



Innovative methods and strategies in Vocational Education and Training for efficient use of resources and environmental protection

# The VET system applied in Italy and the VET offer of the Department of Biology

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All the information about the educational and the VET systems in Italy are freely drawn from, and available on, the most important National and European website about educational systems

MIUR, [www.istruzione.it](http://www.istruzione.it)

Indire, [www.indire.it](http://www.indire.it)

Cedefop, [www.cedefop.europa.eu](http://www.cedefop.europa.eu)

Eurydice, [www.eurydice.org](http://www.eurydice.org)

EQAVET, [www.eqavet.eu](http://www.eqavet.eu)

# EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN ITALY

## Organisation of the initial education and training system



Pre-primary - ISCED 0 (for which the Ministry of Education is not responsible)

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Primary - ISCED 1

Single structure (no institutional distinction between ISCED 1 and 2)

Lower secondary general - ISCED 2 (including pre-vocational)

Lower secondary vocational - ISCED 2

Upper secondary general - ISCED 3

Upper secondary vocational - ISCED 3

Post-secondary non-tertiary - ISCED 4

Tertiary education - ISCED 5B

Tertiary education - ISCED 5A

Part-time or combined school and workplace courses

Allocation to the ISCED levels: Compulsory full-time education

Additional year

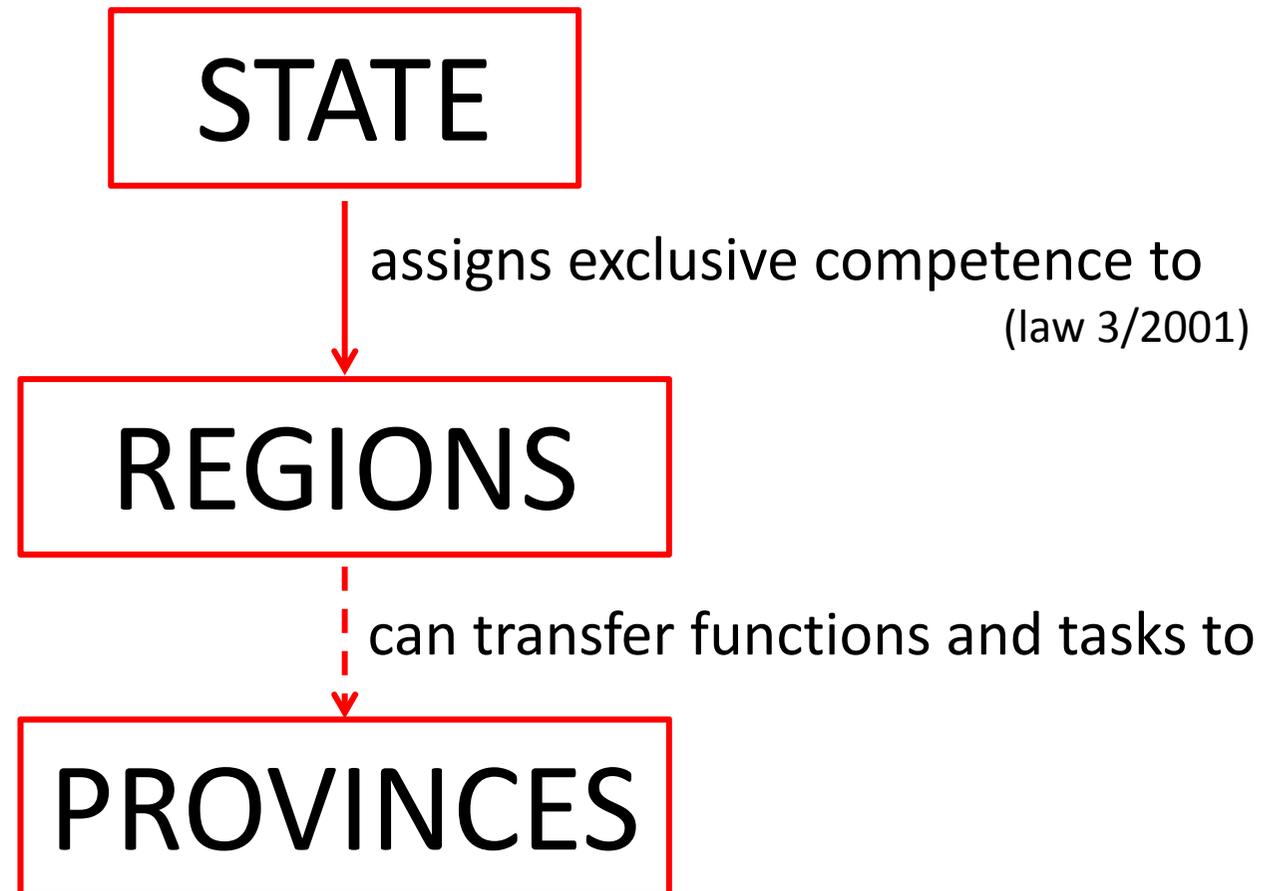
Study abroad

“...the State provide for the training and professional enhancement of workers”

(art.35 of Italian Constitution)

