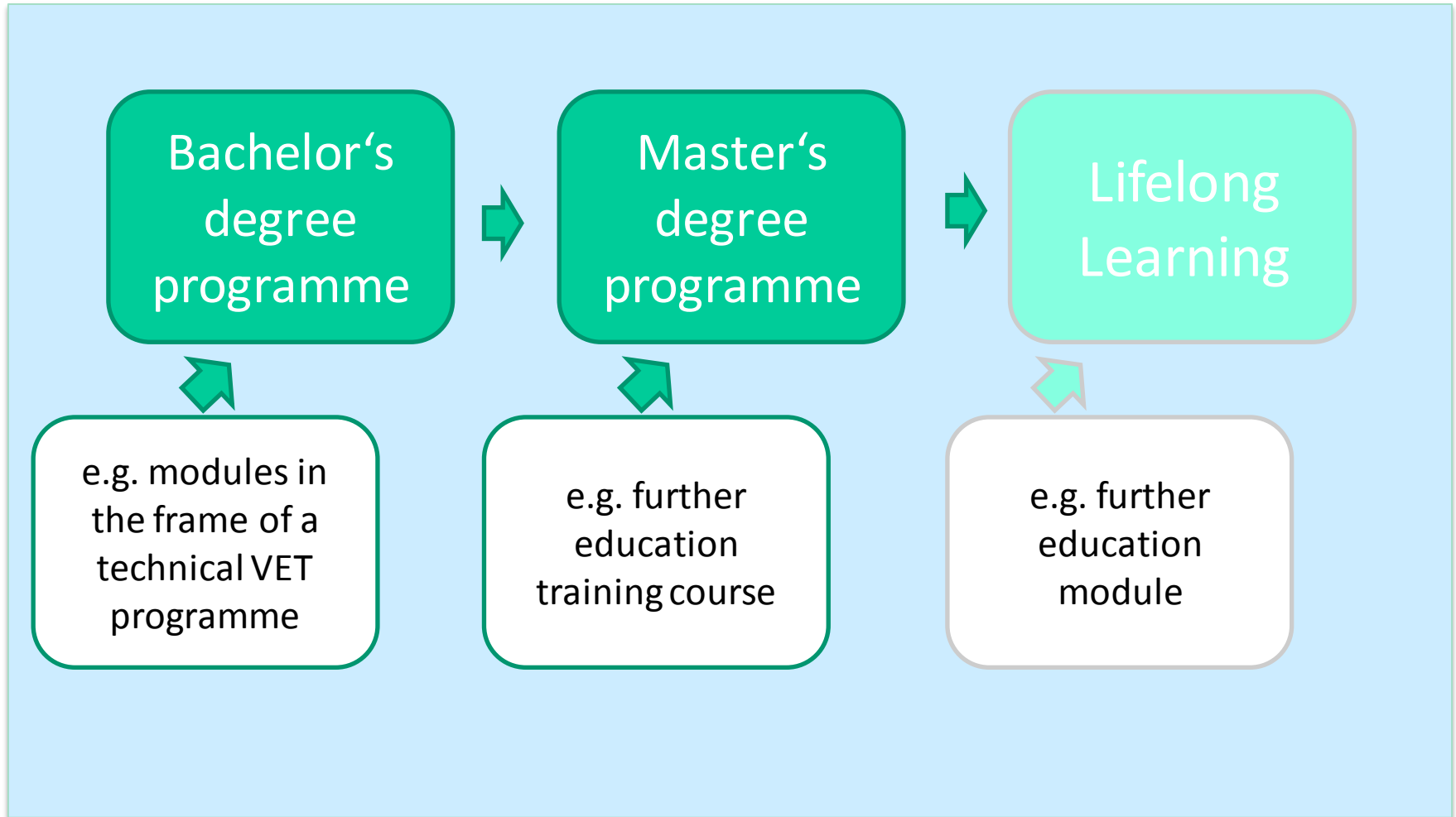
Educational offers which do not lead to a higher education academic degree

Single (further) education modules

Sequences of modules

Seminars

Further education offers



What does the ASIIN Certificate stand for?



The phases of the process

PHASE 1: Preparation: Request / Offer

PHASE 2: Self-assessment / SAR

PHASE 3: Onsite visit / Expert report

PHASE 4: Decision of Certification Committee

Formal data

Concept and implementation

- Intended learning outcomes
- Practical relevance and market relevance
- Entry requirements
- Content

