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# Validation in volunteering: policy and advocacy

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# Objectives of the policy paper

- To position the voluntary sector as an important environment for non formal learning
- To contribute to coherence and synchronization when it comes to validation projects and activities in the voluntary sector
- To support and encourage new initiatives in this field.

# What has been done so far?

More than 25 projects dealing with validation of skills/competences of volunteers.

More than 50 volunteering organizations in 20 EU member states were involved in these projects.

More than 40 validation tools for the voluntary sector are developed and tested in EU member states.

# What is missing?

- Structural use of validation tools and –methods in the voluntary sector is still limited
- Not many connections are created between projects
- Links to relevant EU developments (such as Europass, EQF, and the European Guidelines for Validation) are not always clear / included

# Perspectives on the future

- Creating bridges between projects.
- Making use of the existing infrastructures in the voluntary sector.
- Creating stronger connections between developments at EU and national level and the voluntary sector.



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# Thank you for your attention!



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