

<p><b>BILT Bridging Event Europe</b></p> <p><b>Towards inclusive excellence in TVET</b></p> <p>Hosted by La Cometa Società Cooperativa Sociale Organized by the UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre for TVET and the German Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB)</p> <p>22 – 24 April 2024 Como, Italy</p>	
<p><b>Monday, 22 April 2024</b></p> <p><i>Promoting inclusive excellence</i></p> <p>9:00 – 18:30 All times are indicated in CEST</p>	
8:30 – 9:00	<p><b>Arrival</b> Cometa</p>
9:00 – 9:30  Aula Magna <i>Streamed online</i>	<p><b>Opening ceremony: Promoting inclusive excellence</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Priscilla Wanjiku Gatonye, Programme Officer, Inclusion and Youth, UNESCO-UNEVOC</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Alessandro Mele, President, Cometa, Italy</li> <li>- Ms Simona Tironi, Councillor for Education, Training and Work Lombardy Region, Italy</li> <li>- Mr Friedrich Huebler, Head of UNESCO-UNEVOC</li> <li>- Mr Giuseppe Valditara, Minister of Education and Merit, Italy</li> </ul>
9:30 – 9:45  Aula Magna <i>Streamed online</i>	<p><b>Keynote:</b> <b>European VET for the 21st century: The balancing of excellence and inclusion</b></p> <p><i>A keynote on the intersection of ‘excellence’ and ‘inclusion’ and how these priorities are going to influence the future of vocational education and training will set the thematic framework for the next three conference days.</i></p>

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	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Priscilla Wanjiku Gatonye, UNESCO-UNEVOC</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Anastasia Pouliou, Expert in qualifications and credentials -Future of VET, European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)</li> </ul>
<p>9:45 – 10:15</p> <p>Aula Magna Streamed online</p>	<p><b>Impulse talks: Policies to promote inclusive excellence in TVET</b> <i>This session will bring together perspectives on policymaking from Europe, Africa, and Asia-Pacific. They will introduce regional TVET strategies and policies aimed at enhancing inclusion and excellence to support access and participation and promote TVET as an attractive career path. In the ensuing panel discussion, the speakers are joined by TVET students sharing their experiences and opinions about the transformation towards inclusive excellence.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Priscilla Wanjiku Gatonye, UNESCO-UNEVOC</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Sophia Ashipala, Head of Education Division in the Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (ESTI) Department, African Union Commission</li> <li>- Mr Paryono Paryono, Deputy Director for Professional Affairs and Research Manager, SEAMEO VOCTECH Brunei, representing the ASEAN TVET Council</li> <li>- Ms Isabelle Le Mouillour, Head of Division International VET Comparison, Research and Monitoring, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB), Germany</li> </ul>
<p>10:15 – 11:15</p> <p>Aula Magna Streamed online</p>	<p><b>Panel discussion with student ambassadors for TVET</b> <i>The Panel discussion seeks to compare priorities and approaches highlighted in the preceding impulse talks. It allows for questions from the audience and includes the perspective of TVET learners. The objective is to foster an interactive dialogue involving both youth and policy makers on shaping the future of TVET towards inclusivity and excellence.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Priscilla Wanjiku Gatonye, UNESCO-UNEVOC</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Arno Schrooyen, European Students' Union</li> <li>- Ms Vardanah Khooblall, Cometa graduate, Italy</li> <li>- Mr Vu Dinh Viet Phuong, Trainee, Vietnamese Talents for Thuringia (ViTa), Germany</li> <li>- Ms Anastasia Pouliou, Cedefop</li> <li>- Ms Sophia Ashipala, African Union Commission</li> </ul>

