

TRECVET PROJECT

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➔ A Major Leap forward in qualification comparison:

The TRECvet Project team is very pleased to announce that its software tool has stood up to all recent testing and that means there will be an objective way to make qualifications more comparable.

Over the last months the TRECvet project team have redesigned and simplified the TRECvet software tool and based on latest results are now confident that it will produce a successful outcome for the project.

To demonstrate how the tool works, the project will compare three similar qualifications from three different countries. From the UK, the Yachtmaster Offshore, from Germany, the SSS and from Spain, the PPER. Each of these qualifications allow the holder to skipper commercially a vessel up to 24 meters in length. However, none of the qualifications are recognized by any of the other countries.

We have within the project three experts, each representing one of the above qualifications:

For the UK syllabus, Michael John, for the Spanish syllabus German de Melo and for the German syllabus Uwe Petersen.

These experts are using the TRECvet tool to breakdown their own syllabus into 'Fundamental Elements' (FEs).

A FE is the smallest logical teaching block of knowledge or skill derived from breaking down a qualification or syllabus.

➔ Tried and tested

By mid August 2012 the latest software tool had been developed, tested and distributed in three languages to the extraction experts involved. The tool was put into immediate use with the experts reporting very favorably on the new approach. By mid September 2012 the database had received 1290 data extraction entries from the DE, ES and UK experts combined.

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The TRECNET tool will be able to present its data in a way to show clearly and objectively how different qualifications compare. The tool will present its data to compare one qualification with another or two qualifications with another or compare one qualification with two other qualifications.

For example, the TRECNET software tool will present its FEs as either:

- a). common to all qualifications.
- b). common to two qualifications and
- c). unique to each qualification.

➔ Further Steps:

In the following months, the TRECNET software will be presented to competent authorities from each of the three countries involved with a method of comparing and assessing qualifications with the view of accepting them into their system as presented. Also they could use the FE data to formulate training programs to cover deficiencies exposed by the TRECNET comparison tool to allow other countries professionals to qualify into their system with the minimum of additional study and assessment.

This tool would provide a standard and objective extraction process for the experts involved.

The tool has now been adopted as the standard FE extraction method for the TRECNET project.

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