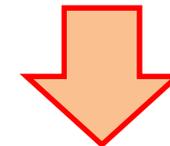
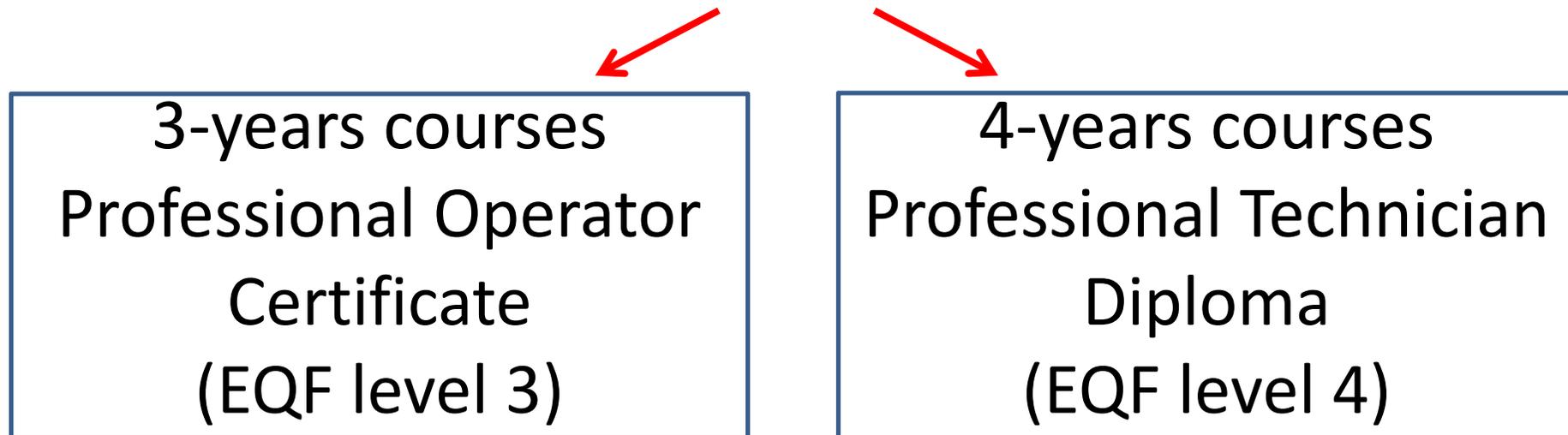
## Law 35/1978

the reference for the vocational, initial and continuing training



# IVET

## Initial Vocational Education and Training



This 4-year formation can continue following two ways:

- Higher Technical Education and Training System (IFTS-ITS)
- Higher Education -- with an additional year and after passing a State examination

Institution that can provide IVET in Italy:

## VET centres

*“Centri di formazione professionale”*

- 2- or 3-yearlong study programs

## Professional Institutes of the Country

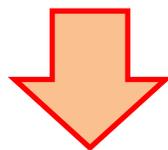
*“Istituti professionali statali”*

- offering both a more detailed study program (up to 5 years) and intermediate specialities (3 years)

Qualification released under the Regional system:

Professional Operator Certificate  
(EQF level 3)  
*“Operatore professionale”*

Professional Technician Diploma  
(EQF level 4)  
*“Diploma professionale di tecnico”*



both of them recognized at national level

National Register of Qualification  
awarded in the VET system (2011)

## Other offers provided by the Italian VET system:

- Higher Technical Education and Training IFTS  
*“Higher technical specialization certificate”*  
(released by Region)
- Higher Technical Institutes (ITS)  
*“Higher technical education diploma”*, EQF 5  
(released by Ministry of Education)
- Post-VET (IeFP)
- Post-upper secondary initial vocational training
- Post-higher education initial vocational training
- Adult education
- Continuous training
- Private training

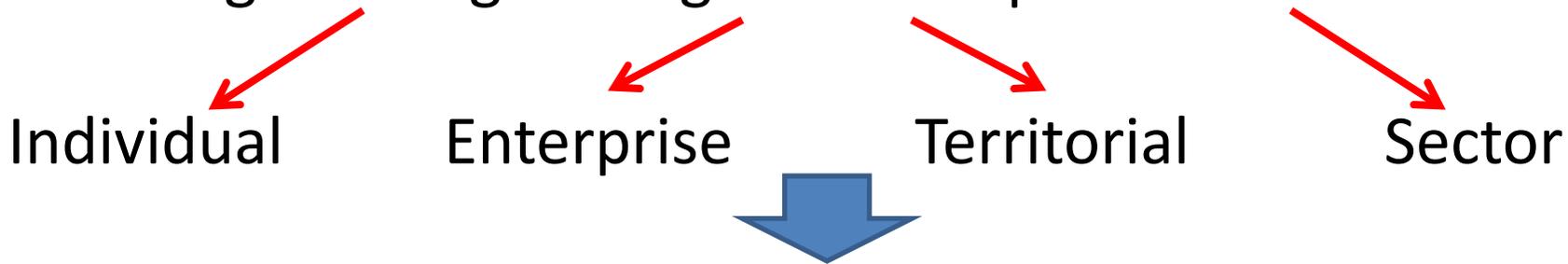
# CVET

## Continuous Vocational Education and Training

Is identified by the concept of Education on a Training Plan (*Piano Formativo*) agreed between, and adopted by, the social partners.

Life-long learning strategies can be planned at the levels:

Individual      Enterprise      Territorial      Sector



through learning projects financed by the Interprofessional Funds for Continued Education and Training (*“Fondi Interprofessionali per la Formazione Continua”*)

## Main actors of the CVET set-up in Italy:

- Regions and Autonomous Provinces
- Ministries (multiregional Programmes of the ESF)

## State-funded continuous training activities are provided by:

- Public and private enterprises and organizations
- Training organization and institutes  
agencies, bilateral organizations, category or  
professional associations
- Institutional organizations  
job centers, schools, Universities

# Contribution of Universities to the Italian VET system

## A) following the IVET:

- Post-upper secondary initial vocational training
- Post-higher education initial vocational training

## B) in CVET:

- Adult education
- Continuous training
- Private training