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Bundesinstitut für Berufsbildung (BIBB, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training); Friedrich-Ebert-Allee 114-116; 53113 Bonn

## Draft Programme

**DAY 1 – Wednesday 20 May 2026** (all times are CET)

09.00 – 09.30	<b>Participant arrival and registration</b>
09:30 – 10.00 <i>Meeting room</i>	<b>Welcome and opening</b> Chair: Ute Hippach-Schneider, <i>ReferNet Germany, BIBB</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Nils Klagge, Head of Section, <i>Federal Ministry for Education, Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMBFSFJ)</i></li><li>▪ Ioannis Katsikis, <i>ReferNet Coordinator, Cedefop</i></li></ul>
10.00 – 10.30	Session 1. <b>Presentation of the German VET system: Focus on permeability</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Ute Hippach-Schneider, <i>Division: International VET Comparison, Research and Monitoring, BIBB</i></li></ul>
10.30 – 10.45	Session 2. <b>Introduction to BIBB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Janine Grobe-Rath, <i>ReferNet Germany, BIBB</i></li></ul>
10.45 – 11.00	<i>Coffee Break and family photo</i>
11.00 – 12.00	Session 3. <b>Current Hot VET topics in the Partners' countries: Open discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Chair: Ute Hippach-Schneider, <i>ReferNet Germany, BIBB</i></li></ul>





	(Input from all partners, max. 3 minutes each, no presentation required)
12.00 – 12.30	Session 4. <b>Recognition of foreign qualifications in Germany</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Alexander Studthoff, <i>Division: Recognition of Foreign Professional Qualifications, BIBB</i></li></ul>
12.30 – 13.30	<i>Light Lunch</i>
13:30	<b>Bus transfer to the company</b>
14.00 – 16.00	<b>Company Visit - apprenticeship in practice</b> <u><a href="#">KUHNE Maschinenbau   Professioneller Maschinenbau;</a></u>
16:00	<b>Bus transfer to the BIBB</b>
18.00 – 19.00	<b>Guided tour (City Centre), tbc</b>
19.15	<b>Dinner</b>





## DAY 2 – Thursday 21 May 2026

09.00 – 09.30	Participant arrival
09.30 – 11.00	<p>Session 5. <b>Excellence in VET</b></p> <p>Chair: Silke Gadji, <i>Country Manager, Cedefop</i></p> <p><b>Working title: SMEs in VET – Initiative for excellent inter-company training (Inex-ÜBA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nina Jung, <i>Division: Inter-Company Vocational Training Centres, BIBB</i></li> </ul> <p>Partners contributions</p>
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee Break
11.15 – 12:45	<p>Session 6. <b>Artificial intelligence in VET</b></p> <p>Chair: Adrienne Huismann, <i>ReferNet Germany, BIBB</i></p> <p><b>Working title: AI in the German VET system</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mortimer Schlieker, <i>Division: Competence Development, BIBB</i></li> </ul> <p>Partners contributions</p>
12:45 – 13:15	<p>Session 7. <b>ReferNet activity on AI in VET: The way forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ioannis Katsikis, <i>ReferNet Coordinator, Cedefop</i></li> </ul>
13:15 – 13:30	<p>Session 8. <b>Final reflections of all participants and close of event</b></p> <p>Moderation: Ute Hippach-Schneider, <i>ReferNet Germany</i> and Ioannis Katsikis, <i>Cedefop</i></p>
13:30 – 14:00	Light Lunch



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