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European e-Competence Framework version 2.0 launched

The European e-Competence Framework (e-CF) is a reference framework incorporating 36 ICT competences that can be used and understood by ICT demand and supply companies, ICT practitioners, managers and HR departments, the public sector, educational and social partners. The newly published European e-Competence Framework version 2.0 builds upon the original e-CF version 1.0, and it takes into account experience and feedback from ICT stakeholders across Europe.

Brussels, 15 November 2010 – The European e-Competence Framework version 2.0 is now available. The framework has been developed by a broad community of European ICT and HR experts under the umbrella of the European Committee for Standardization (CEN). Collaboration between European stakeholders from the ICT sector, general business, politics and education has been crucial in development and updating of the framework.

A joint effort by ICT industry, training, research and policy makers

The European e-Competence Framework provides a basic, clear and sound orientation for companies and further ICT sector personnel who take decisions about recruitment, career paths, training, assessment, etc. The framework articulates knowledge, skills and competence as required and applied in the ICT workplace of the ICT supply and demand industries as well as in the public sector. This European reference framework for ICT competences links national and company systems. It defines 36 ICT practitioner/ manager competences, classified according to ICT business areas. The competences are further specified on five proficiency levels (e-1 to e-5) which are related to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) levels 3-8. This provides a European basis for internationally efficient personnel planning and development.

e-CF 2.0 complementary material and application support

To support users of the European e-Competence Framework, an online e-CF profile tool has been provided to enable the creation of unique e-CF profiles. A User guide for e-CF application by ICT sector players and a methodology documentation for research interested public are also available.

Political background

The European e-Competence Framework is a component of the long term e-skills agenda[1] (e-skills for the 21st Century) of the European Union supported by the European Commission and The Council of Ministers.

To download the e-CF and for further information see: www.ecompetences.eu

[1] http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/ict/e-skills/index_en.htm