

Project „Unions4VET“



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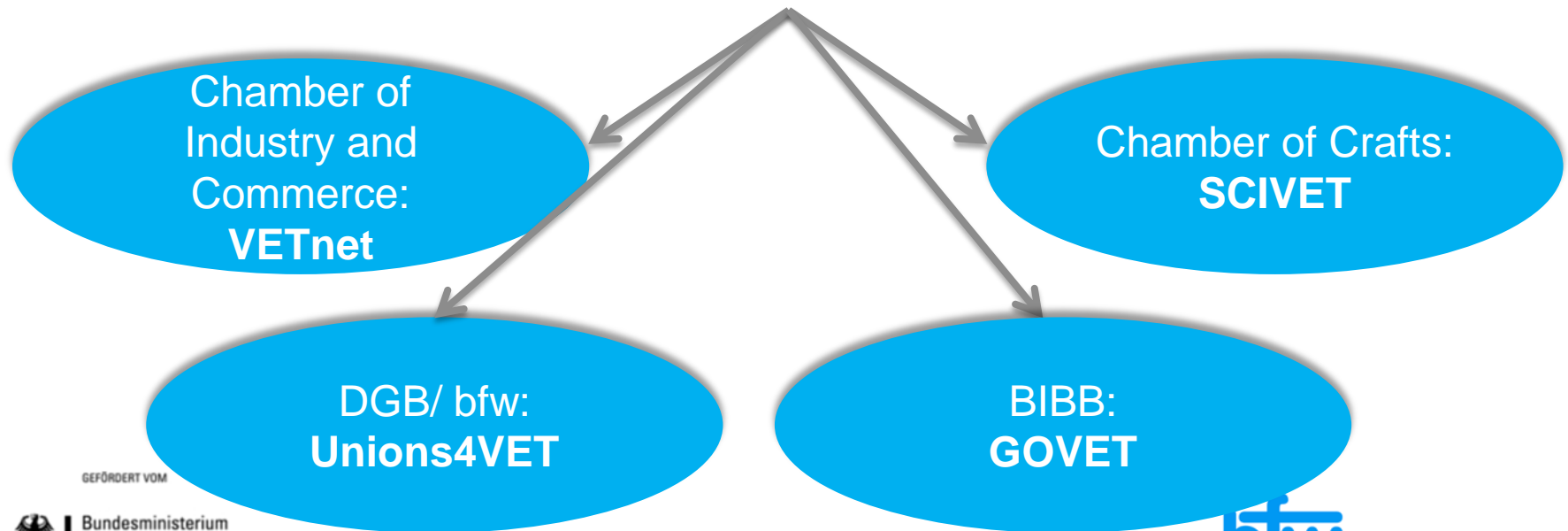
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1. Initial Situation

Memorandum on Cooperation in Vocational Education and Training in Europe between Germany, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Slovakia and Latvia from 2012:

- Stronger cooperation in the field of vocational education and training (VET)
- Promotion of work based learning



2. Objectives of Unions4VET

- To strengthen the cooperation of trade unions with partner organisations in Portugal, Italy, Greece, Slovakia and Latvia in the field of vocational education and training (apprenticeships)
- Active involvement of social partners in the existing and planned initiatives for vocational training cooperation
- Strengthening and consolidating cooperation with the partner trade unions and expansion of networking with relevant organisations in the countries
- Initiation of learning processes and training dialogues to create a quality framework and provide minimum standards
- **No objective:** transfer of the German model of dual VET!

3. Approach

The project initiative has been set up to promote sustainable trade union cooperation in vocational training and to integrate them into dialogue processes of the relevant actors on the ground.

- Networking and promoting cooperation in the field of vocational education and training (apprenticeships) with trade unions in partner countries
- Exchange on
 - needs for action in VET and development of policy approaches on regional, national and international level
 - good governance in VET
 - good practise examples
- Piloting projects for capacity building and the development of instruments for quality assurance
- Preparation and transfer of the results

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4. Implementation – Establishment 2015/ 2017

- Establishment of a network of trade unions of the participating countries
- Exchange on need for actions and respective policy approaches
 - International Kick-off-conference in Berlin 2015
 - Conference of the Southern European trade unions in Athens 2016
 - Bilateral workshops in each participating country
- Piloting projects:
 - Piedmont: Qualification of trade union representatives in preparation of pilot collective bargainings with companies on the topic of vocational training
 - Greece: Development and testing of a qualification concept for apprenticeship mentors

5. Implementation – Expansion and deepening 05/2017 – 09/2018

- Regional expansion by involvement of further Italian regions
- International expansion by networking with trade unions in South Africa and Costa Rica
- Development of strategies for promoting good governance in VET from a trade unions' point of view
- Networking of the trade unions partners with the national activities of the SCIVET- and VETnet-projects
- Implementation of further piloting projects

7. Delivery and transfer of results

- Formulation of recommended actions (integration European Alliance for Apprenticeships)
- Preparation and dissemination of results to the German Federal Ministry of Education and Science, ETUC and public
- Closing Conference

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8. Project references

- European Project sponsored by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Science
- Duration: 1.6.2015 – 31.8.2018
- Project management: bfw in close cooperation with DGB
- Partner countries: Portugal, Italy, Greece, Slovakia and Latvia

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