



„Governance in VET from a Trade Unions’ Point of View“

International conference of the Unions4VET-project

Date: 21.-22.09.2017

Place: Radisson Blu Daugava Hotel, 24 Kugu Street, LV-1048, Riga, Latvia

Conference languages: There will be interpreters for English, German, Greek, Italian, Latvian, Portuguese and Slovak.

Agenda:

Thursday, 21.09.2017		
09.30	Arrival and registration	
10.00-10.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and introduction Unions4VET: Objectives and agenda of the conference 	<p>Egils Baldzēns President of Latvian Trade Union Confederation - LBAS</p> <p>Dr. Sabine Carl Consultant for „EU education programs, International cooperation in education“, Federal Ministry for Education and Research – BMBF, Germany</p> <p>Hans-Ulrich Nordhaus Responsible for European education policy, German Trade Union Confederation - DGB</p>
10.45-11.15	Quality assurance in vocational education and training from the view of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)	Thiébaud Weber Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation - ETUC
11.15-11.30	Coffee break	
11.30-12.15	A reference framework for good governance in vocational education and training from a trade unions’ point of view	Dr. Jeff Bridgford Visiting Senior Research Fellow, King's College London/ Former Director of Education, European Trade Union Institute – ETUI

12.15-13.15	<p>Panel: Key factors for good governance in vocational education and training (VET)</p> <p><i>Moderated by Hans Ulrich Nordhaus-DGB</i></p>	<p>Dr. Linda Romele Education and Employment Policy Officer – LBAS</p> <p>Santa Graikste Managing Director of Association of Hotels and Restaurants of Latvia (AHRL)/ Coordinator of Tourism and beauty sector skills council of Employer's Confederation of Latvia</p> <p>Volker Freudenberger Exempt member of a works council - Industrial Trade Union Mining, Chemical and Energy Industry – IG BCE</p> <p>Thiébaut Weber Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation - ETUC</p> <p>Hannes Barske Senior Scientific, DLR Project Management Agency – BMBF</p>
13.15-14.15	Lunch	
14.15-15.45	<p>Governance in VET in the partner countries part I: Interviews with the partner organizations</p>	<p>Representativ of Partner organizations (Unions, workers councils or Union education institutions) from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latvia • Portugal • Greece
15.45-16.00	Coffee break	
16.00-17.30	<p>Governance in VET in the partner countries part II: Interviews with the partner organizations</p>	<p>Representativ of Partner organizations (Unions, workers councils or Union education institutions) from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Italia • Slovakia • Germany
17.30	Conclusions of the day	



Friday, 22.9.2017		
9.30	Welcome and opening	Hans Ulrich Nordhaus (DGB)
9.45-10.30	<p>Panel: The trade unions in the system of governance of vocational education and training (VET) in Germany at national level - strengths and weaknesses</p> <p><i>Moderated by Dr. Monika Stricker (Head of unit, Projects & Corporate Strategy - bfw)</i></p>	<p>André Weiß Head of unit, ZDH - German Confederation of Skilled Crafts - strategic project SCIVET</p> <p>Eric Scherer Former Member of the Main Committee of Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training – BIBB/ Former vice president of Chamber of Craft Saarland - HWK</p> <p>Antonia Rabente bfw and volunteer member of vocational training committee of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Cologne - IHK - delegated by United Services Union Cologne - ver.di</p> <p>Robert Herth Subject specialist vocational training - Industrial Trade Union Building Agriculture Environment - IG BAU/ Alternating Chairman of the Vocational Training Committee of the Chamber of Commerce Frankfurt Rhine-Main</p>
10.30-12.00	<p>Country-specific working groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problems and challenges in the governance of VET • Recommendations for action • Work plan 	Each working group consists of the partners of the respective country
12.00-13.00	Presentation of the working groups' results	Representatives of the groups
13.00-13.30	Joint discussion of the recommendations	Plenum
13.30-14.00	Conclusions and prospects	
14.00-15.00	Lunch	