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# **Towards a European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning**



# What is the EQF?

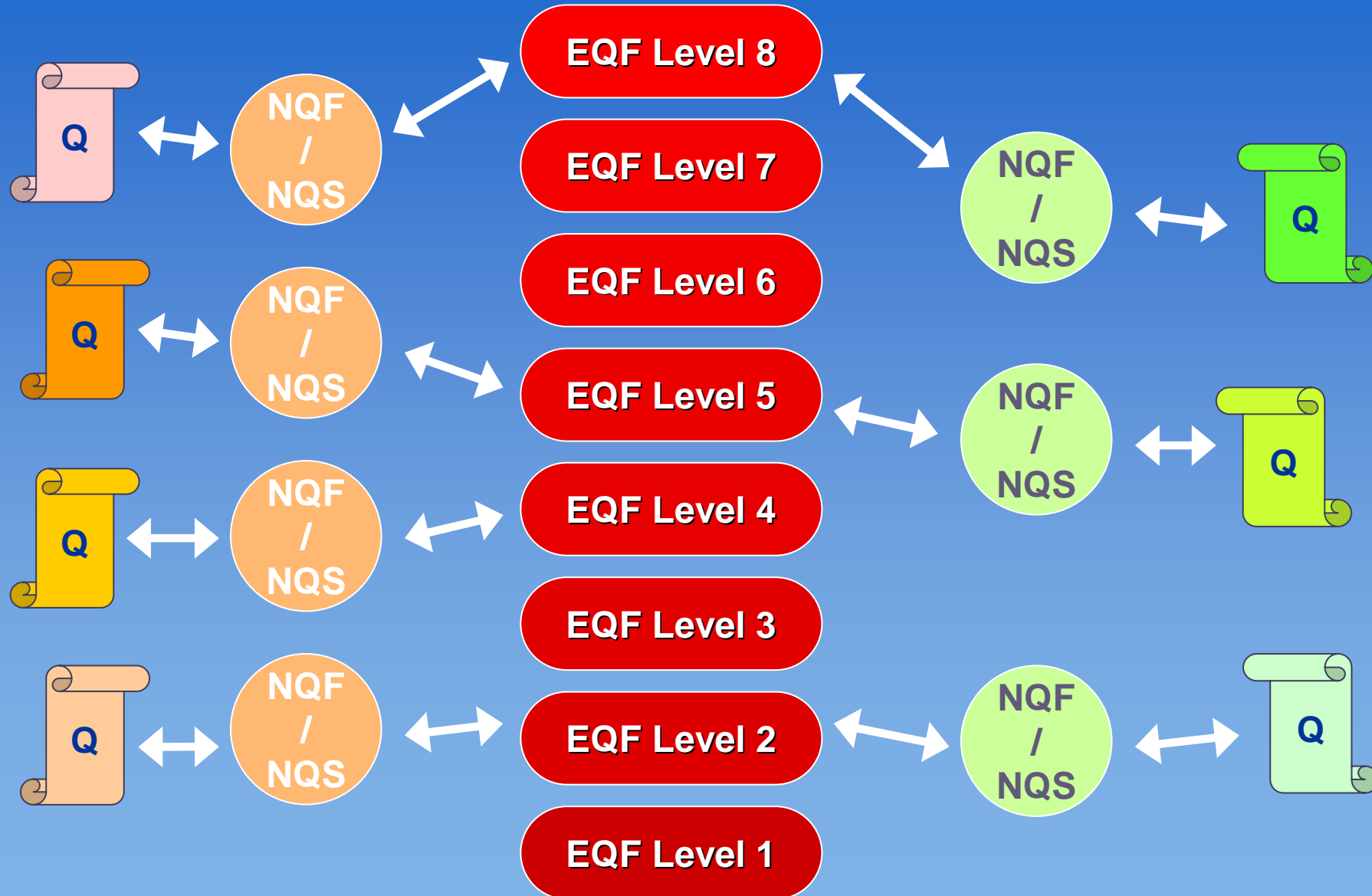
**Translation device  
for comparing qualifications**

