

Programme Details of the Conference
“Vocational Education and Training in Europe
– Perspectives for the Young Generation”
10./11. December 2012, Berlin

Chair of the day: Andreas Pieper, press representative BIBB

Day 1: Welcome and information on the summit agenda (in English)	2:00 – 3:00 pm Salon 7 / room Wien
(in English) Dr. Georg Schütte, State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) Prof. Dr. Friedrich Hubert Esser, President, Federal Institute of Vocational Education and Training (BIBB) Xavier Prats Monné, Deputy Director-General for Education and Culture, European Commission	

Aims of the this part:

- Presentation of background and aims of the conference
- Meaning of the cooperation for the development and enhancement of VET
- Creating connection to European VET-Strategy
- Mutual learning process

Day 1: Forums	3:00 – 6:30 pm
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3:00 – 4:15	Forum 1: Shaping cooperation between players in VET Field of action 3 (for all participants): Salon 7 / Wien How to make social partners and industry assume responsibility for VET Chair: Kornelia Haugg, Head of Department Vocational Training; Lifelong Learning, BMBF Speakers: Prof. Dr. Reinhold Weiß, Deputy Secretary General/Head of Research, BIBB Dr. Achim Dercks, Deputy Chief Executive, Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK) Ingrid Sehrbrock, Deputy Chairwoman, German Confederation of Trade Unions (DBG) Peter Clever, Member of Management Board, Confederation of German Employer Associations (BDA)	
4:15 – 4:30	Coffee break	
4:30 – 6:30	Forum 2: Modernization and cooperation in Vocational Education and Training (VET) Salon 7 / Wien 4:30 – 5:30 Field of action 1: Increasing the attractiveness and quality of VET	Forum 3: The European dimension Salon 1 / Moskau 4:30 – 5:30 Field of action 4: Increasing mobility in VET, contributing to the development of a European labour market and Education Area

	<p><u>Chair:</u> Barbara Hemkes, Head of Division Development Programmes / Pilot Projects, BIBB</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Peter Thiele, Head of Division Basic Policy Issues of Initial and Continuing Vocational Training, BMBF Wolfgang Kreher, Ministry of Education of the German federal state Hesse Hans-Joachim Böhmer, Managing Director, German Portuguese Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p><u>Chair:</u> Berthold Hübers, National Agency at BIBB (NA BIBB)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Thomas Klement, Leiter Corporate/HR Labor Employability, Merck KGaA Franz Piesche-Blumtritt, EURES-Manager, Federal Employment Agency Dr. Volker Born, Head of Department Vocational Education and Training, German Confederation of Skilled Crafts (ZDH)</p>
	<p>5:30 – 6:30</p> <p>Field of action 2: Support in modernizing VET</p>	<p>5:30 – 6:30</p> <p>Field of action 5: Links with European cooperation in VET, using EU programmes and structures</p>
	<p><u>Chair:</u> Birgit Thomann, Head of Department Internationalisation of VET / Knowledge Management, BIBB</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Christiana Tings, Division EU Education Programmes, International Cooperation in Education, BMBF Bernd Weisschuh, Manager Vocational Policies & Workforce Development, Daimler AG</p>	<p><u>Chair:</u> Klaus Fahle, Head of National Agency at the Federal Institute of Vocational Education and Training (NA BIBB)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Antonio Silva Mendes, Head of the Unit in charge of the European training policy and the Leonardo da Vinci Programme, European Commission Christian Stertz, Head of Division EU Education Programmes, International Cooperation in Education, BMBF</p>

Aims of the forums:

- Mutual Understanding of the fields of action

<p>Tag 1: Debriefing</p>	<p>6:30 – 7:15 Salon 4 / London</p>
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Aims:

Summarizing key messages of the forums and deliver to Christian F. Lettmayr, director of Cedefop

Participants:

Keynote speaker Mr. Lettmayr, Chairs, minute-takers

Day 1: Reception / Dinner of the Ministers and High- level representatives of industry organizations	7:30 20:00 Invitation from BMBF Salon 11 / Madrid
Tag 1: Dinner of delegations	from 7:30 Salon Brasserie

Chair of the day: Andreas Pieper, Press representative BIBB

Tag 2: Bilateral Meeting I	8:00 – 10:00 am 3 rooms
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Participants:

- Representatives of the BMBF
- Members of the delegations of the invited countries
- Further participants: Delegation from the European Commission, Social Partners, etc.