Structures, methods and implementation

- Structures
- Workload
- Teaching methods
- Learners support

Examination: system, concept and implementation

Resources

- Teaching staff
- Institutional, financial and physical resources

Quality management and further development

- Quality management system
- Instruments, methods, data

Documentation and Transparency

- Relevant documents, contracts
- Certificates

Documents for the certification process

Application

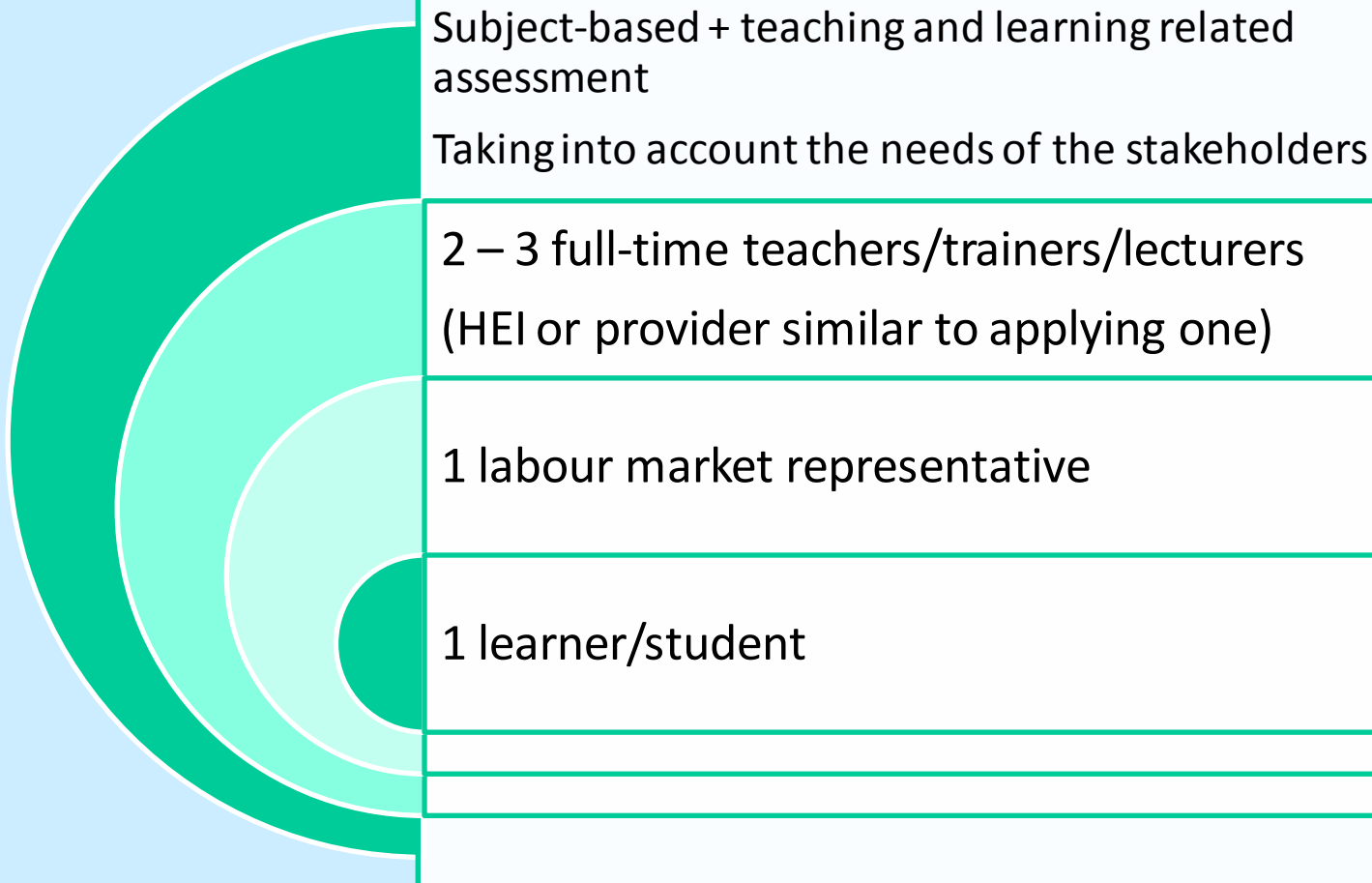
Self-assessment report

How and to what extent the
requirements are met

Evidence

e.g. course descriptions,
staff CVs, regulations

Documents which already exist and are
used for internal purposes!



Possible results

1

- certification without any conditions for five years

2

- certification with reservations, i.e. with conditions and for a shorter time (one year)

3

- procedure is suspended (“procedure loop”)

4

- rejection of the certification, if essential quality requirements have not been met.

ASIIN Certification - Summary

Refers to

- education programmes of HEIs and other providers not leading to a Bachelor/Master level degree
- individual, separate or a series of modules or courses

Confirms that

- the objectives and learning outcomes defined by the provider can be attained with the help of the content, resources and structural framework conditions
- the intended level of the EQF (level 5-8) is achieved

Valid for

- 5 years

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Thank you for your attention!

Advantages of Certification

For VET/LLL providers

- Point of view of professional community
- Differentiation from other providers
- Link to HE
- Marketing tool

For HEIs

- Easier recognition of external achievements and validation of prior learning
- Confirmation of EQF-level
- Subject-related peers

For learners

- Quality assured
- Easier to proceed with further LLL
- Facilitates mobility