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**European Vocational Skills Week 2020, Berlin, Germany**

**VET research in Europe: topics, structures and cooperation**

Workshop on Wednesday, 11 November, 9:00 – 13:00

Organised by the

European Research Network on Vocational Education and Training (VETNET)  
and the

Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training  
(Bundesinstitut für Berufsbildung BIBB), Germany

in cooperation with the

European Commission DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Location: online via Zoom, you will receive information on how to log-in shortly before  
the workshop.

## **Scope and aim of the workshop**

This year's joint workshop of the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB) and VETNET in cooperation with the European Commission discusses topics and structures of VET research and the possibilities of cooperation between different actors.

Vocational education and training research (VET research) is very vivid in Europe and contributes to the development of VET systems, forms of delivery and the shaping of careers through VET. This workshop aims to get an overview of topics and structures of European VET research and asks about the cooperation between different actors in research and policy. Research activities in Europe vary due to differences in VET systems, different priorities and topical challenges. Consequently, the current topics discussed differ significantly between regions and countries. The great diversity of topics is only one aspect. There are also various disciplinary approaches and institutional setups how to carry out research and maintain its relation to policy and practice. All this makes cooperation within research and between research and politics a challenge.

We invited experts that will first give a stimulating input on relevant topics in and structures of VET research in different European countries. They will raise issues on the development of VET systems and occupations/professions, the crucial role of companies and sectors in shaping VET – from curriculum design to training provision – and the role of VET educators in companies and schools and students/learners. Based on this impetus presentations, the question on how to improve cooperation within the research community and between research and policy will be discussed in small groups. The aim is to define key elements of successful cooperation. It is essential to find ways to cooperate besides the different challenges imposed by the relevant topics and historically rooted structures of VET research.

The discussion is related to the previous VETNET meetings during the EVSW in Brussels, where the focus was on methods and theories, Vienna and Helsinki where the focus was on the question how research and policy could jointly develop VET. These discussions are documented in yearly reports.

## **Moderators and Presenters**

Dr **Christof Nägele**, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland FHNW, Head of VETNET

Dr **Philipp Grollmann**, BIBB Bonn

**Kinga Szebeni**, European Commission DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Prof Dr Dr hc **Michael Gessler**, University of Bremen

Dr **Moso Diez Mónica**, Head of the Centre for Knowledge and Innovation, Bankia Foundation for Dual Training

Dr **Marianne Teräs**, University of Stockholm

All presenters hand in a short paper, four pages, before the event. These papers will be available online and will be published as part of the report on the workshop.

## Timetable of the workshop

08:30 – 08:55	30	Technical Test: Zoom is open, test your micro and camera	Christof Nägele
09:00 – 09:30	30	Welcome address Welcome and introduction and impetus presentations	Kinga Szebeni, EC Christof Nägele, VETNET Philipp Grollmann, BIBB
09:30 – 09:45	10	Topics and structures	Michael Gessler
09:45 – 10:00	10	Topics and structures	Marianne Teräs
10:00 – 10:05	5	Short Break	
10:05 – 10:20	10	Topics and structures	Mónica Moso Diez
10:20 - 10:35	10	Topics and structures	N.N.
10:30 – 10:45	15	Coffee break, participants will be sent to their breakout session	
10:45 – 12:15	90	Moderated group discussions	
12:15 – 12:20	5	Short break	
12:20 – 12:35	15	Reports from the group discussions	Moderators of the group-discussions
12:35 – 13:00	30	Conclusions, further steps, and farewell	Christof Nägele Philipp Grollmann
13:00 – 13:30		Zoom remains open for discussion in the plenum or breakout sessions.	all

## Some rules for the online workshop

- The workshop is open to all people interested in the topic. You need to enter the conference room at 08:50 latest – no further participants will be allowed to enter after the beginning of the workshop, even if the registered for the event.
- It is crucial that you stay all the time in the Zoom session from 09:00 until 13:00, also during the break. Please, do not quit the Zoom-meeting (conference room) as you will not be allowed to re-enter. In case your internet connection crashes, contact [christof.naegele@fhnw.ch](mailto:christof.naegele@fhnw.ch) by email.
- We ask you to have your camera turned on all the time. As it is a workshop, it is important to see the other participants.
- After having tested your micro and camera between 08:30 and 08:55, turn your micro off.
- If you want to say something, raise your hand. The moderator will allow you to speak.
- You can use the chat to discuss in parallel or to post statements to the group or specific people.
- The session will not be recorded, neither the video conference nor the chat. It is up to you to take notes by yourself.

## **Participants**

The workshop is open to all interested in the topic, registration before the event is compulsory. Click [here](#) to register for the workshop. Deadline to register is 08 November 2020.

## **Follow up**

A short report on the workshop will be available shortly after the conference.

Reports from earlier workshops in Brussels 2016, 2017 [here](#), in Vienna 2018 [here](#) and in Helsinki 2019 [here](#).