

WP 4.1, 4.2

The Learning Outcome Framework

“Professionalising training and mobility for Outdoor animators in Europe bridging the gap between sector Competences and Learning Outcomes” CLO2

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The **Matrix** presented within, is the result of a coherent sequence of development steps. These steps were designed to bring the statements describing the common elements in the profession of Outdoor Animator in the European Qualifications Framework for Outdoor Animators (EQFOA) to the identification of **specific Learning Outcomes**.

The first step in this process was the transformation of concepts of **ability**, **aptitude** and **competence** identified in the EQFOA into broad Learning Outcomes.

In order to do this the project group used Bloom’s Taxonomy of Learning Outcomes (1956), the level descriptors from the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) and guidelines on setting learning outcomes at specific EQF levels from one of its member organisations: the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland (NQAI).

The result transformed the **65 statements of competence** in the EQFOA into **65 associated learning outcomes**. These learning outcomes were then compared and **some coalitions were made** for clarity and in order to match actual work and training environments among the nations of the project partners.

The resultant **50 learning outcomes** were then linked into “clusters” or groupings of Learning Outcomes which had a common theme or element. Sometimes the commonality related to the work of the Outdoor Animator as defined in the Occupational Map (EQFOA project) and at other times it related to themes which were derived from the practical delivery of training at the workplace or in a training institution’s setting. They were further regrouped into **42 sub-modules**.

These clusters led to the development of **8 modules or units** totalling **42 Learning Outcomes**, otherwise referred to as sub-modules and positioned at the centre of the Matrix, looking as follows:

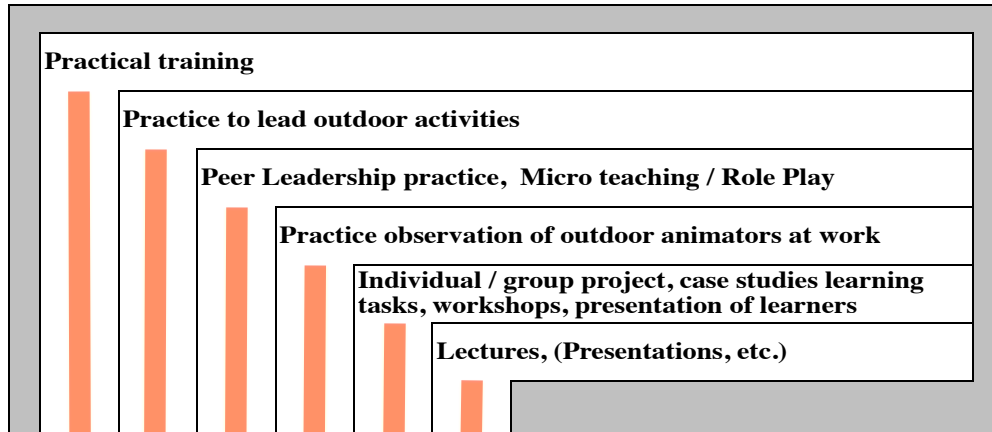
Module Titles
Introduction Skills (1 Module) Identify and explain the characteristics of a professional outdoor animator Explain & apply best practice while leading outdoor activities Organise appropriately to changing circumstances to be an activity leader Estimate independently groups of all types of individuals in the way they work Lead and take responsibility of a session in a dynamic & active manner Explain (literally) & apply best practice in leading outdoor activities (verbally)
Managing Safety in the Outdoor Sector (A & B Modules) Identify and explain the national safety legislation relating to programmes Apply and justify the national and local regulations relating to outdoor programme safety Describe and demonstrate the application of responsible and safe practices for the Active Leisure and Outdoor sector Conduct and carry out risk analysis and manage risks Formulate and analyse an emergency action plan for at least one outdoor activity Organise and implement a site-specific safety management plan Explain and justify appropriate for the Active Leisure and Outdoor sector and competently demonstrate the skills learned
Managing Technical Activities (F Module - Transfer to participants) Demonstrate the safe use of 100 equipment with participants while leading a sliding session Explain how to use 100 equipment according to operational guidelines issued by manufacturers Comprehend & analyse how 100 equipment is used in order to make the activity happen. Explain key features Take responsibility for the 100 equipment in one's charge Monitor the use of 100 equipment & recognise inadequate & unsafe use Identify & Report problems & incidents relating to 100 equipment
Regulation and Management of Safety Equipment (B Module) Interpret the guidelines for equipment inspection & maintenance Identify & locate own information about safety equipment Follow procedures for stock control & storage Comprehend, explain & interpret SC marks Identify group safety equipment & PPE appropriate to the activity
Professional Pedagogical and Communication Strategies (D Modules) Communicate effectively with participants in more than one EU language Demonstrate pedagogical skills relevant to participants Provide, evaluate and respond constructively to feedback Analyse & respond to the needs of different participants (including those with special needs) Competently use Information Technology in line with the ECEH system
Work practices (E Modules) Schedule one's capacity to offer on one's professional practice as an outdoor animator Identify & prioritise the key aspects of the outdoor activity Plan & organise how the work effectively in a collaborative or individual manner way Supervise & monitor appropriate activities Operate according to the rules & regulations that apply within the industry / sector
Knowledge, appreciation and respect of Outdoor Environment (C Modules) Describe and interpret the culture, history & local environment of working place Describe and interpret the nature & geographical environment of working place Describe and interpret international designations such as specific areas of conservation Apply the principle of "leave no trace" in the workplace Recognise & relate terminology to topography
The Human Component in Outdoor Activities (F Modules) Take into consideration aspects of human physiology & anatomy when planning and leading outdoor activities Evaluate what different participants of outdoor activities can do (cannot do in outdoor context capacities, etc.) Identify and react to changing conditions and to their effect on human physiology and behaviour

