

# Promoting Quality Assurance: Austrias Dual VET System

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# Mini agenda for 10 minutes

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- 🔍 Quality Assurance Systems
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# Facts and Figures: Apprenticeship in Austria

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- 🕒 Long tradition of apprenticeship in Austria
- 🕒 200 apprenticeship trades in all economic sectors
- 🕒 Training in the company (80%) and in part-time vocational schools (20%)
- 🕒 29.200 training companies (2015)
- 🕒 2- to 4- year training periods
- 🕒 Youth unemployment rate: 10,6% (EU average: 21,9%)
- 🕒 Involvement of many different actors: ministries, social partners, regional and local stakeholders

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# Attractiveness of the Dual System

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- 🔍 Image of VET and the dual system is quite good
  - 🔍 4 out of 5 young people at the age of 16 are either in a VET school or in apprenticeship training
  - 🔍 After the 9th grade 40% of all young people opt for an apprenticeship training.
  - 🔍 Various options/tracks for young people within the VET-system
  - 🔍 High figures in the direct transition to employment after graduation

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# Challenges

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- Demographic change
- Competition between different VET-tracks
- Decreasing number of apprentices
- Decreasing number of training companies



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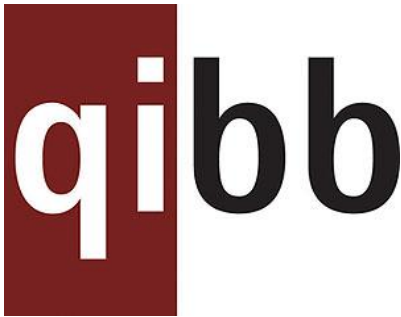


# Quality Assurance Systems

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**Company based** part  
of apprenticeship  
training  
(since 2013)

**School based** part  
of apprenticeship  
training  
(since 2004)



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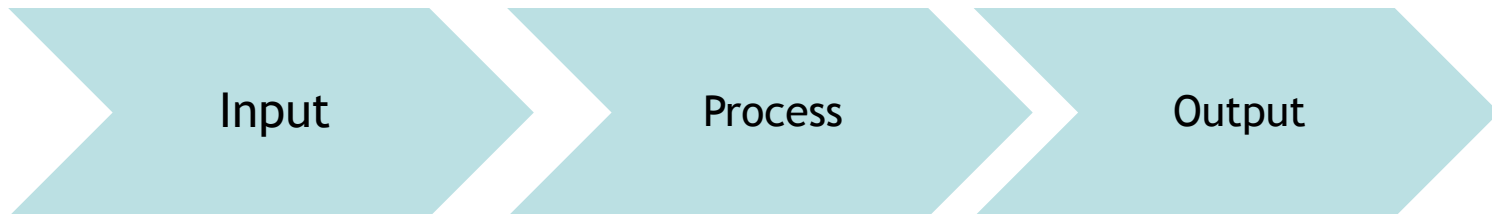
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# Quality Assurance procedures: Company based part of the training (QML)

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- Implementation of new apprenticeship occupations
- Adpation of existing apprenticeship occupations
- Accredation of training companies
- Training and qualification of apprentice trainers

- Apprenticeship guidelines for companies
- QA guidelines (checklist) for companies
- Online plattform for companies, trainers, and apprentices

- Accreditation of examiners
- Standardised preparation of materials for final examination
- Standardisation of exams

Monitoring (indicators, reporting)

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# Quality Assurance procedures: School based part of the training (QIBB)

- QIBB is the **common framework** for quality management encompassing all VET school types (700 schools)
- QIBB includes **all organisational levels** (schools, school inspection, Ministry of Education)
- QIBB promotes the development of **common strategies** and offers sufficient scope for the **particularities** of the individual school types and schools.
- QIBB takes account of **EQAVET**.



