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Further Education (FE) for technical jobs in Germany



















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## stakeholders and their interests

**Employer and Business interests** 



**Public interests/** Government



**Competent** bodies

**Further Education** 

"Social Partners"

























## **Employer / business interests**

#### **Positions**



• We want to be part in shaping national regulation of Further Education System.

#### **Demands**

 Professional training must be oriented on the demand of companies.



- Further training must be oriented towards the needs of the industry.
- We need qualified specialists!





















## **Employer / business interests**

#### **Business organizations at various levels**

- Bundesinstitut für Berufsbildung bibb (Federal Institute for Vocational Training)
- National employer organizations
- National industry and craft trades organizations
- Chamber organizations





































#### **Workers' interests**





#### **Positions**





























#### **Workers' interests**



#### **Demands**

The companies should promote further professional education

### **Expressed by organizations at various levels**

- National labour union confederation
- Sectoral labour unions
- Works councils at plant level



























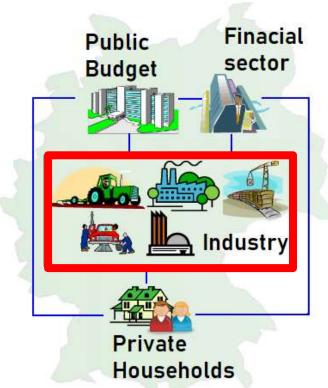


## **Public interests / Government**

#### **Positions**

- ✓ Supply of trained workers is a collective good for the economy and society.
- ✓ We set the framework to enable employees to engage Further Education.
- ✓ Well educated people are an important part of the economy.























## **Public interests / Government**

#### **Demands**

"Employers and employees should collaborate in actively shaping of Further Education. "

#### **Expressed by government at various levels**

- National government (federal ministries)
- Regional government (16 federal states)

































## **Summary**

Employer organizations, unions and government have different collective interests in Further Education in a highly organized and competent way.



#### This commitment is based on shared principles:

- > Further education should be practice-oriented, and of high quality.
- > Education standards need to be demand-driven and up-to-date.
- Further Education is the precondition for competitiveness on the global market."













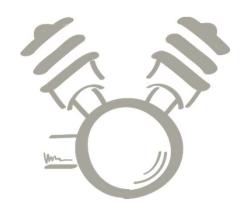






## Stakeholders jointly shape professional further education

## The Engine of further education



- Laws
- Institutions
- Committees

This is how it works...

## **Strong commitment** of stakeholders



Co-decision and cooperation is promoted through formal mechanisms (interests are integrated)



















## Stakeholders jointly shape professional further education





4. Assess and certify







3. Implementation of the training



2.Develop education standards























## Stakeholders jointly shape professional further education

#### **Employers**



"interlocked" by

Help shape the framework for professional development

develops legal and policy framework pursuing regulative interests





Labour unions
want to shape
the framework
of Further
Education

## **Legal basis**

- Berufsbildungsgesetz
- Handwerksordnung

Workers



















#### Tasks and contributions of the involved stakeholder





















#### **Assessment and certification**

**Employers** 



"interlocked" through

Government







**Companies seek** workers who can prove that they are able to do the job

**Government sets** examination regulations as cornerstone of Further Education





- German Curriculum
- Federal state laws

**Workers** 





















## Examination board for further education qualifications at the competent bodies:

Competent bodies - organization of the examination board







## **Examination board**

Composed of minimum 3 representatives, one from each side:

employer

employees educational school





















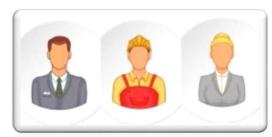




## **Examination boards at the competent bodies**

#### **Tasks**

- Conduct exams
- Evaluate exam results



- Award certificates and master craftsmen's certificates
- ✓ Mechanism by which stakeholders jointly implement independent examinations and certify
- ✓ Certificates are recognized by employers, employees and within the formal education system













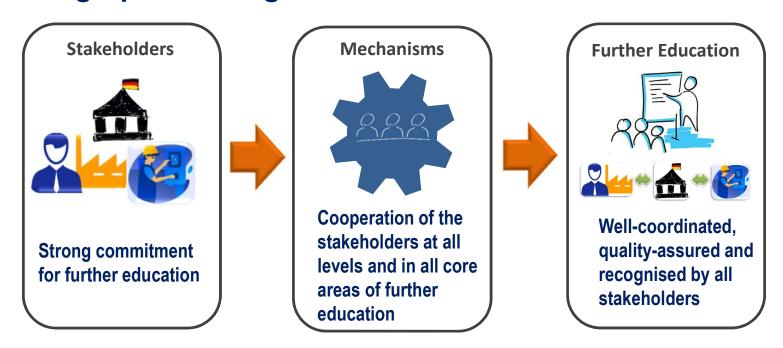








## Summing up – the engine of further education



Quality features of German Further Education

- ✓ Cooperation between government and social partners
- ✓ Acceptance of national standards in further education
- ✓ Legal rules for further training
- ✓ Institutionalized research and consultation



















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