



## European-style qualifications

Between 2010 and 2013, the Educational Research Institute is conducting a project entitled "The development of terms of reference for the implementation of the National Qualifications Framework and the National Qualifications Register for lifelong learning".

Resulting from this work a Polish Qualifications Framework will be created, i.e. a coherent system for describing and verifying qualifications. This Polish Qualifications Framework will facilitate the comparison of qualifications awarded at different times, in various places and forms and will make it possible to adapt qualifications and the educational system to the needs of the labour market. This will promote mobility in the labour market.

- to clarify information supplied by people seeking work in the open European market that potential employers will understand,
- to improve competences by means of education and long-term training courses, and document competence acquired along various learning paths,
- to set up a Polish Qualifications Framework web site, including all relevant information to Polish Qualifications System.

### Goals of this project:

- to describe the effects of learning. This will be the main reference describing graduates' competences,

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The Educational Research Institute has a long tradition. Its main mission is to carry out basic research and studies to be applied in education. This work includes developmental research, analysis and other work relevant to educational policy and practice.

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## Passionate about Education

**Between April 2009 and June 2015, the Educational Research Institute is leading a broad major study "Research into the quality and effectiveness of education and enhancement of the educational research potential".**

**'Passionate about Education' is aimed at improving the quality of education and educational research in Poland.**

### **This project involves:**

- research into change and conditions in Polish education. Findings will enable evidence based decision-making. The study covers all stages of the education system,
- reinforcing modern approaches to education policy and practice,
- empowering teachers by free access to practical tools to aid their work,
- strengthening Polish education science and conditions for informed debate,
- international exchange of know-how and scientific knowledge.

### **This project will benefit:**

- teachers, heads of schools and education-related organisations,
- local authorities,
- pupils, parents, students and post-graduates,
- government administration and legislative authorities – the results of the research will initiate changes to raise the quality of education.

### **What does the Educational Research Institute study?**

**Research conducted at the Institute is divided into five major areas:**

- **The curriculum and development of subject teaching methods** – this will be a diagnosis of the quality of education in particular school subjects (in 2011: Polish, mathematics, science, history and foreign languages), and the creation of new tools for teachers.
- **Effectiveness of early education and research into individualised learning.**
- **The sociological and legal aspects of education** – the aim of this research is to provide information that will help improve the school environment. Research into hours and working conditions, factors in teacher education and training, and the teacher labour market will be a focus.
- **The economics of education** – public and private expenditure and education -related markets – the Educational

Research Institute will examine the economic aspects of education, financial and material costs, time investment, expenditure incurred by individuals, by local authorities and administrative districts, as well as the dilemmas faced by local authorities, individual schools and families.

- **Education and the labour market** – the aim of this research is to strengthen the link between the effects of education and the needs of the labour market. A systematic analysis of supply and demand of competencies will be assessed, by tracing the paths of educational and professional careers and by household surveys.

### **The benefits of the project:**

- **Interdisciplinary research** – surveys focused on the functioning of school programmes and pupils' achievements, thinking abilities, i.e. such skills as critical thinking and reasoning, working hours and conditions of teachers, the cost and effectiveness of education and diagnosis

of the state of Polish education and creation of useful tools for teachers.

- **A report on the state of education** – the first such comprehensive document in Poland, including the results of nationwide research, with reference to the research conducted in other countries and international research, along with supporting data.
- **Support tools for teachers and pupils:** – tasks, exercises, lesson scenarios and descriptions of good practice. All tools available free via the project web site.
- **National and international cooperation** – a network will be created for co-operation between national and international institutions and the creation of a common perspective for progress.
- **The monitoring of research at home and abroad** – an Information Database on Education Research (BIBE) details of research carried out in Poland and data sets for independent analysis.
- **The web site** [www.eduentuzjasci.pl](http://www.eduentuzjasci.pl) will be the source of project findings and a databank of the tools produced during the project.