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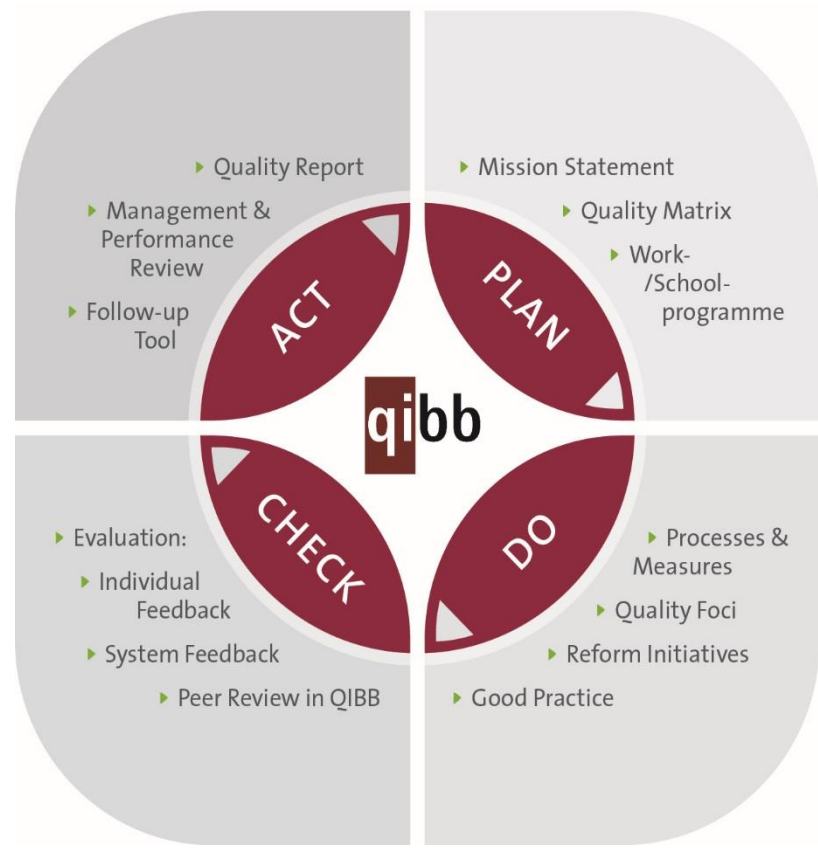
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# QIBB: Quality Management System for VET-schools in Austria

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# Conclusions

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- The dual system in Austria is a system which involves many different actors at different levels (federal, regional, local).
- Two learning places (companies, schools) which are organised quite separately and governed by different ministries.
- Two different Quality Assurance Systems (QIBB, QML) - only few connections.
- Working on synergies is an upcoming challenge for all stakeholders.

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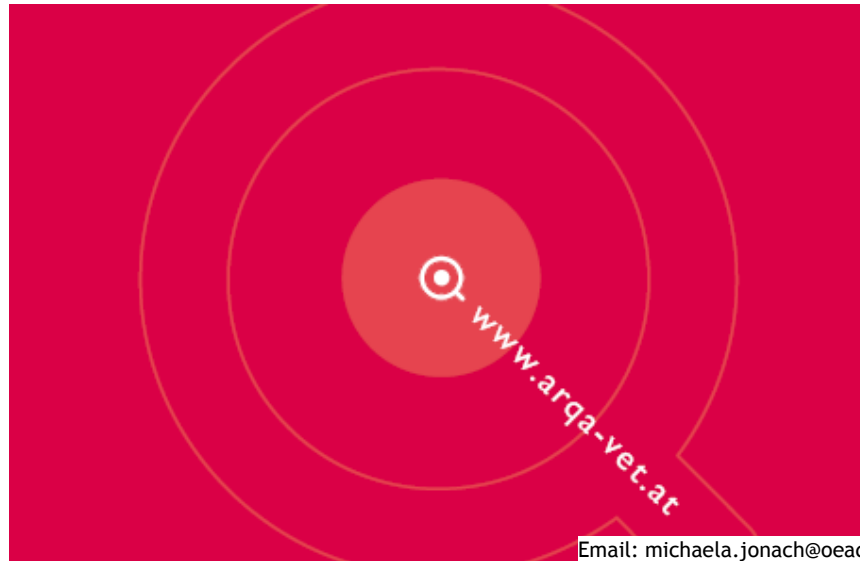
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