

EBTN installed Triple E Committee

The accreditation for Triple E Standard is now open

Brussels, 25 January 2016 - As a result of the launch of the Triple E standard – the quality standard for qualifications in the European banking and financial services industry – the EBTN Board of Directors has installed an independent committee responsible for the technical decisions on awarding Triple E accreditation to a qualification. The Triple E Committee reports to the EBTN Board of Directors and consists of two external specialists and one EBTN representative.

Mrs. Mariola Szymanska-Koszczyk, EBTN Vice President and Vice President of the Warsaw Institute of Banking in Poland, was appointed chair of the Triple E Committee. Mr. Michal Baca, Head of Training & Development of VUB Bank (part of the Intesa Sanpaolo Group) in Slovakia, and Mrs. Marijke Dashorst, project leader of the Dutch Qualifications Framework NLQF and member of the European ECVET team, were appointed members of the Triple E Committee. As of now any organisation providing professional qualifications in financial services can apply for quality recognition of their designations which is confirmed by the EBTN Triple E Standard. It sets a new benchmark for transparent and reliable skills of bankers and financial practitioners and reinforces the new approach to sectoral qualifications which brings together best market practices and regulatory requirements.

The new standard is manifested in the first ever Triple E qualification which EBTN is now bringing to the market: the Triple E European Foundation Certificate in Banking (EFCB). Triple E EFCB is a European qualification (similar to EQF level 4) for bank employees with some banking experience, new employees who start their careers in a bank, and university students pursuing a career in a bank. A newly established *Triple E EFCB* Committee will be responsible for adequate maintenance of the new qualification. Mrs. Viljenka Simoneti (Bank Association of Slovenia), Mr. Corrado Iannucci (ABIFormazione - training division Italian Banking Association), Mrs. Gabriela Hartescu (Romanian Banking Institute) and Mrs. Malgorzata Gromiec (Warsaw Institute of Banking) have been elected as members of the new *Triple E EFCB* Committee.

For more information about Triple E qualifications please visit www.triple-e-ebtn.eu, for more information about Triple E EFCB please visit www.efcb.eu.

The European Banking & Financial Services Training Association (abbreviated: EBTN, formerly known as the European Bank Training Network) is the united voice of providers of vocational education and training in the European banking sector. Through its 25 member bodies and 16 associates (both European as well as non-European), EBTN represents the interest of the leading banking institutes and draws attention to issues of strategic interest to all European providers of education and training in banking in a sustainable manner. The vision of EBTN is to become the standards setting organisation for the accreditation, certification and qualification of knowledge, skills and competences in the banking sector in Europe.