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11:15 – 12:00	<b>Coffee and networking break</b>
12:00 – 13:30  Aula Magna <i>Streamed online</i>	<p><b>Round-table discussions</b> <i>Three round tables will allow for an in-depth discussion of approaches towards inclusive excellence mentioned in the preceding keynote and impulse talks.</i></p> <p>Roundtable 1 <b><i>The UNESCO Strategy for TVET – aspirations and realities</i></b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> <a href="#">Mr Kenny Muscat</a>, BILT Project Manager and <a href="#">Ms Natalie Ax</a>, BILT Project Officer, UNESCO-UNEVOC</p>
12:00 – 13:30  Aula 01, ground floor	<p>Roundtable 2 <b><i>The role of TVET networks to support the transformation towards inclusive excellence in TVET</i></b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> <a href="#">Ms Katharina Engel</a>, BILT Project Manager, and <a href="#">Mr Michael Schwarz</a>, Deputy Head of Division “International Advisory Services / Cooperation with Partner Institutions”, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB), Germany</p> <p><b>Impulse:</b> <a href="#">Ms Manuela Prina</a>, Head of Skills Identification and Development Unit, European Training Foundation (ETF)</p>
12:00 – 13:30  Aula 02, ground floor	<p>Roundtable 3 <b><i>The role of TVET providers to support the transformation towards inclusive excellence in TVET</i></b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> <a href="#">Mr Alessandro Mele</a>, President Cometa, Italy, and <a href="#">Ms Sari Rehell</a>, International Affairs Specialist, Omnia, Finland</p>
13:30 – 14:30	<b>Lunch break</b>

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14:30 – 18:30	<b>Vocational training ‘made in Italy’</b> <i>An introduction to the Italian VET system will set the scene for the ensuing study visit.</i> - <a href="#">Mr Gianluca Brenna</a> , President, Confindustria Como, Italy
Aula Magna	
HOLCIM, Merone	<i>A <b>study visit to the HOLCIM cement production unit in Merone (CO)</b> offers participants a practical insight into the construction sector and an opportunity to discuss the transformation of skills needs towards a green and digital construction industry.</i>
18:30	<b>Transfer to joint dinner at ‘Il Corazziere’, Merone</b>

<p><b>Tuesday, 23 April 2024</b></p> <p><b><i>Collaborating for TVET excellence</i></b></p> <p>9:00 – 18:30</p> <p>All times are indicated in CEST</p>	
8:30 – 9:00	<b>Arrival</b>
9:00 – 9:15	<b>Welcome remarks: Collaborating for TVET excellence</b>
Aula Magna <i>Streamed online</i>	<b>Moderator:</b> <a href="#">Ms Katharina Engel</a> , BIBB, Germany  <b>Speaker:</b> - <a href="#">Mr Tiziano Treu</a> , former Minister of Labour and Social Security and Minister of Transports, and former president of the National Council for Economics and Labour, Italy
9:15 – 9:30	<b>Launch of the new Expert Group on building and construction</b>
Aula Magna <i>Streamed online</i>	<b>Moderator:</b> <a href="#">Ms Katharina Engel</a> , BIBB, Germany  <b>Speakers:</b> - <a href="#">Ms Katherine Hall</a> , Executive Director, Construction and Infrastructure Centre of Vocational Excellence (ConCOVE), New Zealand; Expert Group Lead - <a href="#">Mr Adetunji Adeniran</a> , Registrar and Secretary to Council, Council of Registered Builders of Nigeria (CORBON), Nigeria; Expert Group Co-Lead

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Matteo Sgarzi</a>, Head of Mission, International Relations, Centre for Studies and Research on Qualifications (Céreq), France; Expert Group Co-Lead</li> </ul>
<p>9:30 – 10:30</p> <p>Aula Magna Streamed online</p>	<p><b>Networks for excellence in TVET</b> <i>The panellists will discuss the options for promoting inclusive excellence through the respective networks and identify relevant areas for future collaboration. The impulse talk will highlight the vital role of global and regional networks in driving inclusive excellence in TVET delivery and research.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <a href="#">Mr Kenny Muscat</a>, UNESCO-UNEVOC</p> <p><b>Impulse talk:</b> <a href="#">Mr Michael Wiechert</a>, Head of Division “International Advisory Services/Cooperation with Partner Institutions”, BIBB, Germany</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Friedrich Huebler</a>, UNESCO-UNEVOC</li> <li>- <a href="#">Ms Susanne Nielsen</a>, Human Capital Development Expert - Green Skills Expert - Country Liaison for Ukraine, European Training Foundation (ETF)</li> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Paolo Nardi</a>, Executive Director, European Forum for Vocational Education and Training (EfVET)</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
<p>10:30 – 10:45</p>	<p><b>The BILT Community Poster Gallery</b> <i>The BILT Community Poster Gallery is designed to exhibit innovative projects, initiatives, tools and research activities on the event’s focus themes and sectors: inclusion, excellence, entrepreneurship, hospitality &amp; tourism and building &amp; construction.</i></p> <p><i>Online participants are invited to browse the poster gallery on the event webpage.</i></p> <p><b>Opening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Ms Natalie Ax</a>, UNESCO-UNEVOC</li> </ul>
<p>10:45 – 11:30</p>	<p><b>Coffee and networking break</b></p>