Extract 1 of the Matrix: 8 modules including 42 Learning Outcomes

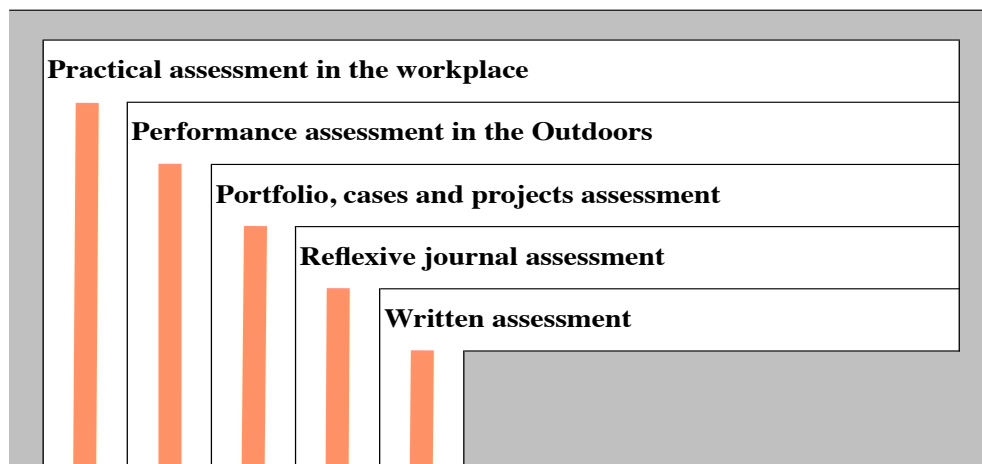
The partners then used a common module template design in order to define appropriate **“Teaching and Learning strategies”** and appropriate **“Assessment strategies”** for each module and sub-modules of Learning Outcome.

The Learning and Assessment strategies were defined upon a continuum which ranged from **Practical to Theoretical**.

6 learning strategies and **5 assessment strategies** were identified in this process:



Extract 2 of the Matrix: 6 learning strategies



Extract 3 of the Matrix: 5 assessment strategies

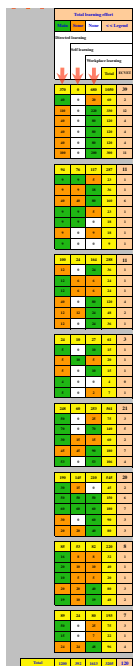
The partners then decided to complete the Matrix with further information and common decisions on the “Learning Efforts” required to each Learning Outcome.

