

## Partner Meetings 2006-2012

The **first Partner Meeting** was staged in Bonn from 19 to 23 March 2006. The main thematic focus was the development of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF). 16 partner institutes from various European countries attended the meeting.

The **second Partner Meeting** was held in Madrid between 28 and 30 October 2006. Participants discussed the effects of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) and of the European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) on the individual countries.

The **third Partner Meeting** was held in London from 17 October to 1 November 2008. Participants debated European VET policy issues.

The **first regional Partner Meeting for South-Eastern Europe** was held in Belgrade (Serbia) in April 2010. Representatives from partner institutes in Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Serbia, Montenegro and Austria exchanged views on the topic "Development of skills requirements and supply in South-Eastern Europe – demographic and economic development in the region". After the partner meeting in Belgrade the **second regional Partner Meeting for South-Eastern Europe** took place in Podgorica (Montenegro). This meeting was jointly organised by the Montenegrin Vocational Training Institute (CSO) and BIBB. Representatives of the VET institutes from Austria, Romania, Serbia, Montenegro and Germany exchanged views during the two-day workshop on the topic of "Modularisation and Credit Transfer".

BIBB's **first meeting with its South-East Asian partner institutes** took place in Seoul, South Korea, from 12 to 14 October 2011. Four of the five partner institutes in the region were represented. These were the CIVTE from China, the KRIVET from Korea, the IAL from Singapore and the NIVT from Vietnam. This was the 5th Partner Meeting to be staged and was jointly prepared by BIBB and KRIVET. The topic discussed was "Evidence-based policy research". Following the 2010 Partner Meeting in Belgrade, the second regional Partner Meeting for South-Eastern Europe was held in Podgorica, Montenegro, and was jointly staged by the Montenegrin Vocational Education and Training Institute (CSO) and BIBB. Representatives from VET institutes from Austria, Romania, Serbia, Montenegro and Germany met for a two-day workshop, during which they debated the topic "Modularisation and credit transfer".

The **first Partner Meeting to be held in Latin America** took place in Mexico (Mexico City) in 2012 and was organised by the Mexican partner institute Colegio Nacional de Educación Profesional Técnica (CONALEP). Alongside CONALEP, the other South American partner institutes represented were Servicio Nacional de Aprendizaje (SENA) from Colombia and the Chilean Ministry of Education. Participants discussed the topic "Early recognition of skills requirements in vocational education and training". Bilateral talks were used as a vehicle to exchange information on the current challenges facing vocational education and training and on relevant sectors of trade and industry involved in supporting VET measures. The discussions were also used as a basis for defining thematic starting points and joint cooperation activities between the countries.