



Education and Culture

Towards a European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning



What is the EQF?

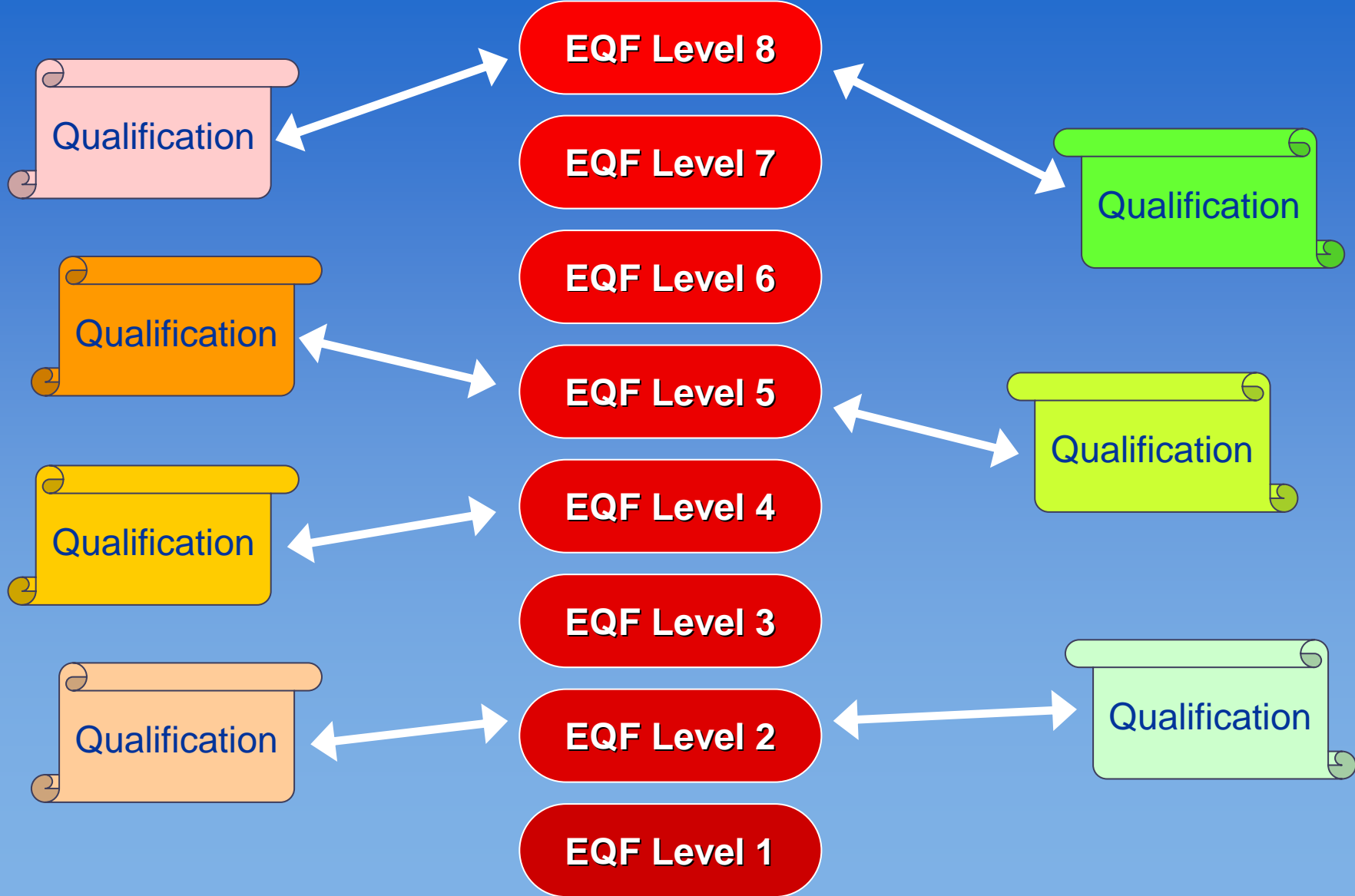
**Translation device
for comparing qualifications**

