

# Thinking Space 1: Green Economy – Societal change

## WHAT SITUATION DO WE FACE?



Climate change, the energy crisis and the skilled worker shortage mean sustainability has become the guiding principle when making vocational education and training (VET) fit for the future. VET must clearly establish thinking and acting sustainably as employability skills in training regulations and must promote these in training practice. In this way it can play a part in the socio-ecological transformation.

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169 - as part of Agenda 2030, the global community has set 17 sustainable development goals comprising 169 targets in total. There are a variety of social, economic and environmental facets to sustainability, presenting a multitude of challenges.

## WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?



- > Strengthen trainee **employability skills** relating to sustainability
- > **Provide qualifications** focussed on sustainability for training personnel
- > Use sustainability to make vocational education and training more **attractive**
- > Ensure sustainability is incorporated in **training regulations** with even greater clarity
- > And finally: **make the degree of implementation** of transformative vocational education and training **measurable**

## WHERE CAN I OBTAIN SUPPORT?



- > Teaching and learning materials for company-based practice in the BIBB pilot projects' collection of materials: [www.bbne.de](http://www.bbne.de)
- > Help with implementing the standard occupational profile "Environment and sustainability": [BIBB/Standardberufsbildpositionen](http://BIBB/Standardberufsbildpositionen)
- > Networking opportunities in the Joint Action for Sustainable Development: [www.gemeinschaftswerk-nachhaltigkeit.de/en](http://www.gemeinschaftswerk-nachhaltigkeit.de/en)
- > Background information from the ESD portal: [www.bne-portal.de](http://www.bne-portal.de)

## HOW CAN I DEEPEN MY KNOWLEDGE?



- > Read this article (in German): [VET for sustainable development: what is it, and how can it succeed?](#)
- > Study this handbook (in German): [Handbook: Sustainability in vocational education and training](#)
- > Study this guide to practice (in German): [Creation of sustainable learning locations](#)
- > Download and read other reading recommendations: [BWP issue 3/21 Sustainability](#)

**All occupations – not just green occupations – can and must become more sustainable!**