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<p>11:30 – 12:15</p> <p>Aula 01, ground floor</p>	<p><b>Poster gallery – Lightning talks</b> <i>During the gallery session, eight institutions will give a <b>lightning talk</b> on one of the focus themes to foster discussions and inspire participants to implement new and innovative approaches within their own TVET context.</i></p> <p><b>Lightning talks I</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms Natalie Ax, UNESCO-UNEVOC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Affero Bin Ismail</a>, Head of Digital Innovation Centre, Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM), Malaysia <i>“Gender-Inclusive Career Advancement and Entrepreneurship in the Food Services Industry”</i></li> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Debi Prasad Mishra</a>, Director, and <a href="#">Mr Subrata Mondal</a>, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, National Institute of Technical Teachers’ Training and Research (NITTTR), India <i>“A Novel Approach of Entrepreneurship Development for Polytechnic Students”</i></li> </ul>
<p>Aula 01, ground floor</p>	<p><b>Moderator: Ms Cara Schmitt, BILT Project Officer, BIBB, Germany</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Janaka Jayalath</a>, Deputy Director General, Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC), Sri Lanka <i>“Introduction of Disability Inclusion Toolkit to increase Participation in TVET Programs in Sri Lanka”</i></li> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Gabriel Konayuma</a>, Acting Principal TEVET Officer, Ministry of Technology and Science, Zambia <i>“Promoting Inclusive Training in TVET: A Case from Zambia”</i></li> </ul>
<p>12:15 – 12:30</p>	<p><b>Transition break</b></p>
<p>12:30 – 13:15</p> <p>Aula 01, ground floor</p>	<p><b>Lightning talks II</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms Natalie Ax, UNESCO-UNEVOC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Aliyu Imafidor Hassan</a>, General Manager, Centre of Excellence for Technical and Vocational Education, National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), Nigeria <i>“Introduction of technology enabled quality assurance to improve the quality of TVET delivery in Nigeria”</i></li> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Frank Bertelmann-Angenendt</a>, Head of Division Innovation &amp; Transfer, Association of Training Centres of the Construction Industry, Germany <i>“Transversal Digital Competences in the building and construction sector”</i></li> </ul>

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Aula 02, ground floor	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Cara Schmitt, BIBB, Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Sari Rehell, International Affairs Specialist, Omnia, Finland “Enhancing Inclusive Employment by Skills Recognition and Assessment”</li> <li>- Ms Alexandra Felder, Senior Researcher, Swiss Federal University for Vocational Education and Training (SFUVET), Switzerland “Pre-apprenticeship programme for integration (PAI) in Switzerland: Participatory research and knowledge transfer”</li> </ul>
13:15 – 14:15	<b>Lunch break</b>
14:15 – 16:00  Aula Magna	<p><b>Interregional cooperation possibilities</b> <i>This session will explore interregional cooperation and funding opportunities for TVET stakeholders across Europe, Asia-Pacific and Africa. The objective is to support the development of multi-stakeholder partnerships at a global level.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Cara Schmitt, BIBB, Germany <b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Cahyanti Ratri, EU-ASEAN Sustainable Connectivity Package – Higher Education (SCOPE HE) programme, Nuffic Southeast Asia, Indonesia</li> <li>- Ms Yvonne Jänchen, Programme Coordinator, Movetia, Switzerland</li> <li>- Ms Christine von Harrach, Thematic Expert, Donor Committee for dual Vocational Education and Training (DC dVET)</li> </ul>
14:15 – 16:30  Aula 01, ground floor	<b>Meeting of BILT Expert Group (closed session)</b>
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Coffee and networking break</b>
16:30 – 18:30	<p><b>Study visit Cometa</b> <i>Students and staff of Cometa will guide the visitors through different learning venues and give insights into teaching and training environments and methodologies.</i></p>
18:30	<b>Transfer to joint dinner at Villa Geno – Como</b>