Aims:

- Planning meetings of experts and social partners with members of the German delegation to agree follow-up activities (roadmap, projects, tasks)

Agenda of the bilateral meetings:

- 6 bilateral meetings in 2 blocks (8:00 – 10:00 am and 11:00 am – 1:00 pm)
- Working language: English
- During the last 30 minutes, the chairs will summarize the key messages / common fields of interest / results of the bilateral meeting on one sheet.
- The sheet of results will be aligned with the delegations and social partners
- The chairs will be supported by the facilitators

Chairs and facilitators Bilateral Meeting I:

Country	Chairs (BMBF)	Responsible person for country /facilitators
Greece	Peter Thiele, Head of Division Basic Policy Issues of Initial and Continuing Vocational Training, BMBF	Volker Grünewald (JOBSTARTER)
Latvia	Christiana Tings, Deputy Head of Division EU Education Programmes, International Cooperation in Education, BMBF	Hannelore Kress (BIBB, AB 1.2)
Spain	Christian Stertz, Head of Division EU Education Programmes, International Cooperation in Education, BMBF	Herbert Tutschner (BIBB, AB 4.4)

Day 2: Ministers visit of a Berlin enterprise Press Talk	08:20 departure from the hotel 9:00 - 9:45 am Artis GmbH Columbiadamm 23 10965 Berlin <u>Artis: Engineering your ideas</u>
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Day 2: Welcome	10:15 – 10:25 am Salon 7 Wien / simultaneous interpretation
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Welcome of the ministers by Prof. Dr. Schavan at the venue

Tag 2: Keynote	10:30 – 10:50 Salon 7 Wien / simultaneous interpretation
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Importance and challenges of dual training in Europe

Christian F. Lettmayr, Director, European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop); all summit participants

Day 2: Meeting of the ministers	11:00 – 13:00 am Salon 21 / Dublin simultaneous interpretation
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Chair:

Prof. Dr. Schavan, Federal Minister of Education and Research, Germany

Aims:

Mutual exchanges on the progress of developments in the countries regarding the fields of action of the Memorandum (simultaneous interpretation)

Participants:

Ministers with two or three members of their delegation (per country: Minister of Education, in some cases Minister of Labour, in some cases State Secretary)

- José Ignacio Wert Ortega, Minister for Education, Culture and Sport, Spain
- Secretary of State For Labour and Social Security or State Secretary, Spanien
- Prof. Dr. Nuno Crato, Minister of Education and Science, Portugal
- João Grancho, State Secretary for Primary and Secondary Education, Portugal
- Dr. Pedro Silva Martins, State Secretary for Labour, Portugal
- Roberts Kilis, Minister of Education and Science, Latvia
- Dušan ČAPLOVIČ, Minister of Education, Science and Sport, Slovakia
- Konstantinos Arvanitopoulos, Minister of Education, Culture and Sport, Greece

- Elena Ugolini, State Secretary of the Ministry of Teaching, Universities and Research, Italy
- Prof. Dr. Annette Schavan, Federal Minister of Education and Research, Germany
- Dr. Annette Niederfranke, State Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Germany

Details of the Meeting of Ministers:

- Mr Prats Monné: short introduction to the Memorandum of Understanding
- open discussion about 3 topics, along leading questions
- final statement

11:00 – 11:05 **Introduction** Minister Prof. Dr. Annette Schavan

11:05 – 11:10 Xavier Prats Monné, European Commission, short statement about the Memorandum

11:10 – 12:50 **Block of Diskussion I**

Which **goals** do you wish to achieve with regard to

- a balanced and labour market orientated mix of qualifications in VET and higher education?
- (esp. in the VET area) a better connection between the educational system and the employment system?

Block of Diskussion II

What **education policy reforms and issues** in your country are particularly suited for bilateral cooperation with Germany (esp. based on the fields of action of the Memorandum of Understanding)?

Block of Diskussion III

What **financial options** do you expect for an expansion of our cooperation in 2013? Could we jointly coordinate a strategic use of EU funding from 2014 onwards, esp. of the EU Programme Erasmus for all and the new European Social Fund? Furthermore, could we jointly coordinate operational structures for our bilateral cooperations?

Is there an interest and willingness from your side, with a jointly developed strategy that considers the interests of both sides, to enhance the VET and labour market mobility?

12:50 – 1:00 pm **Final statement** Minister Prof. Dr. Annette Schavan

Day 2: Bilateral Meeting II	11:00 am – 1:15 pm 3 Rooms
Plenum Chair: Peter Thiele	1:15 – 2:00 pm Salon 17 / Riga

Chairs and facilitators Bilateral Meeting II:

Country	Chairs (BMBF)	responsible person for country / facilitators
Portugal	Peter Thiele, Head of Division Basic Policy Issues of Initial and Continuing Vocational Training, BMBF	Isabelle Le Mouillour (BIBB, AB 1.1)
Italy	Christiana Tings, Deputy Head of Division EU Education Programmes, International Cooperation in Education, BMBF	Berthold Hübers (NA beim BIBB)
Slovakia	Christian Stertz, Head of Division EU Education Programmes, International Cooperation in Education, BMBF	Ute Hippach-Schneider (BIBB, AB 1.1)

Day 2: Press Conference	1:00 – 2:00 pm Salon 7 Wien / simultaneous interpretation
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Chair: Minister Prof. Dr. Annette Schavan, Ms Koufen, Press department, BMBF

Participants: all Ministers, in some cases State Secretary

Content:

- Memorandum of Understanding
- Peer-Learning-Forum
- Beacon projects and quantitative measures
- Time frame and people in charge for conference follow-up (first bilateral meetings etc.)

Details:

1 participant from each country with each a 3 min. statement. Afterwards, time for questions.

Day 2: Joint buffet lunch	from 2:00 pm Foyer 1. floor
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