

**From Germany's borders to Brussels and back – cross-border vocational education and training between European expectations and national requirements, 26/27 November 2015, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BiBB), Bonn**

**Program:**

*(An interpreting service will be provided for the plenary session and the Workshop 1: German/English)*

**26. November 2015**

- 12:00      Arrival and registration
- 13:00      **Welcome**  
Birgit Thomann, *Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training*
- 13:10      **The Meaning of cross-border vocational education and training in Europe**  
Joao Santos, *Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission*
- 13:45      **European vocational education and training initiatives as an impetus for national reform endeavours**  
Eleonore Schmid, *European Centre for the Development of vocational training (CEDEFOP)*
- 14:15      **Border region education and training cooperation as a location factor**  
Peter Hansen, *Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)*
- 15:00      Coffee break
- 15:30      **Introduction to the working groups**  
Isabelle Le Mouillour, *Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training*
- 15:45      **Workshop 1: Education and training cooperation for a cross-border regional labour market**  
Dr. Jan Kaminski, *School Directorate Wroclaw*  
Dr. Cécile Jahan, *AFPA Direction Régionale Alsace*  
Dr. Michael Schack, *Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IHK) Flensburg*

*Moderation: Isabelle Le Mouillour, Bundesinstitut für Berufsbildung*

**Workshop 2: General conditions for cross-border education and training cooperation**

Hans Lehmann, *Vocational Educational Centre South (EUC Syd)*  
Ivana Purath, *Chamber of Crafts and Trades (HWK) Dresden*  
Radka Bonachová, *Tandem – Coordination Centre Regensburg*

*Moderation: Christian Bernhard, National Agency Education for Europe at BIBB (NA)*

**Workshop 3: Practical placements abroad, mobility measures and cross-border education networks**

Martin French, *University of Rostock*  
Svend Erik Jessen, *Centre for Vocational Education Lolland Falster (CELFI) Nykobing Falster* / Frank Neef, *Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IHK) / Chamber of Crafts and Trades (HWK) Lübeck*  
Lambert Teerling / Ed Clevers, *Regional Training Centre (ROC) Nijmegen*

*Moderation: Marthe Geiben, Bundesinstitut für Berufsbildung*

18:15 Light evening meal at Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training

**27. November 2015**

09:00 **Welcome/agenda for the day**

Isabelle Le Mouillour, *Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training*

09:15 **Evaluation of the working groups – initial assessments**

Rapporteurs from the workshops

10:00 **Mobility arrangements, school partnerships and education and training networks – on the use of European instruments as a cross-border strategy**

Dr. Christiane Eberhardt, *Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training*

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 **Learning from other border regions: About the relevance of regional differences**

Dr. Robert Nadler, *Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography*

12:00 **Panel: Border region, cross-border, European? Different concepts or different requirements?**

Isabelle Le Mouillour, *Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training*  
Dr. Monique Nijsten, *National Agency Education for Europe at BIBB (NA)*  
Dr. Christian Sperle, *German Confederation of Skilled Crafts (ZDH)*  
Mario Patuzzi, *German Confederation of Trade Unions (DGB)*  
Martin Guillermo Ramirez, *Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)*  
Axel Joder, *Fondation des Régions Européennes pour la Recherche, l'Éducation et la Formation*

*Moderation: Dr. Christiane Eberhardt, Bundesinstitut für Berufsbildung*

13:00 Imbiss