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Transitions to VET and the labour market: the European Perspective

BIBB – CEREQ Conference

(Concept note)

The forthcoming BIBB & Céreq conference is the first one of its kind bringing together major research results from the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB) in Germany and the Centre for Studies and Research on Qualifications (Céreq) in France.

It aims at demonstrating and discussing the use, relevance and potentials of VET research for policy making, innovation in VET and practices. In addition to researchers from 11 national VET research institutes, major European VET institutions and national VET stakeholders are invited to join the debate, share their views on evidence-based policy-making and express their needs and expectations in terms of improved tuning of research to policy and practice.

The debate will be nurtured by presenting selected results from ongoing research on the cornerstone issue of transitions from school to VET and from VET to the labour market. The issue of transitions is core to many VET systems as stated in the "New Skill Agenda for Europe" as well as in European initiatives such as the skills panorama or the development of qualification frameworks. Both Céreq and BIBB run longitudinal analysis and surveys on that topic. Transition from VET to the labour market in Europe can be seen as a twofold process. In European countries where a solid dual system is in place, major attention is paid to the first transition phase ('first threshold') taking place after compulsory schooling when youngsters decide to join VET programmes and in particular dual apprenticeship training programmes. In other countries it is the second transition phase ('second threshold') relating to the transition from VET to the labour market that is particularly critical and worth to be thoroughly studied. A great part of BIBB and CEREQ research activities focus on this double transition process but with very different blends.

The event takes place in Brussels on 07 February 2017. It will start at 9:30 and end at 15:00. The conference languages will be English, French and German. Participation takes place on basis of invitation. From 15:00 to 18:00 a closed session will take place gathering representatives of participating research institutes associated with BIBB and Céreq in different VET research cooperation agreements.

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