

The 2021 survey on EQAVET Network's effectiveness – A summary of the results

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The survey

Distributed to 130 Members of the EQAVET network. There were 40 responses.

The survey investigated eight aspects of successful and effective networks:

1. Purpose and direction
2. Governance and structure
3. Leadership and facilitation
4. Sustainability and renewal
5. Knowledge capture and re-use
6. Integrity and vitality
7. Learning and improvement
8. Impact and value

Survey findings (1)

The Network has a long and successful history of collaboration over more than a decade. In this context, the survey identified that:

- Members have a clear vision of the objectives of the Network
- Half the respondents rated the impact of the Network as very high or high
- Peer-learning activities, working groups and workshops to learn from other countries and share experiences were regarded as the most useful activities of the Network
- A majority of respondents planned to stay engaged in the EQAVET Network for the long term
- Half the respondents considered the division of roles and responsibilities in the Network to be reasonably clear
- The European Commission and the EQAVET Secretariat were seen as taking the lead in steering and governing the Network. Some members would like to see a strengthening of a ‘bottom-up’ approach

Survey findings (2)

- A large majority of respondents were not aware of an induction process for new members
- Events and tangible products were the main instruments for knowledge sharing
- A majority of respondents rated the levels of trust and mutual respect as very high or high
- The majority of respondents regarded the participation level of members as very high or high
- A majority of respondents believed Network members could step up their efforts to regularly bring new insights, analysis, content and discussions; share their most useful documents and make use of the available material
- There was an open question about the availability of an EQAVET knowledge sharing platform. It was unclear how far the website was sufficient to respond to the needs of the Network
- A significant number of respondents indicated that 'stories' associated with the impact of the Network were mostly shared internally and not shared widely outside of the Network