

ADULT LEARNING IN ROMANIA

National Qualifications Authority

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National Qualifications Authority

- According to the Law of National Education no. 1/2011, the National Qualifications Authority (NQA) has been established.

Mission of NQA

The mission assumed by NQA is:

- to ensure the general framework for achievement of **continuous vocational training**,
- to sustain the development of competitive human resources by identifying and strengthening **necessary skills for adult learners**, able to function effectively in nowadays society but also in the knowledge society.

Main tasks of NQA

- elaborates the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) based on European Qualifications Framework (EQF);
- coordinates the authorisation of adult training providers;
- coordinates the quality assurance system in continuous training;
- authorisation of competences assessment centres.

Legal basis for CVT

- Government Ordinance no. 129/2000 regarding adult vocational training, modified by the Law no. 167/2013, determines that adult training is a general interest activity, that is part of the national education and training system;
- **The Law of National Education no. 1/2011;**
- Government Decision no. 918/2013 approving the NQF;

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- *Methodology for authorisation of adult training providers*, approved by the Joint Order of the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Education no. 353/5202/2005.
- The authorisation process is coordinated at national level by the National Qualification Authority – **NQA**, but practically it is a decentralized process; there are 42 authorisation commissions, one for each county.

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- According to statistic data since 2004 to present, have been authorized **more than 4,600 training providers** for **more than 21,600 training programmes** and have been certificated **more than 2,215,000 persons**.
- These data are recorded into the **National Registry of Adult Training Providers**, maintained and updated by NQA.

Validation of non-formal and informal learning in Romania

- By the Law of National Education no. 1/2011, validation of informal and non-formal learning is seen as a lifelong learning service offered to individuals in order to become aware of their own skills and competences and to receive a certification linked to a specific qualification.

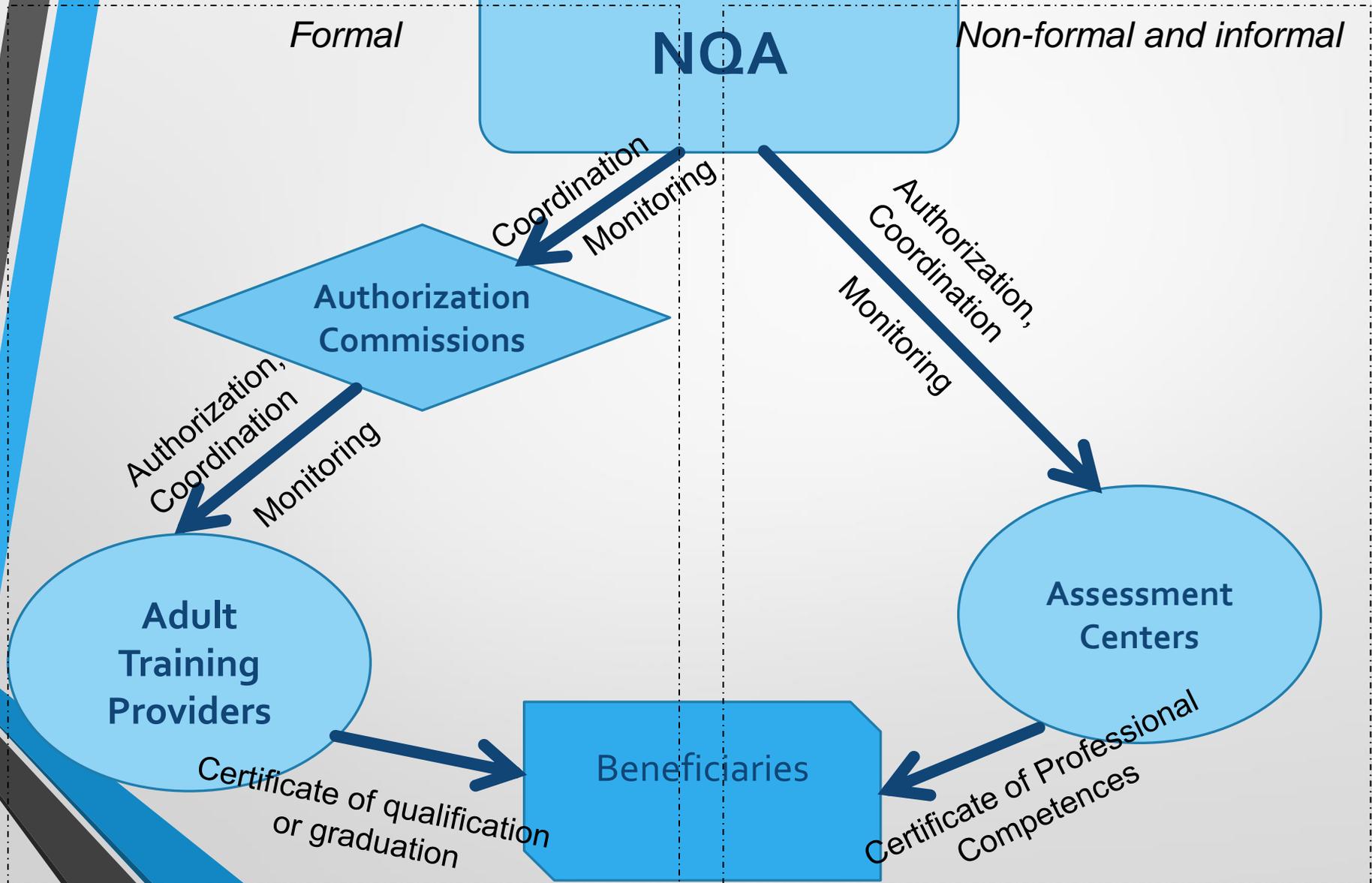
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- is carried out in competences assessment centres according to the *Procedure for validation of competences acquired in non-formal and informal context*, approved by the Joint Order of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Labour no. 4543/468/2004.

