QUALITY VET

THE EU DIMENSION

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"QUALITY IS NOT AN ACT, IT IS A HABIT"
Aristotle

QUALITY
BEING OF VALUE

WHAT VALUE?
FOR WHOM?
FOR WHAT?

RELATIVE
CONTEXT BOUND

AGREED BY
COMMUNITIES

MADE
VISIBLE

MADE
ATTRACTIVE

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WHY THE QUALITY OF VET IS AN EU ISSUE

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POLICY

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“Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skilful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives” (W.A. Foster)
CHALLENGES

EU measures for quality development need to:

1. Make visible the quality of VET in its diversity
2. Reflect the expertise of its diverse scientific communities and communities of practice
3. Support the attainment of the highest degree of quality for the different VET routes
4. Support the development of “Cultures of quality”, which cause quality, rather than control it
5. Be tested and validated by the stakeholders who are expected to implement them
“QUALITY MEANS DOING IT RIGHT WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING”
(Henry Ford)

QUALITY IS IN OUR HANDS!

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