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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Evaluation of the Council recommendation of 22 May 2017 on the European Qualifications Framework for lifelong learning

Dear Sir/Madam,

The European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion has initiated the evaluation of the Council Recommendation of 22 May 2017 on the European Qualifications Framework for lifelong learning.

The evaluation will assess and evaluate the actions taken in response to the Recommendation and will draw conclusions on the experience gained and implications for the future. In particular, the evaluation will look into the Recommendation's effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and added value, and whether the Recommendation is still relevant, taking into account the changing policy context. The evaluation will cover all EQF countries.

<u>Visionary Analytics</u> in cooperation with <u>Ockham | IPS</u> were awarded a one-year contract to provide the Commission with an external independent study to support its evaluation of the Council Recommendation. The study is expected to be completed in May 2023.

During this period, the study team will undertake a consultation process with key stakeholders to collect their views and opinions on the extent to which the implementation of the Recommendation contributes to increasing the transparency, comparability and portability of people's qualifications. The consultation process includes conducting interviews with relevant stakeholders, running online surveys including an online public consultation, organising focus groups and a validation workshop to confirm the study findings.

We kindly ask you to support the consultation process when contacted by the study team for the necessary arrangements. Your input is invaluable to gathering a robust evidence base for the evaluation.

Should you need any further information regarding this study, please do not hesitate to contact the Project Coordinator, Jonas Antanavičius from Visionary Analytics (jonas@visionary.lt).

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Crabb Head of Unit