

Building Bridges: New Zealand-German Dual vocational Training Exchange in the building and construction sector

A collaboration between Germany & New Zealand



Overview

- *A series of carefully and in detail planned events and visits for the New Zealand participants to provide valuable and practical insights into the dual vocational training system in Germany with focus on the building and construction industry.*
- *The project opens opportunities for interested New Zealand parties to exchange and discuss information, transfer knowledge and to build collaborations with highly experienced providers of dual education and trainings in Germany, including a visit to the world's largest education trade fair.*
- *Its primary objective is to foster collaboration among educational institutions within the construction sector to facilitate knowledge sharing and ultimately promote the exchange of skilled builders.*

The project will showcase the Dual Vocational Training System in Germany with a focus on the building and construction sector, conducted by the German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce (GNZCC), our partners, Handwerkskammer für München und Oberbayern (Chamber of Trade and Crafts for Munich and Upper Bavaria), iMOVE at the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB), and the Federal Ministry for Economics and Climate Action (BMWK).

The project aims to address the need to upskill and create a flexible and transferable vocational education system for New Zealand aligned with the needs of the ever-changing construction and building industry. The project is focused on sustainable building practices for energy efficient building methods.

Durchführer

What's the issue?

New Zealand has a chronic shortage of skilled labour as well as an outdated vocational system that is not aligned with modern industry needs. The system is currently undergoing a reform process to better fit employers and employee's needs as well as Industry needs with the recently updated housing standards and ambitious goals set by the government in New Zealand to reduce emissions. The construction industry is progressively embracing new technologies in order to meet evolving standards and enhance efficiency, sustainability, and the overall quality of construction. It is imperative for the vocational education system to adapt correspondingly, aligning with the demands of this rapidly evolving industry sector and refocusing on constructing for generations rather than just years.

How will the project work?

The GNZCC is presently in the research phase, conducting a target market analysis on the vocational education system in Germany as well as New Zealand's building and construction sector. This analysis explores the various opportunities and challenges associated with the project. The overarching objective is to identify opportunities and challenges for potential collaboration between these systems. The forthcoming delegation is structured to ensure mutually advantageous outcomes and funded by the Federal Ministry for Economics and Climate Action. Participants will be responsible for covering their flight and accommodation expenses. The delegation notably includes visits to German organizations, reference projects, building and construction education centres and a visit of the Didacta, the world's largest trade fair for the education sector. Didacta serves as a platform for high-ranking representatives from politics, business, science, and society, facilitating valuable exchanges and networking opportunities. Germany has had an established system since the 14th century, so there's no need to reinvent the wheel; instead, we can mutually benefit from shared knowledge and expertise.

Programme for the Delegation from 19.02.2024 – 24.02.2024 in Germany, visiting Munich, Cologne & Bonn

Date	Location	Time	What	Who
Sat/Sun, 17./18.2.2024	Munich		Arrival from New Zealand in Germany	
Monday, 19.2.2024	Munich	8 am – 9 am	Breakfast & short briefing and introduction of delegation members	
		9 am – 10 am	Welcome speech & presentation by the host: The craftsmanship in Bavaria: Chamber of Trade and Crafts for Munich and Upper Bavaria	President/ executive board & Dietmar Schneider
		10 am – 12 pm	Economic and legal framework conditions, possible business relationships, financing options presentation	Euler Hermes
			Findings of the target market analysis & intercultural aspects	GNZCC
		1 pm – 3 pm	Presentation on: The German dual vocational training system (incl. questions & discussion)	Chamber of Trade and Crafts for Munich and Upper Bavaria
		3 pm – 5 pm	Roundtable discussion with training organisations & German companies and NZ Delegates	
		7 pm	Bavarian dinner	Chamber of Trade and Crafts for Munich and Upper Bavaria & German Organisations
Tuesday, 20.2.2024	Munich	8.30 am – 12 pm	Visit to the training centre of the Chamber of Trade and Crafts for Munich and Upper Bavaria incl. a tour of the workshops	Chamber of Trade and Crafts for Munich and Upper Bavaria
		1.30 pm – 5.30 pm	Tour of (up to 3) organisations & questions/ visit of dual education centres with information exchange	
		6 pm	Wrap-up & dinner	

Wednesday, 21.2.2024	Munich	8 am – 9.30 am	Reception at the Bavarian State Ministry for Economic Affairs, Regional Development, and Energy (TBC)	
	Cologne	9.30 am – 3 pm	Travelling to Cologne	
		3 pm – 5.30 pm	Visit of the professional development trainings center for the construction industry of North Rhine-Westphalia GmbH in Kerpen (https://www.abz-kerpen.de/)	Accompanied by iMOVE
Thursday, 22.2.2024	Bonn	8.30 am – 12 pm	Visit to the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB) with presentations	iMOVE & German Office for Intl. Cooperation in VET & Programme “VET Worldwide”
		1.30 pm – 3.30 pm	Training export industry roundtable	iMOVE
		3.30 pm – 5 pm	Individual discussions for NZ delegates with VET providers	German VET providers
		6 pm	Dinner with local experts in the building and construction Industry	
Friday, 23.2.2024	Cologne	10 am – 3 pm	Visit to the Didacta (trade fair)	
		3.00 pm – 4.30 pm	Debriefing & next steps, as well as feedback on delegation	

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