**Neutral reference point  
based on  
learning outcomes**



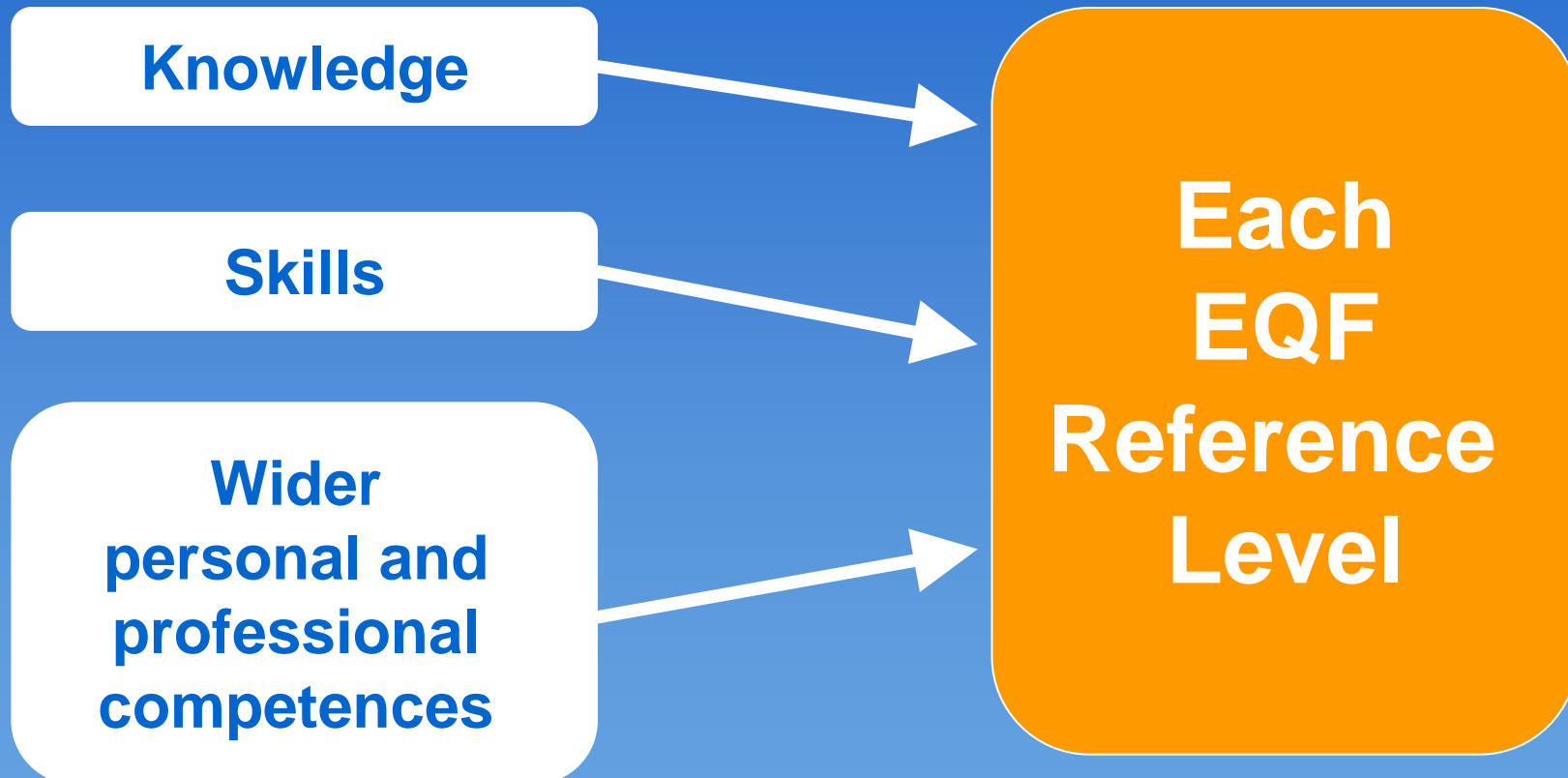
# Country A

# Country B



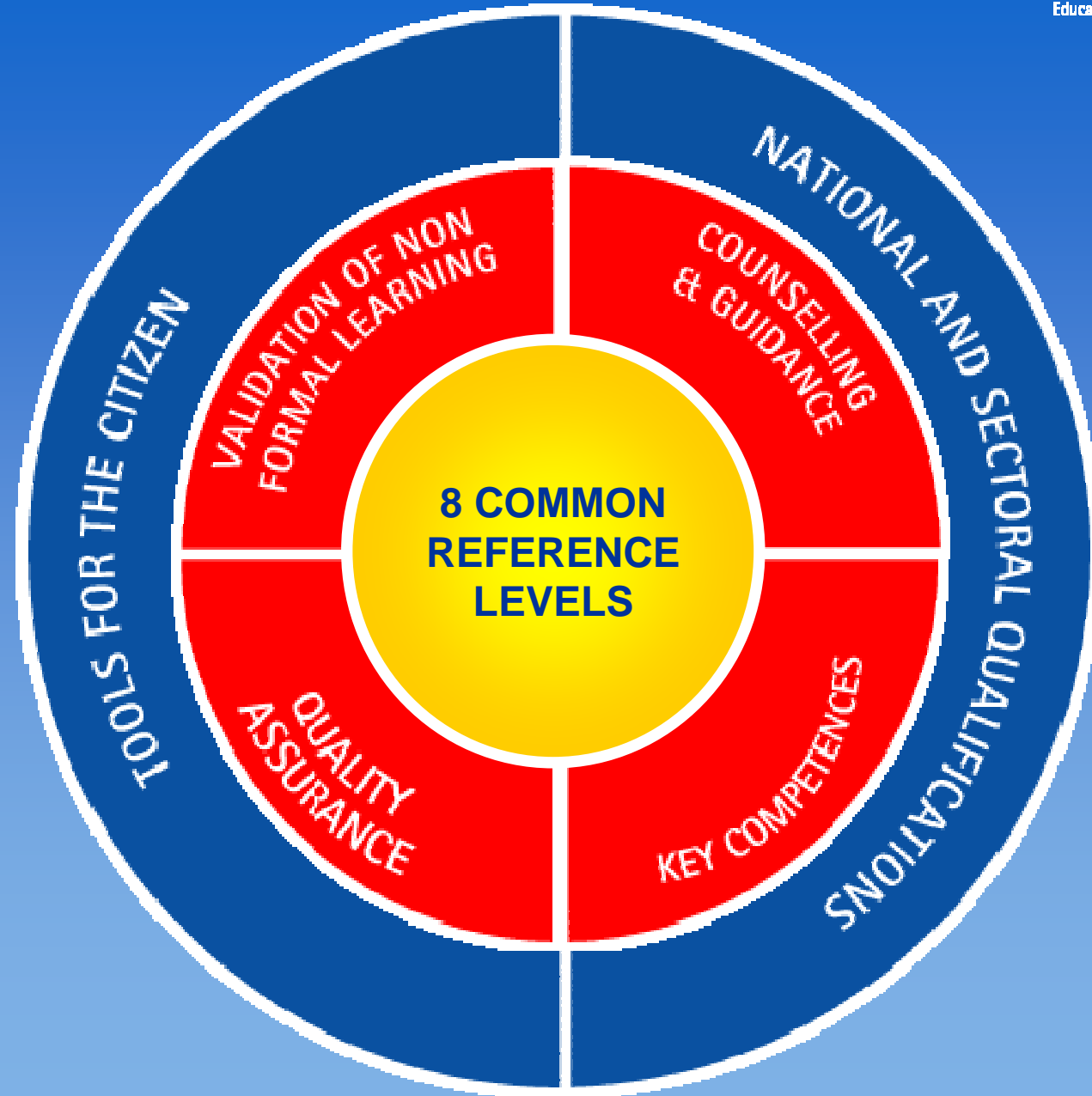


# The Eight EQF Levels





# The main elements of the EQF





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



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# 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**