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Workshop on the Support for Improvement of a Quality Assurance System for Dual Vocational Education Training (VET) in Spain

organised in co-operation with

Ministry of Education and Vocational Education and
Training (VET)

11 - 12 March 2019

Venue:

Espacio Bertelsmann,
Calle O'Donnell 10, Madrid

Introduction:

Spain launched the implementation of the Dual modality in VET programmes in 2013 through the introduction of a new regulation allowing the possibility to develop dual VET programs in the initial Education and Training system. The implementation of the rule has led to different implementation experiences.

In 2018, the Spanish government requested the support from the Structural Reform Support Service (SRSS) to analyse national best practices, identify the main challenges encountered so far, as well as to get practical inputs from other reference international models.

For this workshop, the SRSS is mobilising experts from the Dutch SBB, the German BIBB, the Swiss Institute for Labour Economics and the Portuguese IEFPP, together with the cooperation of the Ministry of Education and VET, the Autonomous Regions and the Bertelsmann Foundation.

The objective of these working sessions is to raise awareness among stakeholders on the potential of the dual VET model, to eventually identify and agree on the relevant success factors that set the basis for high quality implementation models of Dual VET aligned to the EQAVET framework.

The Foundation for Cooperation on VET and the Labour Market Samenwerkingsorganisatie Beroepsonderwijs Bedrijfsleven (SBB).

The SBB was established on request of the Dutch Ministry of Education in 2012 to provide one-way advice on VET policy to the Ministry.

The SBB is responsible for the cooperation between VET education and the world of work. Within SBB they work together on themes such as the VET qualifications structure, examination, work placement and the offer of training programs. With that, SBB optimizes the connection between education and the labour market, the goal of which is: delivering sufficient and well-qualified professionals.

The Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (Bundesinstitut für Berufsbildung, BIBB) is the core institution for consensus building between all parties involved in VET. It conducts research on in-company training and provides services and advice to the federal government and VET providers. It advises the government on fundamental issues of in-company vocational training and is involved in setting standards and designing training regulations.

The Swiss Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training SFIVET is the Swiss expert organisation for vocational education and training. They provide services in the following areas: Basic training of VET professionals, Continuing training of VET professionals, Research and development in the VET/PET field, Development of Occupations, education and training cooperation.

The Institute for Employment and Vocational Training, (Instituto de Emprego e Formação Profissional, IEFP) is the Portuguese public employment service and was established in 1979. It works under the auspices of the Ministry of Solidarity, Employment and Social Security, being responsible for implementing the employment and vocational training policies defined and approved by the Government.

Fundación Bertelsmann is a Spanish foundation linked to the German Bertelsmann Stiftung, which develops social projects under the slogan "For youth employment". With the project "Alianza para la FP Dual", it aims to contribute to the development and promotion of a high quality dual VET system in Spain. It has set up a network with currently 1000 members including companies, VET schools and other organisations who actively collaborate to improve the current Spanish dual VET.

Day 1: Monday 11 March 2019

09:00	<i>Registration of participants</i>
09:30	<p>Opening</p> <p>Ms Clara Sanz, Director General for VET, Ministry of Education of Spain</p> <p>Ms Clara Bassols, Director of Fundación Bertelsmann in Spain</p> <p>Ms Patricia Pérez-Gómez, Policy officer, Structural Reform Support Service, European Commission</p>
10:00	<p>Introduction of the Spanish Dual VET system regulatory framework and implementation modes: best practices and challenges</p> <p>Mr Domingo Rodríguez, Vice-Director-General for VET, Ministry of Education and VET</p> <p>Mr. Ramón Martínez de Murguía, Dual-VET Coordinator for the Basque Country, Vice-Council of Vocational Training of the Basque Government.</p> <p>Mr. Roberto Santolaria, Director of The Professional Qualifications Agency, Aragón Government.</p>
10:45	<p>VET: a joint responsibility of education and labour market. Experiences from the Netherlands.</p> <p>Ms Regina Kleingeld, Manager credential evaluation and internationalization, Foundation for Cooperation on VET and Labour Market (SBB), the Netherlands</p>
11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30	<p>Round Table: The role of new partners in implementation of dual VET,</p> <p>Mr Ignacio Ferrer, Xabec Vocational Training Centre, Valencia.</p> <p>Ms. Anna Pajarón, Responsible for International Programmes, Chamber of Commerce of Terrassa.</p> <p>Mr. Víctor Pernia, Director of the Technical School of Installers (Agremia), Madrid.</p> <p>Ms. Irene Vacas, dual-VET student. Member of the Spanish Apprentices Network "Somos FP dual"</p> <p>Moderated by Mr. Ignacio Laguens, Head of Unit: Planning for VET, Ministry of Education.</p>
12:15	<p>Ensuring training quality in Swiss dual apprenticeships</p> <p>Mr Jürg Schveri, Co-Head of research area "Strategic Planning of VPET" Swiss Federal Institute for VET (SFIVET)</p>
12:45	<p>Quality Assurance and Development in VET – The German Way</p> <p>Ms Barbara Hemkes, The Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB), Germany</p>
13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
15:00	<p>Presentation of European quality Framework for VET and implementation opportunities in Spain</p> <p>Mr Guillem Salvans, Fundación Bertelsmann</p>
15:30	The apprenticeship courses in Vocational Training in Portugal

	Ms Stela Cristina Rato , Institute for Employment and Vocational Training (IEFP), Portugal
16:00	Participatory debate: challenges and opportunities for an effective quality system in Dual VET – Round table with international experts Participants will be divided in four/six working groups to provide analysis and inputs on a set of three questions TBC (flipchart exercise). Experts will provide relevant feedback (advice and examples).
16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:45	Participatory debate: challenges and opportunities for an effective quality system in Dual VET – Round table with international experts (continuation)
17:30	Conclusions of the debate Moderated by Ms. Patricia Perez-Gomez , Policy officer, SRSS
18:00	End of day 1

Day 2: Tuesday 12 March 2019

09:15	<i>Registration - Please be reminded to sign the attendance list</i>
09:30	Working session 1: Teaching and mentoring in the dual-VET system: Key factors to achieve effective coordination. Moderated by Mr. Juan Luís Fernández , National Institute for Qualifications (INCUAL), Ministry of Education.
11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30	Working session 2: Monitoring dual VET: identification of indicators relevant to the Spanish context. Moderated by Ms. Carlota Torrens , Alianza para la FP Dual, Fundación Bertelsmann
13:00	Conclusions: lessons learnt and steps ahead Open debate moderated by Ms. María Ángeles Heras , (Ministry of Education and VET) and Ms. Patricia Perez-Gomez (SRSS, European Commission)
13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
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