A “brain storming” was conducted amongst the Employers groups’ representatives who ensured a proper **balance of effort** to the development of a professional Outdoor Animator; this effort was split between “ directed learning”, ie: lectures ..., “self learning” and “workplace learning”.

Each sub-module was analysed and then marked in the corresponding column as “**green**” if the identified learning effort was the **main** one, “**orange**” if the learning effort was considered as participating in **some** acquisition, and finally “**white**” if the learning effort was **not relevant** to the considered sub-module.

ECVET points were only allocated as a total of 120 points, but not yet dispatched amongst the modules and/or sub-modules.

The summarizing chart looked as such:



The image shows a vertical grid of colored cells, likely representing a matrix of learning efforts. The grid is composed of multiple rows and columns. The colors used are green, orange, and white. The green cells are scattered throughout the grid, while orange and white cells are also present. The grid is oriented vertically, with the top of the grid at the top of the image.

Extract 7 of the Matrix: the learning efforts

Finally, the partners decided to check that each learning effort did correspond to the competences identified through the EQFOA project.

A fourth column was therefore added to the Matrix, presenting the reference code to the competence or competences concerned by the corresponding Learning Outcome.

This “fourth column” looked as such:

Competence framework correspondences
EA-BA-B11
EC-B27
EA-BA-B10
EC-B11 / EA-B19
EA-BA-B10-B11-B12-B13
EC-B27
EA-BA / EC-B10
EC-B11
EA-B1
EC-B2
EC-B3
EC-B10 / EC-B11 / EC-B12
EC-B12
EC-B27
EC-B10
EC-B11
EC-B12
EC-B13
EC-B14
EA-B11
EC-B12
EA-B11 / EC-B12-B13-B14
EA-BA-B10-B11-B12 / EC-B10
EC-B10
EC-B10 / EA-B11-B12
EC-B12
EA-B11 / EA-B12-B13
EA-B11 / EC-B10
EA-B1
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EC-B12
EC-B13
EA-B11
EC-B10
Additional to EQFVLA analysis
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Extract 8 of the Matrix: correspondence with EQFOA defined competences

The result of this whole process is the Learning Outcome Framework below:

CLO II - Learning Outcomes Framework									
Practical training Practice to lead outdoor activities Peer Leadership practice, Micro teaching / Role Play Practice observation of outdoor animators at work Individual / group project, case studies learning tasks, workshops, presentation of learners Lectures, (Presentations, etc.)			Notes on the Learning Outcome Framework at Level 5 EQF References indicated relates to competence framework The wording has been done according to "Dublin descriptors" at level 5 The performance criteria are still to be defined Annex 1: Competences Cluster presentation Annex 2: Glossary Annex 3: Dublin descriptor at EQF Level 5-8 PPE = Personal Protective Equipment ECDL = European Computer Driving Licence				Practical assessment in the workplace Performance assessment in the Outdoors Portfolio, cases and projects assessment Reflective journal assessment Written assessment		
Teaching and Learning Strategies Practical Theoretical			Module Titles Animation Skills (C Modules) Identify and explain the characteristics of a professional outdoor animator Explain & apply best practices while leading outdoor activities (active) Respond appropriately to changing circumstances in an activity session Animate independently groups of all types of individuals in the way they need it Lead and take responsibility of a session in a dynamic & active manner Explain (Identify) & apply best practices in leading outdoor activities (reflective)				Assessment Strategies Practical Theoretical		
Total learning effort Direct learning Self learning Workplace learning Total ECVET			Managing Safety in the Outdoor Sector (A & B Modules) Identify and explain the national safety legislation relating to: programmes Apply and justify the national and local regulations relating to outdoor programme safety Devise and demonstrate the application of responsible and safe practices for the Active Leisure and Outdoor sector Construct and carry out risk analysis and manage risks Formulate and analyse an emergency action plan for at least one outdoor activity Organise and implement a site specific safety management plan Take a first aid qualification appropriate for the Active Leisure and Outdoor sector and competently demonstrate the skills involved				Competence framework correspondence IA-B6-B15 IC-K57 IA-B11-B16 IC-K51 / IA-B19 IA-B1-B9-B10-B13-B16-B19 IC-K57		
Managing technical resources (F Module - sample in pre-riding) Demonstrate the safe use of SSI equipment with participants while leading a riding session Explain how to use SSI equipment according to operational guidelines issued by manufacturers Comprehend & analyse how SSI equipment works in order to make the activity happen; Explain key features Take responsibility for the SSI equipment in one's charge Monitor the use of SSI equipment & recognise inadequate & unsafe use Identify & Report problems & incidents relating to SSI equipment			Regulation and Management of Safety equipment (H Module) Interpret the guidelines for equipment inspection & maintenance Identify & locate new information about activity equipment Follow procedures for stock control & storage Comprehend, explain & interpret EC marks Select group safety equipment & PPE appropriate to the activity				IA-B5 / EQ-K51 SF-K51 IA-B8 SF-B2 SF-B3 EV-K51 / SF-K51 / SF-B1-B2 SF-K52 EQ-K57 EQ-K53 EQ-K52 EQ-K50 EQ-K53 EQ-K510		
Professional Pedagogical and Communication Strategies (D Module) Communicate efficiently with participants in more than one EU language Demonstrate pedagogical skills relevant to participants Provide, evaluate and respond constructively to feedback Analyse & respond to the needs of different participants (including those with special needs) Competently use Information Technology in line with the ECDL system			Work practices (E Module) Activate one's capacity to reflect on one's professional practice as an outdoor animator Identify & prioritise the key aspects of the outdoor activity Plan & organise her/his work efficiently in a collaborative or/and autonomous way Supervise & monitor apprentice animators Operate according to the rules & regulations that apply within the industry / sector				EQ-K38 EQ-K54 EQ-K511-K512 EQ-K51 EQ-K56 IA-B12 IC-K52 IA-B17-B19-B20-B23-B22 IA-B1-B4-B9-B16-B19-B23 / IC-K55 EQ-K55 IC-K56 / IA-B7-B22 IC-K53 IA-B3 / IA-B6-B15 IA-B14 / IC-K54 IA-B8		
Knowledge, appreciation and respect of Outdoor Environment (G Module) Describe and interpret the culture, history & local environment of working places Describe and interpret the natural & geographical environment of working places Describe and interpret international designations such as specific areas of conservation Apply the principle of "leave no trace" in the workplace Recognise & relate meteorology to topography			The Human Component in Outdoor Activities (I Module) Take into consideration aspects of human physiology & anatomy when planning and leading outdoor activities Evaluate what different participants of outdoor activities can do / cannot do in Outdoor context (respectively, etc.) Identify and react / respond to changing conditions and to their effect on human physiology and behaviour				EV-K53 EV-K52 EV-K53 IA-B18 EV-K55 Additional to EQFOA analysis Additional to EQFOA analysis Additional to EQFOA analysis		
Total			120						

From this Matrix, two tests were organised with a French and a Hungarian University; the results of the tests are presented within a document called “CLO2_LOF_Testing”.

Improvement was brought to the Matrix above, bringing to the final version below:

CLO II - Learning Outcomes Framework

CLO II - Learning Outcomes Framework at Level 3 EQF									
Practical training Practice to lead outdoor activities Peer Leadership practice, Micro teaching / Role Play Practice observation of outdoor animators at work Individual / group project, case studies learning tasks, workshops, presentation of learners Lectures, (Presentations, etc.)					Notes on the Learning Outcomes Framework at Level 3 EQF Reference indicated relates to competence framework The wording has been done according to "Dublin descriptors" at level 3 The performance criteria are still to be defined Annex 1: Competences Charter presentation Annex 2: Glossary Annex 3: Dublin descriptor at EQF Level 3-4 PPE = Personal Protective Equipment ECDL = European Computer Driving Licence				
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100	0	300	900	31					
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20	20	40	80	3					
10	10	10	40	2					
80	24	80	193	5					
60	0	20	72	2					
12	0	7	22	1					
24	24	48	96	2					
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Annexes

Annex 1: Competences Cluster presentation

Annex 2: Glossary

Annex 3: Dublin descriptor at EQF Level 5-8