



## EBTN announces first ever Triple E EFCB Qualification

The European Foundation Certificate in Banking (EFCB) offered by the Hellenic Banking Institute of the Hellenic Bank Association - EBTN's Greek member body - is rewarded as the first ever Triple E EFCB qualification in financial services. This decision was taken by EBTN's Board of Directors after a careful review by EBTN's Triple E Committee. EFCB is a professional qualification confirming fundamental knowledge and skills of those who work in a bank for a short period and those who start their careers in a bank and would like to progress at a good pace. The first "Triple E EFCB" certificates were recently sent to Athens.

As a result of EBTN's Triple E project, through collaboration with sectoral stakeholders from the national markets, from 2015 the certificate has been transformed into a new modernised European qualification compliant with the Triple E Standard.

Ms. Mariola Szymanska-Koszczyk, EBTN's Vice President responsible for accreditation and Chair of the Triple E Committee: *"The Triple E Committee congratulates the Hellenic Banking Institute of the Hellenic Bank Association on this milestone"*.

Ms. Haroula Apalagaki, recently appointed as Secretary General of the Hellenic Bank Association: "We are very glad to be the first Association which participated in this pan European project successfully, and we shall enhance our high level education courses".

Mr. Emmanuel Charalambidis, Training Manager of Alpha Bank, the first Greek bank to the employees of which the Triple E EFCB certificates were awarded: "We have been running the EFCB program since 2008. Having been very satisfied with the level of banking matters covered, we paid special attention to the new version of syllabus and its certified courses. The outcome was highly appreciated and we will further encourage the attendance of Triple E EFCB by our new high-calibre employees".

EBTN launched the Triple E standard for qualifications in the financial services sector in January 2016. It is a quality standard for (professional) qualifications in the European financial industry, with a focus on the banking sector. The Triple E standard provides a framework for how a professional qualification should be designed and executed. Triple E is an accreditation recognition for institutions of the quality of qualifications they provide. Qualification owners can apply for a Triple E accreditation by EBTN. Applications are based on self-evaluation by the applicant.

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