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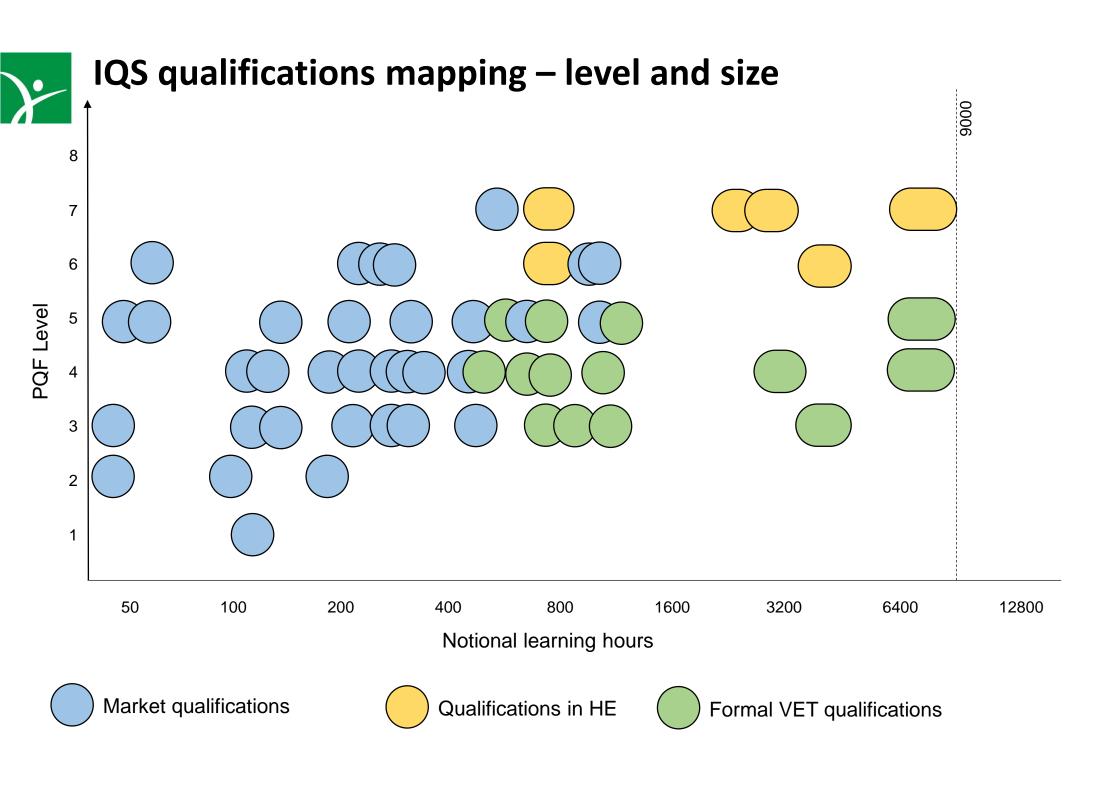
Qualifications System