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<p><b>Wednesday, 24 April 2024</b></p> <p><b><i>Empowering learners at risk of exclusion through TVET</i></b></p> <p>9:00 – 17:00 All times are indicated in CEST</p>	
8:30 – 9:00	<b>Arrival</b>
9:00 – 9:10  Aula Magna <i>Streamed online</i>	<p><b>Welcome remarks and introduction: Empowering learners at risk of exclusion through TVET</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Ms Priscilla Wanjiku Gatonye</a>, UNESCO-UNEVOC</li> </ul>
9:10 – 11:15  Aula Magna <i>Streamed online</i>	<p><b>Hybrid Learning Lab: Equitable, excellent, empowering: innovative TVET in hospitality</b></p> <p><i>This hybrid Learning Lab examines how to develop holistic approaches to create inclusive and diverse TVET environments. The session will spotlight two practical examples: Cometa's MiniMaster and KOTO's Her Turn. Inclusive programs like these empower marginalized groups with essential skills and knowledge needed to excel in today's dynamic job market.</i></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> <a href="#">Ms Jessica Rosenfeld</a>, BILT Project Assistant, BIBB, Germany, and <a href="#">Ms Felister Wanyaga Munyi</a>, BILT Project Assistant, UNESCO-UNEVOC</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Francesco Baroni</a>, Country Manager, Italia presso Gi Group Holding, Italy</li> <li>- <a href="#">Ms Dang Thi Anh Tuyet</a>, Deputy Training Manager, know one, teach one (KOTO), Viet Nam</li> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Giovanni Figini</a>, School Manager, Cometa Formazione – Oliver Twist School, Italy</li> <li>- <a href="#">Ms Hoàng Thị Hạnh</a>, Foundation Manager, know one, teach one (KOTO), Viet Nam</li> <li>- <a href="#">Ms Bianca Passera</a>, Owner and Chairperson, Lario Hotel, Italy</li> </ul> <p><b>With testimonials from</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Dike Aribiba</a>, Student, MCI Internationale Hochschule Innsbruck; MiniMaster graduating class 2009</li> <li>- <a href="#">Ms Alessandra Benda</a>, Bartender, Erre Bar; MiniMaster graduating class 2023</li> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Le Minh Loc</a>, Student, RMIT University Vietnam; KOTO class 32</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Ms Thuan Tran</a>, Front of House Trainer, know one, teach one (KOTO); KOTO class 13</li> </ul>
11:15 – 11:45	<b>Coffee and networking break</b>
11:45 – 12:45	<p><b>Live demonstration of innovative teaching methodologies</b> <i>Participants on-site will have the opportunity to examine and test innovative teaching and learning tools showcased through interactive workshops, fostering hands-on experience.</i></p> <p><b>EXPAND+ER WB<sup>3</sup></b> <i>EXPAND+ER WB<sup>3</sup> is a publicly funded innovation project on the extension of a continuing education platform through attractive and user-oriented database design and a focus on regional continuing education. The aim of the project is to create innovative access to digital learning opportunities. Participants will have the opportunity to try and test virtual TVET delivery.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Matthias Untisz</a>, Project Manager, Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus, Germany</li> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Fax Quintus</a>, CEO, I-mmersive GmbH, Germany</li> </ul> <p><b>Better teaching based on self-reflection – the Cometa method</b> <i>Cometa staff will demonstrate a ToT methodology that puts the personal learning experience at the centre of teachers’ development. Participants are invited to experience this approach and jointly reflect on the emotional and psychological components of learning and teaching.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Giovanni Figini</a>, Cometa Formazione – Oliver Twist School, Italy</li> <li>- <a href="#">Ms Maria Chiara Gomasaschi</a>, Supervisor, Training of Trainers, Cometa, Italy</li> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Andrea Pasini</a>, Mathematics Teacher, Cometa, Italy</li> </ul>
13:00 – 13:30  Aula Magna <i>Streamed online</i>	<p><b>Closing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Friedrich Huebler</a>, UNESCO-UNEVOC</li> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Michael Schwarz</a>, BIBB, Germany</li> <li>- <a href="#">Mr Alessandro Mele</a>, Cometa, Italy</li> </ul>
13:30 – 14:30	<b>Lunch break</b>
14:30 – 16:30  Breakout Room	<p><b>UNEVOC Network meeting (closed meeting)</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <a href="#">Mr Kenny Muscat</a>, Regional Focal Point for Europe, UNESCO-UNEVOC</p>

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16:30 – 17:00	<b>Coffee and networking break</b>

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