**Neutral reference point
based on
learning outcomes**



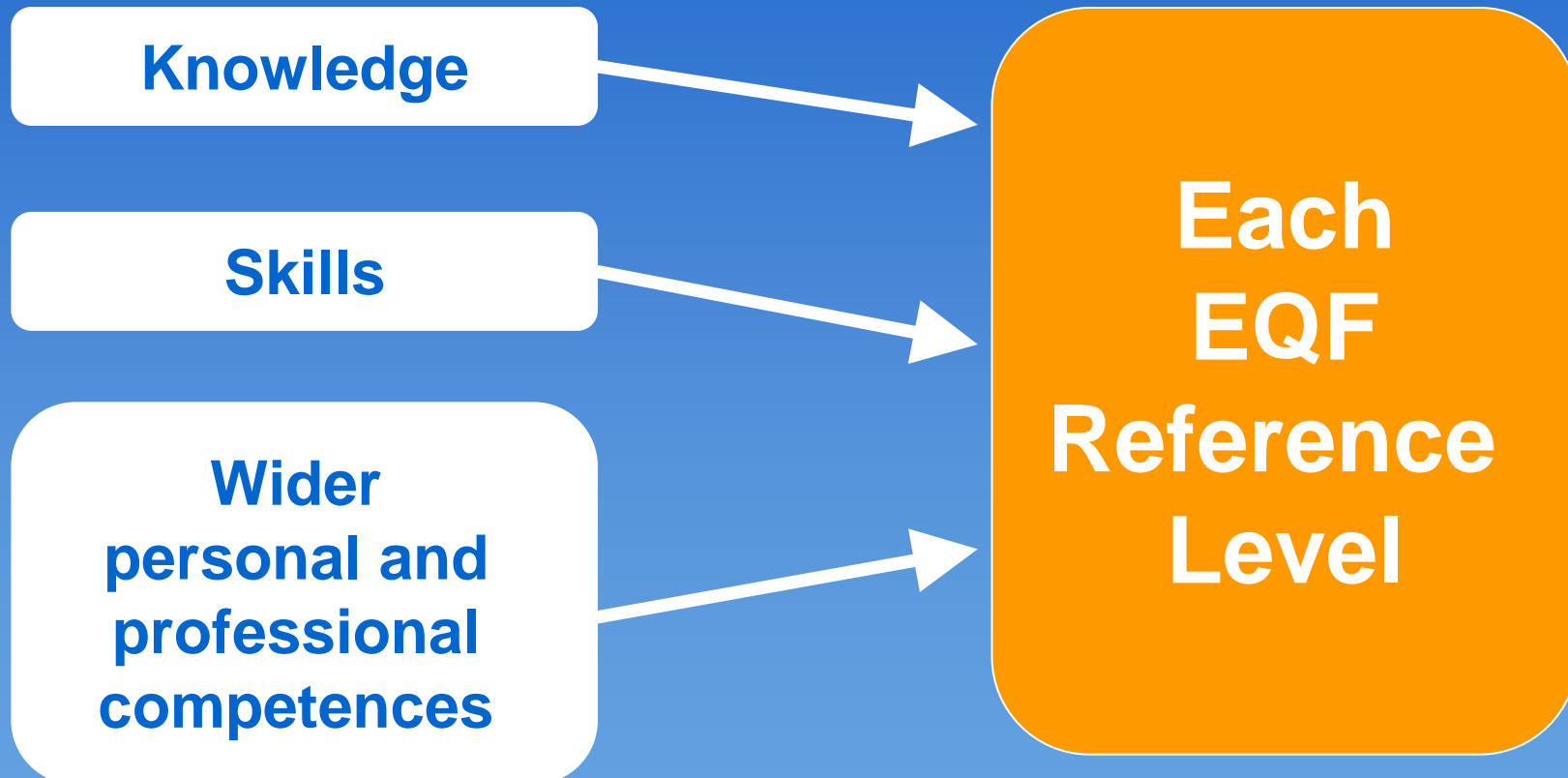
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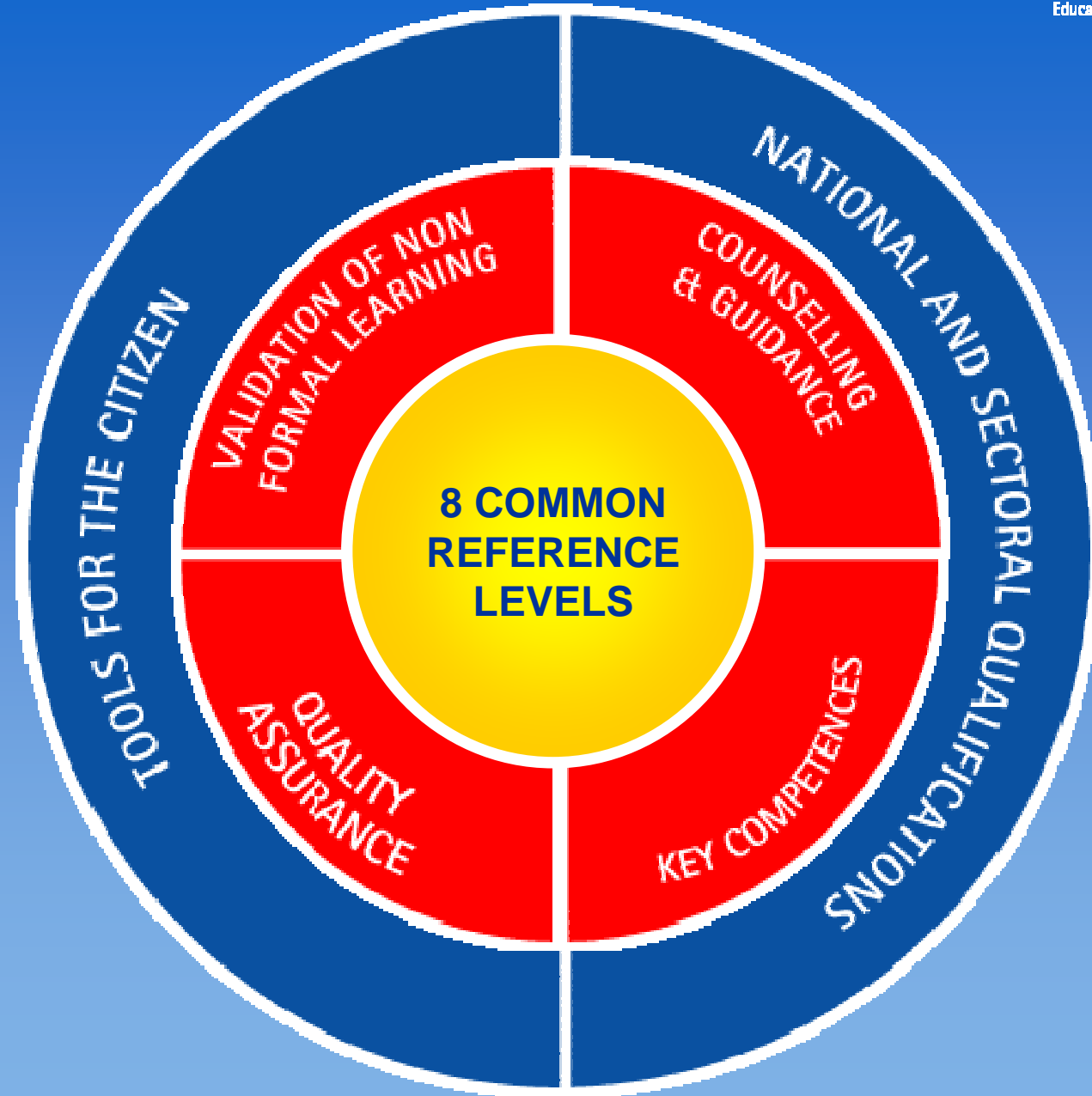


The Eight EQF Levels





The main elements of the EQF





Swedish post-
secondary engineering
education
(Påbyggnadsutbildning)
= EQF Level 4
= Irish post secondary
education at national
level 6 (Advanced
certificate)





The EQF beneficiaries:

- **Individuals**
- **Sectors, employers and social partners**
- **Education and training systems**



Linking qualifications to the EQF: the role of **national** authorities

- Commitments to link national qualifications to EQF
- Long term reform process
- Learning outcome-based qualifications
- National Framework of Qualifications?



Summary

- **8 common reference levels (learning outcomes)**
- **Common principles support EQF levels and provide guidelines for cooperation**
- **Implementation is voluntary**
- **Commitment from national and sectoral bodies**
- **Europe-wide consultation process from July to December 2005**