Overview of the Water Safety Manager Programme:

Definition of Water Safety:
Water Safety is defined as “all the necessary knowledge, skills and competence needed to render humanitarian aid to prevent any negative impact on persons, animals and environment”

The main elements are:
- Prevention
- Education, and training
- Coaching
- Rescue.

Water Safety in EQF2 Levels 5-8 will depend on the requirements of the actual University/Higher Educational Institution (HEI) in the actual country and the lifesaving competence in the specific topics as described in the EQF-2 project.

Management of Water Safety:
The “Management of Water Safety” is formulating policy, planning, organising, leading and controlling of human and other resources to achieve organisational goals efficiently and effectively to facilitate water safety activities in accordance with the definition of water safety.

The EQF2 Programme “Safer Europe by higher qualified Water Safety Managers” covers these four streams:
- Management
- Health and safety
- Didactics
- Special Topics
  - Theoretical topics
  - Practical topics

Management Hierarchy

The chosen Special Practical Topics determine the context of Health and Safety, and Didactics, and the Special Theoretical Topics which is an important part of management. The kind of management required depends on the actual Special Practical Topics chosen.
ILSE operator EQF level 5
An ILSE title:
- Specialist: Requires a previously acquired specialist competence i.e. Chief Lifeguard, expertise in kayak, lifesaving sport etc
- General: Water safety, no special background

University/Higher Education Institution (HEI)
Field of Water Safety
- 6- Bachelor
- 7- Master or VET* - research
- 8- PHD or VET* - research
(* Vocational educational training)

ILSE level 5 (120 ECTS)
At University/HEI the first two years towards a Bachelor degree.
Step 1 (Year 1 BA)
- Knowledge of the common water environments and being able to act safely in the actual environments
Step 2 (Year 2 BA)
- Safely leading or managing a group in the actual environments

Bachelor degree (Level 6) (additional 60 ECT=180 in total)
Step 3 (Year 3 in BA)
Two possibilities
- a) Specialist - developing to lead rescue operations
- b) General - developing to Teaching

Master Degree (level 7) (ECTS 120)
An opportunity to research into different topics in the field of water safety
Goals:
- Knowledge of theoretical and methodical problems related to research in field of water safety
- Knowledge of scientific theories and methods related to research in field of water safety
- Ability to conduct and assess own research and assess the research of others

PhD in the field of Water Safety (level 8) (Access minimum Master)
- High level of scientific formation
- Research and thesis