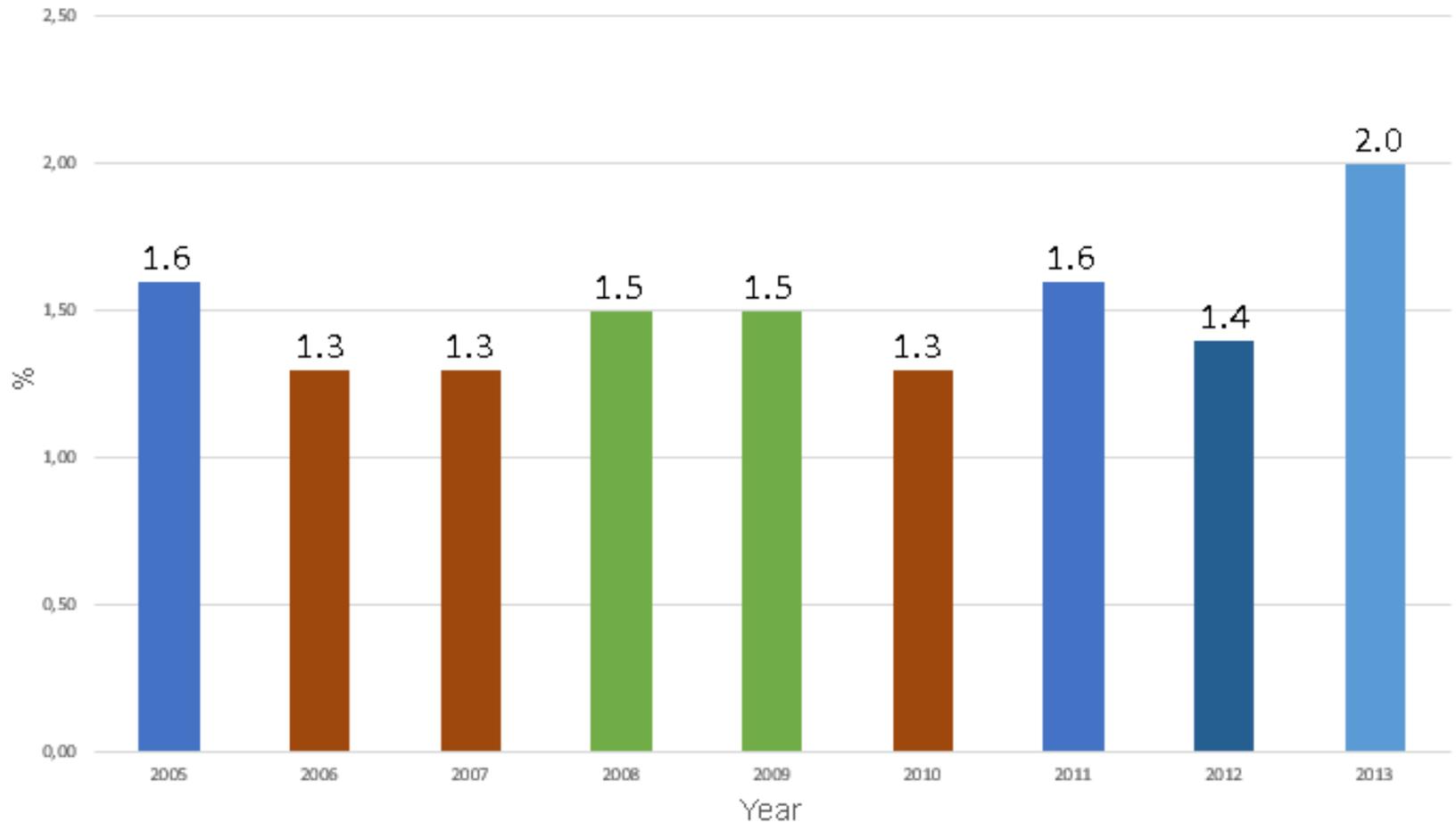
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- Authorization of the first **competences assessment centres** started in Romania in **2004**.
- According to statistic data during **2010-2014** in Romania were authorized
 - **140 assessment centres** for
 - **240 qualifications** and
 - over **50,000 people** have been assessed and certified.

