

→ Internet portals

We are responsible for the design, content and technical management of two thematically linked Internet portals:

Good Practice Center ONLINE

Our online portal for professionals involved in supporting disadvantaged individuals contains:

- Updates on developments in education, training and labour market policy;
- Themed information on essential topics;
- Innovative approaches to vocational training for disadvantaged people;
- Databases of providers, examples of good practice, and training modules complying with the Vocational Training Act (BBlG);
- Research papers and documentation of events;
- An events calendar;
- A communication platform.

www.good-practice.bibb.de



„LänderAKTIV“

This website documents the diverse programmes and projects supporting school-to-work transitions in the German Länder. The database of activities is structured by region and by type of institution, and covers the following areas:

- Transition management;
- Promotion of initial vocational training;
- Vocational orientation in schools;
- Prevocational training at vocational schools;
- Out-of-school offerings by the young people's careers advisory service (Jugendberufshilfe).

In addition, LänderAKTIV hosts a wealth of practical resources and examples of good practice for professionals working in these fields.

<http://www.laenderaktiv.good-practice.de>

Online transfer

The GPC hosts archived online content from completed programmes to enable the ongoing transfer of important outcomes.



• BQF Online

As a central transfer platform, the GPC has disseminated innovative approaches from the programme “Promoting Competences – Vocational Qualification for Target Groups with Special Needs” (the BQF Programme) to the special needs vocational education sector.

www.kompetenzen-foerdern.de



• SWA Programme

46 projects worked on innovations in school-to-work transitions under Germany's nationwide “School-Industry/Working Life” (SWA) programme.

www.swa-programm.de

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Good Practice Center
Supporting Disadvantaged People
in Vocational Education and Training

- ▶ professional networking
- ▶ sharing ideas in dialogue
- ▶ learning from good practice

Transfer of good practice for good practice

Transferring knowledge and
experience in the context of
school-to-work transitions

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- ▶ Forschen
- ▶ Beraten
- ▶ Zukunft gestalten

The Good Practice Center (GPC) at the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB)

The GPC provides a forum where all those involved in supporting young people in their transition from school into the world of work can share their knowledge and experience.

The services of the GPC are aimed at professionals in vocational schools, companies and agencies involved in advising and training disadvantaged youths and young adults, and at decision-makers and multipliers in business, politics and public administration.

From 2000 to 2007, under commission and with financial support from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), the GPC developed itself into a specialist agency for supporting vocational integration. Since 2008 the GPC has been incorporated into the structure of the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB) as a permanent service. Its core activity is the presentation and dissemination to practitioners of experience and lessons learned (good practice).



The work of the GPC is based on:

● Information

on themes related to supporting vocational integration; on activities and education policy developments at regional and national level; and topical reports on specific issues, laws and directives.

● Transfer

by presenting and disseminating experience and lessons learned by both researchers and practitioners involved in supporting vocational integration, as well as good practice exemplars, tried and tested materials, and a database of all officially approved qualification modules.

● Communication

and dialogue for professionals, actors and coordinators in the education and training sector and other interested persons, via the Internet and at specialist events addressing the areas of: vocational orientation, prevocational training, (non-company-based) initial vocational training and second-chance training.

● Reflection

on developments, trends and guidelines for supporting vocational integration; on the findings of researchers and the practical experience of professionals

The GPC's areas of work

The spectrum of work covers **five areas:**

→ Expertise and advisory work

We are a point of contact and advice on a wide variety of issues in the context of supporting vocational integration: from technical support through specialist advice to the provision of expertise.

● *Specialist expertise for institutions*

We make our specialist expertise available in constant dialogue with universities, chambers of trade and industry and professional associations; we take part in committees and advisory bodies at BIBB and elsewhere.

● *Advice for individuals*

We are available to answer specific enquiries from professionals, multipliers, political decision-makers and disadvantaged people themselves. An archive of selected questions and answers (in German) can be found at <http://www.good-practice.de/anfragen.php>.

→ Specialist events

We promote dialogue on current education policy issues and trends in supporting vocational integration, and communicate with those who have a professional interest in the field: through professional conferences, workshops and expert dialogues. Beyond this, we present our work at public events and trade fairs. Information on events (in German) can be found at <http://www.good-practice.bibb.de/gpc-veranstaltungen.php>.

→ Newsletter

Once a month we send a compilation of information relevant to supporting vocational integration to almost 5,000 readers. Topical themes in 2008 included "Migration as a problem – migrants as needy?" or "Career-start counselling – a new service". A list of past newsletters (in German) can be found at <http://www.good-practice.bibb.de/newsletter.php>.

→ Moderating role in the context of school-to-work transitions

We take on a moderating role between the research sphere, ministries, industry associations and practitioners, including cooperating with higher education institutions and the field of practice (network of experts and researchers group), and the ministries and specialist agencies for young people's careers advice (cooperation network, expert forum on supporting disadvantaged individuals).