**The Federal Production School Association**

**(Bundesverband Produktionsschulen - BVPS)**

The Federal Production School Association (Bundesverband Produktionsschulen - BVPS) was founded in 2007. In the early 90s many of the member organizations started to establish the production school concept in the Germany. The predecessor organizations (BAG Production schools, Arbeitsverbund North) have been active since 2004.

The Federal Production School Association (BVPS) was founded with the goal to ensure the implementation, to develop the production school concept and to stabilize it.

The BVPS has 80 Production schools of different institutions and 30 individuals from theory and practice as members of the federation. It is represented by seven board members and seated in Hanover.

Regional production school associations run regular activities such as meetings, conferences, trainings. They discuss regional political questions and share experience and expertise.

Different teams from practice and science in the BVPS work on various subjects: quality, curricula / teaching, funding. An advisory board is installed for further support.

In 2006 the "production school principles" and its 13 characteristics set an important milestone for encouraging continuous further development. In 2010 “quality standards by BVPS” have been adopted by a large majority of BVPS members.

The Federal Production School Association has organized ​​intensive activities for anchoring production school in Germany. It has become particularly active in the areas of quality assurance, training and political advice.

The BVPS has participated in deliberations of the Federal Employment Agency (Bundesagentur für Arbeit) and the BMAS (Federal Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs) creating a concept called "production-oriented approach in the vocational training".

In 2010 the BVPS and the Leibniz University Hannover have designed a specific production school training course with a certificate as "production school educator“, which is introduced in four federal states and nationwide.