

# German-Chinese Alliance for Vocational Education

## Sino-German Dialogue Forum on Vocational Education and Employment

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# VET in Germany

## Core Principles

1. Cooperation between social partners, economic organisations and the state
2. Learning through work processes
3. Accepting national standards
4. Qualified staff
5. Institutionalised VET research and consultation

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- ✓ Orientation towards five core principles = basis for international VET cooperation
- ✓ Transfer / adaptation to dual elements and principles
- ✓ Dependent on specific facts on the ground in the partner country
- ✓ Often: other approaches in the partner country in terms of cooperation between social partners, industry and government

# BMBF and international collaboration in VET

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## Overview:

- Bilateral working groups for professional training
- Supporting the export of VET
- Round table and central office at the BIBB for International Cooperation in VET
- BMBF Initiative iMOVE

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### **Bilateral agreements:**

- With six European countries:  
Spain, Greece, Portugal, Italy, Slovakia and Latvia
- As well as six countries outside Europe:  
Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa.

### **Goals of cooperation:**

- backing VET reforms in partner countries
- with the goal of minimising youth unemployment (principally in the EU) and human resources development
- In the interest of local economies and German businesses

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## **Activities of the bilateral working groups:**

Regular meetings on partnership coordination and joint cooperation projects, such as in the development of:

- VET Standards: occupational profiles and framework curricula
- Further education programs for training staff
- Inter-company training centres
- Approaches to cooperative management: VET committees, audit commissions and committees

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## **Support for Projects and Research VET Export**

- Supporting German providers of further education and training in the development of rapidly developing international markets
- Research and development support for German education providers' collaborative projects for up to three years
- For the development of innovative methods and new business models.



## **iMOVE** (*International Marketing of Vocational Education*)

- ... is a BMBF initiative in the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB) working on the internationalisation of German further education and training services
- ... supports principally the target groups of small and medium sized organisations in the further education and training sector.
- ... offers many services to pave the way to foreign markets for German education providers
- ... advocacy abroad for “Training – Made in Germany”

[www.imove-germany.de](http://www.imove-germany.de)





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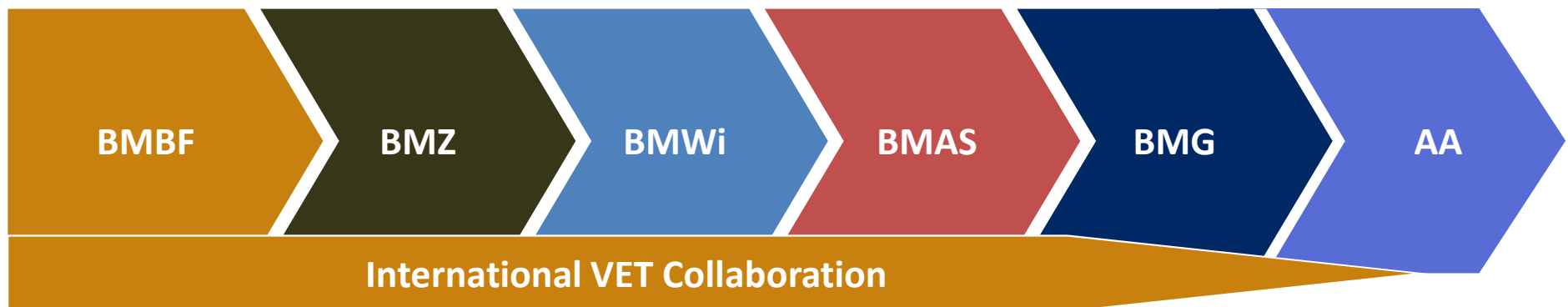
### Functions:

- Initiation and technical support for outstanding exemplary measures, in cooperation with the respective partner countries
- Coordinating cooperation and consulting activities on-site
- Monitoring VET reforms and current German VET activities in partner countries
- A branch of the round table

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## Round table for international VET cooperation

VET Cooperation:



German VET cooperation's scope of interest extends to education, economic, job market, migration, foreign and development policy.



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In order to fine-tune activities in bilateral international VET cooperation, a body for coordination and clearing houses will be established going forward from the round table.

## German-Chinese Alliance for Vocational Education

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### Overview:

- Alliance and leadership group established between MoE and BMBF in September 2011
- Integrated results from years of trusting cooperation in VET
- A cross-cutting issue in the many Sino-German cooperation activities in other areas: research, economic and financial cooperation etc.



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### Goals

- Bringing together stakeholders from politics and the economy.
- Intensive exchange in VET policy, research and current developments in the interests of both countries.
- Building cooperation centres for professional training in China
- Supporting professional training in the PRC



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### Cooperation centres for professional training



#### ➤ Chongqing

- Since 2011, the first centre focussing on the qualifications of trainees in the areas of automobiles and IT
- Consortium for the establishment of a centre under the leadership of Chongqing Normal University and the Zentralverband des Deutschen Handwerks

#### ➤ Qingdao

- Since November 2013, hosted by the Education Commission in Qingdao
- Focus on training in environmental-technical professions

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### VETnet Project

- Start: October 2013, to 11 AHK via the German Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Goals:
  - On-site counterpart for all stakeholders in the framework of VET Alliance (on the German and Chinese sides)
  - Coordinators and initiators for training alliances
  - Advisors for the construction of quality assurance structures
  - Review and certification
- PR China: Britta Buschfeld, AHK-Shanghai



Thanks for your attention!