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Participation in adult learning in Romania



Adult participation rate (25-64 years old) in lifelong learning (source: EUROSTAT)

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LLL Strategy

- **Lifelong learning** is focused on the acquisition and development of key and specific competences to an area of activity or to a qualification.
- Through the **Title 5 of the Law of National Education 1/2011**, the LLL is approached as a strategic framework that is being prepared with technical assistance for the Government of Romania, that provide the general and integrating regulatory framework for lifelong learning in Romania.

LLL Strategy

- The **strategic goals** are: to accelerate the educational system reform
 - to **encourage and increase participation in lifelong learning** at least 10% of the adult population (ages 25-64) - **target for 2020**
 - to improve **the quality of the education and training system** and the relevance of the education and vocational training systems for **the labor market**
 - to create a national computerized system of continuous monitoring and evaluation of progress in the field of vocational training of adults 2014-2020

NQA – the National Coordination Point for Adult Learning in Romania (NCP AL)

- Since **2012**, the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports nominated NQA as the **National Coordinator for the Adult Learning Agenda in Romania**.
- In its capacity as NC AL, NQA collaborates with the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) for the implementation of the European Agenda for Adult Learning in Romania.

“Implementation of the European Agenda for Adult Learning”- project

• Results so far

- Project work plan elaborated
- Project dissemination plan implemented
- Project publicity materials realised
- Initial conference organised
- Public procurement procedures finalised
- Interim Report elaborated
- Study visit in UK organised and report&examples of good practices in UK– elaborated
- 2 events organised by the EC- attended
- 3 events organised by other national coordinators (Malta, Estonia, Bulgaria) – attended



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• Further Results

- Media campaign subcontracted and achieved;
- Final project website realised and permanently updated;
- 8 regional awareness raising campaigns organised and 8 reports developed;
- 1 seminar with stakeholders – organised;
- Assessment Report on adult training needs;
- National Action Plan for Adult Learning elaborated and published on the project website;
- Final conference organised.





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