

# 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)

# Wednesday, 3 April 2019

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## 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 work force?  
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

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## 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