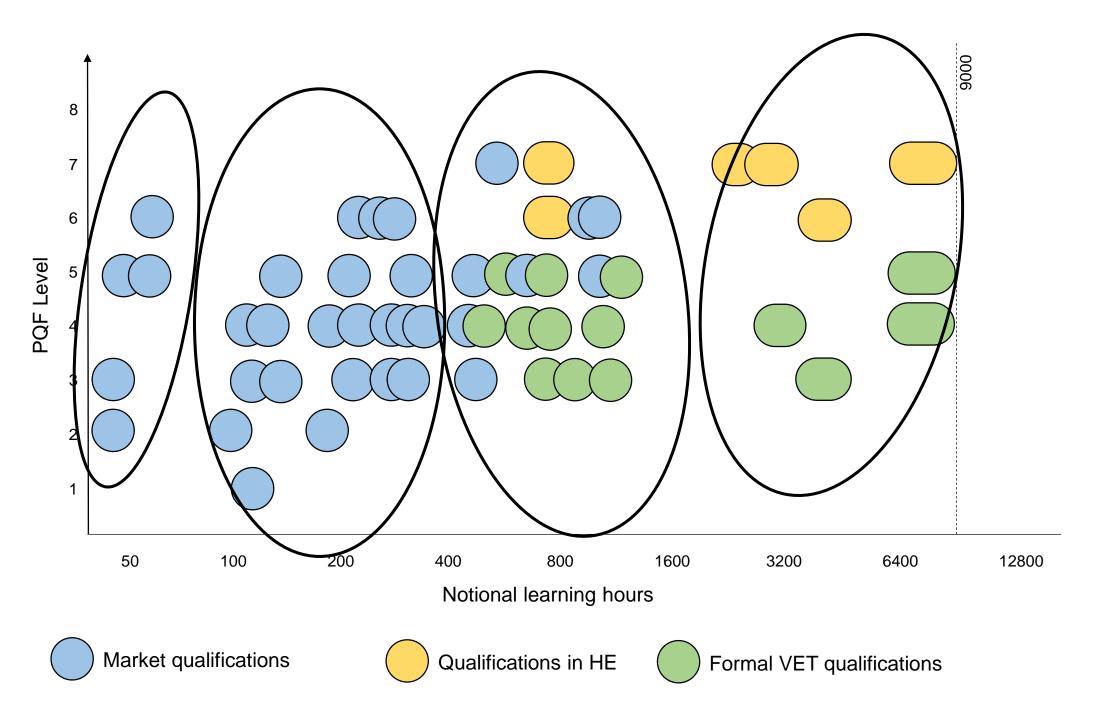
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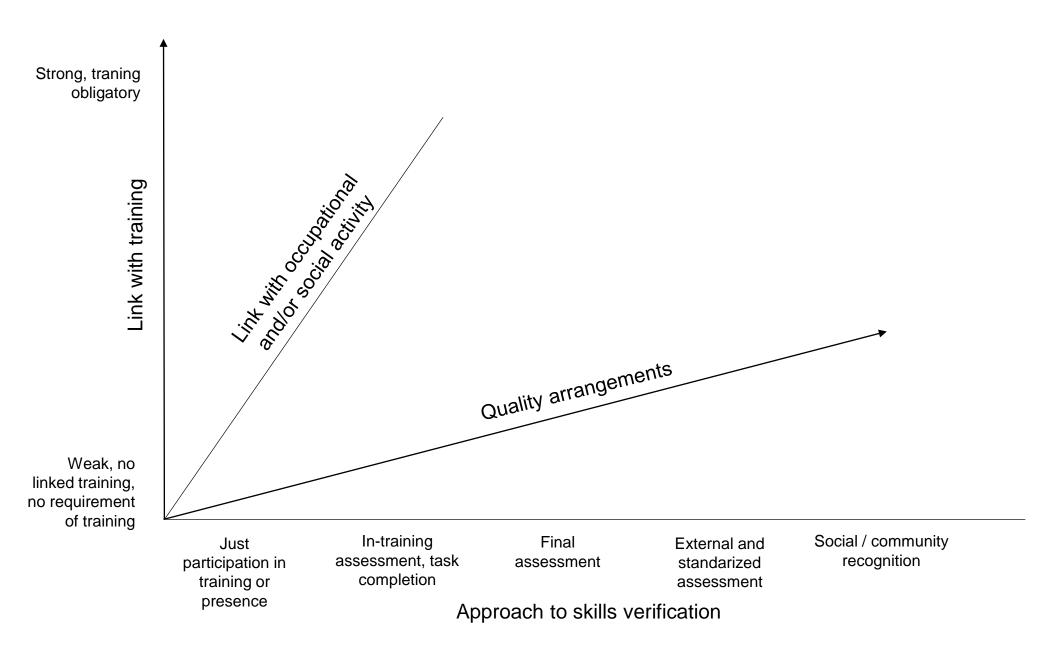
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- ➤ Market qualifications (since 2015)
- Regulated qualifications
- ➤ MOOC's and digital badges (since around 2010s)
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- "Additional vocational skills" in formal VET (since 2020)







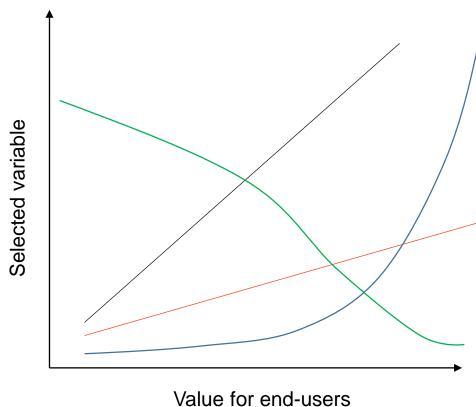
Dimensions for credentials – a sketch





The value of credentials – a sketch

- **≻**Size
- ➤ Quality arrangements
- ➤ Recall (well-known?)
- **≻**Content



- > Learners and earners
- **≻** Employers
- **≻**Society



Questions from Poland

➤ How to assure that new credentials have value for learners and employers?

➤ How to avoid a cannibalization scenario and support complementarity and/or sound competition between credential types?

➤ Why didn't digital badges and MOOC's credentials succeed outside their niche?



Considerations from Poland

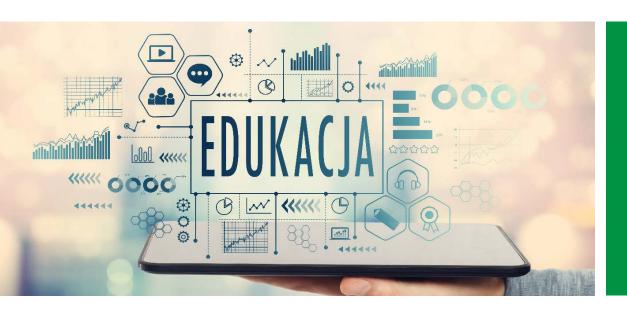
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 - Experiences with laissez-faire approach to training market combined with public funding were... one of the reasons for developing qualifications system
 - Experiences with market qualifications show a need for a lot of coordination and engagement of parties to create basis for value creation (e.g. content design, assessment, promotion etc.)
 - Transparency and quality seem to be sine qua non condition



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- How to avoid a cannibalization and support complementarity and sound competition between credential types?
 - Create a common frame conceptual (what is what, relations) also information integration (a register)
 - Provide a public infrastructure integrated with existing solutions (software, credentials metadata, skills ontology)
 - >To regulate or not to regulate?





Thank You!

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