European Conference

Qualifications standards – State and Social Partners’ Cooperation in Apprenticeship: Which Screenplays?

From 3 – 4 April 2019 in Siegburg / Bonn
Preliminary Agenda (as of 25 March 2019)
Focus: How are training standards developed in Europe? Learning from experiences

12:00 p.m.  Registration of the participants

12:30 p.m.  Plenary
Opening and Welcome
Birgit Thomann, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB)

Chair: Isabelle Le Mouillour, BIBB

12:45 p.m.  Plenary
Development of national vocational qualification and training standards – A European comparison of stakeholders, processes and design (BIBB research project)
Philipp Ulmer, BIBB

European state-of-the-art on apprenticeship and governance
Dana Bachmann, European Commission

Approaches to apprenticeship in Europe and implications for training standards
Ramona Carmen David Craescu, CEDEFOP

2:00 p.m.  World-Café (working group rooms 1 to 3)
Six countries cases on processes for initiating, developing and adopting qualifications and training standards (Austria, Denmark, Germany, Portugal, Slovakia, Switzerland)

3:15 p.m.  Coffee break
3:45 p.m. **3 working groups**

**Group 1:** Upon which criteria should qualifications and training standards be based so that young people have the best chances of being sustainably integrated in the workforce?  
Lotta Naglitsch, *Skolverket*, Cedefop Community on Apprenticeship  
Dr Ralf Hermann, *GOVET at BIBB*

**Group 2:** What role should the relevant stakeholder groups play when it comes to developing training standards for apprenticeship? How is this influenced by the social partnership?  
*Thomas Giessler, DGB - German Trade Union Confederation*  
*Anita Milolaza, BIBB*

**Group 3:** How can the cooperation and collaboration of the relevant stakeholder groups in apprenticeship be strengthened?  
*Bram Loog, Stichting Samenwerking Beroepsonderwijs Bedrijfsleven*  
*Michael Schwarz, BIBB*

4:45 p.m. Transition to the plenary

4:55 p.m. Reports from the three working groups *(Plenary)*  
Ralf Hermann, *BIBB*  
Anita Milolaza, *BIBB*  
Michael Schwarz, *BIBB*  
Bram Loog, *SBB*

5:40 p.m. End of the first day of the event
Thursday, 4 April 2019

Focus: Developing apprenticeship further – the governance perspective

8:45 a.m.  Arrival of the participants

9:00 a.m.  Input from the research project (Plenary)
Cooperation for qualifications standards – Impacts of social partnership
Philipp Ulmer, BIBB
Isabelle Le Mouillour, BIBB

Chair: Anita Milolaza, BIBB

9:30 a.m.  Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeship
Work sessions with 3 parallel groups

On 15 March 2018, the European Council adopted its recommendation on a European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeship consisting of 14 criteria. Two framework criteria are particularly relevant to the symposium: the criterion 8 “regulatory framework” and the criterion 9 “involvement of social partners”.

Which conclusions can we draw from the project results and symposium discussions as far as the implementation of these two criteria is concerned?

Chairs:  Prof. Dr. Matthias Pilz, University Cologne
Matteo Sgarzi, CEREQ
Dr Hendrik Voß, ZDH - German Confederation of Skilled Crafts

Rapporteurs: Michel Urbain, OFFA, Cedefop Community on Apprenticeship
Alexandra Costa Artur, IMANOVATION, LDA.
Ulrike Engels, National Agency of the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (NA)

10:45 a.m.  Conclusion from the working groups (Plenary)
Michel Urbain, OFFA – Francophone office for apprenticeship
Alexandra Costa Artur, IMANOVATION, LDA.
Ulrike Engels, NA
11:15 a.m. Comments from a European Employers' perspective *(Plenary)*
Anja Trier Wang, *Business Europe*

11:30 a.m. Lunch break

12:30 p.m. Training standards (and regulations) in a European context *(Plenary)*
Input: Scenarios for vocational education and training in Europe
Jens Björnavold, *Cedefop*

1:00 p.m. Panel *(Plenary)*

Cesare Onestini, *ETF*
Dana Bachmann, *European Commission*
Peter Thiele, *Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)*
Prof. Hubert Ertl, *BIBB*

Chair: Isabelle Le Mouillour, *BIBB*

2:00 p.m. Closing words *(Plenary)*
Prof. Hubert Ertl, *BIBB*

2:10 p.m. End of the event