

GERMAN EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATION FOR VOCATIONAL AND FURTHER TRAINING



Employers' coordination body for vocational and further training

Confederation of German Employers' Associations (BDA)
Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK)
Federation of German Employers' Associations in the Metal and Electrical Engineering Industries (Gesamtmittel)
German Retail Federation - HDE
German Confederation of Skilled Crafts (ZDH)
German Federation of Chemical Employers' Associations (BAVC)
German Federal Association of Liberal Professions (BFB)
Federation of German Wholesale and Foreign Trade (BGA)
German Farmers' Association (DBV)

The German Employers' Organisation for Vocational and Further Training (KWB) was established in 1970, in order to agree and defend joint positions, initiatives and employers interests in the area of vocational and further training.

Priorities

- **Vocational and further training policy**
 - Positions on fundamental and current themes in the area of vocational and further training
 - Representation of interests in the area of vocational and further training
 - International recognition of the German vocational and further training system
- **Re-organisation / new occupations**
 - Modernisation of training regulations
 - New vocational and further training regulations
- **Public relations work**
 - Conferences, workshops, technical debates
 - practical input, position paper, documentation,
 - information on vocational and further training

KWB represents employers' positions and interests in the area of vocational and further training in particular vis-à-vis

Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMWi)
Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF)
Confederation of German Trade Unions (DGB)
Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB)
Standing Conference of Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs (KMK)
Ministries of Education and Cultural Affairs in German Länder
Ministries of Economics in German Länder
Associations of Vocational Trainers (BLBS / VLW)



Organisation

- **General Assembly** (see attachment)

- **Board**

Chair

Dr. Barbara Dorn (BDA)

Deputy Chair

Sven-Uwe Räß (Gesamtmetall)

Dr. Volker Born (ZDH)

Christina Mersch (DIHK)

Katharina Weinert (HDE)

Dr. Andreas Ogrinz (BAVC)

Natasha Volodina (BFB)

Denis Henkel (BGA)

Martin Lambers (DBV)

- **Management**

Executive director

Jürgen Hollstein

Cooperation structure

- **Working parties**

advise and support KWB's work in the area of vocational and further training, and prepare decisions of the Board and the General Assembly.

- **Working groups**

are constituted on an ad-hoc basis to work on specific topical issues. Inter alia, they initiate reviews of regulations governing education and training, they develop new occupations, and discuss structures and concepts.

- **Training manager forums**

provide a platform for a continuous exchange of experience in the field of practical/in company training. They also support KWB's technical work:

- training manager forum for business, office and service occupations
- training manager forum for technical and craft occupations

Meetings of training manager forums are country-wide and cross-sectoral forums for dialogue between training professionals, policy-makers and academics.

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Deputy Chair

Stefan Lobenstein

President of Chamber of Handicrafts Erfurt

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Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK)

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Christopher A. Knieling · BAVC Education and Innovation, Head of Talent Attraction and Marketing / EIVi

National Association of Independent Professions (BFB)

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German Farmers' Association (DBV)

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