

3rd International Congress on Vocational and Professional Education and Training Winterthur

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
**Introduction to the
Swiss Vocational Education and Training System &
the SDC's approach to
Vocational Skills Development**
6th June 2018

#VPET18
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Objectives

- 1) Get acquainted with the particularities of the 'dual system' of Swiss Vocational Education and Professional Training (VPET)
- 2) Have an overview of the SDC's engagement in Vocational Skills Development
- 3) Experience dual VET 'in action' during a study visit of one of the following partners:



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Morning program

Casinotheater, Stadthausstrasse 119, 8400 Winterthur / Facilitator: Franz Kehl, KEK-CDC Consultants

Time	Program	Speakers
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and coffee	
09:00 – 09:20	Welcome Address	Ambassador Ruth Huber, Member of SDC Directorate, Head of the Cooperation with Eastern Europe
09:20 – 10:00	Introduction to the Swiss system of Vocational and Professional Education and Training VPET	Prof. Dr. Cornelia Oertle, Director Swiss Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training SFIVET
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break	
10:30 – 11:00	The SDC's Engagement in Vocational Skills Development worldwide	Brigitte Colarte-Dürr, Senior Policy Advisor Employment and Income – Vocational Skills Development Specialist SDC
11:00 – 11:50	Project Spotlights:	
	Kenya- Skills 4 Life Training in Refugee camps in Kakuma	Dorothee Lötscher, Programme Manager Horn of Africa, SDC
	South Serbia – Private Sector Development: Apprenticeships	Stefan Butscher, Regional Advisor employment + income Western Balkans, SDC
11:50 – 12:00	Closing remarks	Ambassador Ruth Huber, Member of SDC Directorate, Head of the Cooperation with Eastern Europe
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch & transfer to bus for visits	

Afternoon program*

The participants can choose between four different study visits. Preferences have to be indicated during the registration since the group sizes will be limited.

For more information about the different options see the following pages.

Option	Partner	Type	Language	Back at
A	Georg Fischer	VET providing company	English	4:30pm
B	Login	VET providing company / VET association	English	4:30pm
C	biz	Vocational orientation and career guidance centre	English, French	4:00pm
D	Strickhof	Agricultural VET school	English, French	4:15pm

* The afternoon program is fully booked. Registrations can only be made for the morning program (limited space).

Evening program

The evening program is by organised by the VPET congress. Please register separately.

Welcome Reception of the VPET congress at Hotel Banana City, Schaffhauserstrasse 8, 8400 Winterthur

Fully booked!

Georg Fischer AG (Option A)

A VET pioneer celebrates 100 years of experience.



GF is a global industrial Corporation which comprises three divisions: GF Piping Systems, GF Automotive, and GF Machining Solutions. Founded in 1802, the Corporation is headquartered in Switzerland and is present in 34 countries worldwide. Its 15'835 employees generated sales of CHF 4'150 million in 2017. In 1918, a hundred years ago, GF institutionalized VET with the establishment of a company-owned vocational school which was integrated into the cantonal vocational school in 1988. Currently, GF trains apprentices in more than 15 professions in Switzerland, Germany and Austria. The group visiting GF will have an introduction into GF's VET activities and visit the workshops to see the training work places. There will be enough time for questions and answers.

Guiding questions

- Why does a private company like GF provide VET? What are the pros and cons?
- How is work-based training organised at GF?
- How does GF collaborate with the other actors of the VET system (schools, associations)?

Language: English / **Max. group size:** 20 / **Further notes:** The group will be back in Winterthur at 4:30pm. / **Website:** <http://www.georgfischer.com/content/gf/com/en.html>

Login / SBB CFF FFS (Option B)

One of Switzerland's biggest VET providers with award-winning training plans.



Login is the VET association of more than 50 companies from the public transportation sector. The association is responsible for 2000 apprentices in 25 VET programmes – including ICT, retail and electro technology. In addition, Login is the responsible body for some nationally recognised VET programmes which means that the association defines and regularly updates the curriculums to guarantee that the labour market requirements are met. Internationally, Login is renowned for its train stations which are fully operated by apprentices. In 2017, the organisation was voted as the best VET provider. The group visiting Login will be welcomed by a member of the management and then have a tour through one of its so called junior stations – the trains stations completely run by apprentices.

Guiding questions

- How is Login involved in the curricula development?
- How is work-based training organised at Login?
- What is the concept of the Junior Stations?

Language: English / **Max. group size:** 20 / **Further notes:** The group will be back in Winterthur at 4:30pm. / **Website:** <https://www.login.org/>

biz Winterthur (Option C)

Securing the informed choice of professional career paths.



Every year, thousands of young adults finish compulsory schooling and are ready to enter VET. This transition phase is everything but easy. The youngsters are not only confronted with the difficult decision which professional field they want to enter. They also must apply for apprenticeship places at the companies by themselves. The cantonal vocational orientation and careers service centres (biz) support the young adults during this phase by various means, e.g. information events, a smartphone app or consulting services. The group visiting the biz will learn how to master the challenges and will have a tour through the information zone.

Guiding questions

- Quantitative overview: apprentices, apprenticeship places, companies, schools.
- How do students enter VET?
- What does the biz offer to whom?
- How does the canton govern the VET system (schools, companies)?

Language: English plus French / **Max. group size:** 30 / The group will be back in Winterthur at 4pm. / **Website:** https://ajb.zh.ch/internet/bildungsdirektion/ajb/de/ueber_uns/bezirke_andelfingen_winterthur/biz_winterthur.html

Strickhof (Option D)

A school offering company-based training in the agricultural sector.



The strong participation of the private sector in Switzerland's VET system and training provision is complemented by VET schools. Strickhof is a VET school that provides school-based theoretical and practical education and training for more than 10 VET programmes in the agricultural sector. Inter alia, the group visiting the Strickhof will have an introduction about the role of the public schools in the Swiss VET systems, attend a so called inter-company course and meet winemaker apprentices.

Guiding questions

- What is the role of the public schools in the Swiss VET system?
- How does Strickhof collaborate with the agricultural farms?
- How is practical training organised within a VET school?

Language: English plus French / **Max. group size:** 30 / **Further notes:** The group will be back in Winterthur at 4:15pm. / **Website:** <http://www.strickhof.ch/>