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The transitional system as a dead end: The threat of a crisis in the vocational training sector makes reform even more urgent

ddp article by Dr. Jörg Dräger, member of the Bertelsmann Stiftung Executive Board

First the labor market, now the vocational training sector – the outlook is becoming increasingly dismal. If current forecasts are correct, "cuts in training opportunities cannot be ruled out." According to media sources, this is the conclusion reached in the 2009 draft report on vocational training that the federal government will issue in April. Experts are already mentioning numbers: They expect that approximately 35,000 fewer training contracts will be concluded in 2009 than the previous year.

Further information:

News

http://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/cps/rde/xchg/SID-7FEAC4C9-3F0AC082/bst/hs.xsl/nachrichten_93741.htm



Aimless and expensive: Vocational preparation activities for young people

Clemens Wieland in an interview with "Frontal 21"

Those without a position as a trainee when they finish school usually end up in the so-called transitional system. In many cases, these young people spend years in one vocational preparation program after another. Critics point out that these activities make little difference in their chances of finding a trainee position – although the transitional system costs billions.

In its "Frontal 21" program, the ZDF broadcasting station examined the results of a Bertelsmann Stiftung study entitled "Economic opportunities related to the transition from school to work." In an interview, Clemens Wieland, an expert with the "Future of Employment" program, pointed out that a great deal of money could be saved if the transitional system were more efficient.

Further information:

Frontal 21

<http://frontal21.zdf.de/ZDFde/inhalt/23/0,1872,7537655,00.html?suchrubrik=>

Study

http://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/cps/rde/xchg/SID-FE3E4FDC-679BC942/bst_engl/hs.xsl/nachrichten_90814.htm



Conference on "Vocational Training in 2015" at the Leipzig Book Fair

The response was impressive: The interactive conference on "Vocational Training in 2015" was launched on March 11, 2009, with more than 200 participants. Experts in various aspects of vocational training came together in interactive groups at the Leipzig Book Fair to discuss ways of putting the "Vocational Training in 2015" concept into practice.

Further information:

Project news

http://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/cps/rde/xchg/SID-90686867-7254A3F8/bst/hs.xsl/prj_17699_93777.htm



Publication: “Vocational Training in 2015: Options for Developing the Dual System”

The vocational training sector in Germany is faced with major challenges: enormous changes in the world of work, the increasing internationalization of labor markets, and demographic change, to name only a few examples. Meeting these challenges requires reforms that go beyond day-to-day politics. Far too often, however, because of the fragmented nature of Germany’s vocational training system and the sheer number of parties involved, attempts to address the problem are no more than short-term attempts to treat its symptoms.

Further information:

http://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/cps/rde/xchg/SID-39A4B55C-835161C4/bst/hs.xsl/publikationen_93347.htm



Introduction of the “Vocational Training in 2015” concept: Discussion with parliamentarians at the federal and state levels

Vocational Training in 2015: Setting the Right Course!": Under this motto, the central aspects of the “Vocational Training in 2015” concept were introduced in Berlin on February 10, 2009. Discussion followed with parliamentarians at the federal and state levels, as well as with representatives of major employers’ and employees’ associations. “We need to effect structural change, rather than simply treating the symptoms by introducing ever new projects and activities,” noted Dr. Jörg Dräger in his welcoming speech

Further information:

Project news

http://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/cps/rde/xchg/SID-DAE058BC-99FA31A4/bst/hs.xsl/prj_17699_93206.htm



Publication: “Promoting Entrepreneurship! An International Comparison of Youth Entrepreneurship Policy”

To be published in the summer of 2009
Approx. 160 pages, paperback

This study compares youth entrepreneurship activities in five different countries and includes recommendations for steps to be taken in Germany.

Further information:

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http://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/cps/rde/xbcr/SID-3545C048-2621AD28/bst/WZ_Unternehmer_3Cover_End.pdf

Generation Entrepreneur?

Youth Entrepreneurship Education in Germany

http://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/cps/rde/xchg/SID-7D288514-92894852/bst/hs.xsl/publikationen_87786.htm

Today a Student, Tomorrow an Entrepreneur?

Youth Entrepreneurship Barometer 2008

http://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/cps/rde/xchg/SID-7D288514-92894852/bst/hs.xsl/publikationen_87784.htm



Publication: “Why Learning Makes People Happy”: A new perspective on lifelong learning

In our new book “Why Learning Makes People Happy,” experts explore the topic of learning from a holistic perspective and discuss what this requires of each individual, but also what it means for reforming educational, labor-market and employment policy.

Further information:

http://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/cps/rde/xchg/SID-7FEAC4C9-3F0AC082/bst/hs.xsl/publikationen_88092.htm



Conference: "Lifelong Learning as a Right? European Perspectives," Helsinki

A conference on "Lifelong Learning as a Right? European Perspectives" was held in Helsinki at the end of January 2009. Staff members from the "Future of Employment" program took this opportunity to present their "European Lifelong Learning Indicators" (ELLI) to the European lifelong learning community. Representatives from 22 countries took part in the conference. The presentation of the ELLI platform triggered numerous inquiries from participants who found it potentially useful for their own projects.

Further information:

LLinE

http://lline.fi/lline_conference/ b_january_2009_lifelong_learning_as_a_right_european_perspectives_b/

European Lifelong Learning Indicators (ELLI)

http://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/cps/rde/xchg/SID-AA0D80DA-9F309593/bst_engl/hs.xsl/prj_90232_90237.htm

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