

### **Bundesverband Produktionsschulen e.V.**

The Federal Production School Association (Bundesverband Produktionsschulen – BVPS) was founded in 2007. In the early 1990's, many of the many of the member organizations of the BVPS started to establish the production school concept in Germany. The predecessor organizations (BAG Produktionsschule, Arbeitsverbund Nord) have been active since 2004.

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

BVPS represents 80 production schools covering different institutions and 30 individuals from theory and practice (e.g. universities, politics, handcraft) as members of the federation. BVPS is represented by seven board members and has its headquarters in Hannover.

Several regional production school associations (Landesverbände) run activities such as meetings, conferences and training sessions. They discuss regional political questions and share experience and expertise.

Practical and scientific teams at the BVPS work with various fields such as quality of PS work, curricula/teaching and funding. An advisory board has been installed for further additional support.

In 2006, the "production school principles" and its charter with 13 characteristic features set an important milestone for encouraging continuous further development. In 2010, "quality standards" by BVPS were adopted by a large by the majority of BVSP members.

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

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

In 2010, the BVPS and the Leibniz University Hannover designed a specific production school training course with a certificate named "Production School Educator", which has been introduced nationwide.

### ***What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application?***

Since 2009 (European Colloquium on Production Schools in Berlin), the BVPS has been working closely with European Partners on an institutional level. Former contacts were established in 1990 when the first German Production Schools were founded.

In 2012, the BVPS was a charter member of the International Production School Organisation founded in Vingstedt, Denmark. Since this formalization, the European Department of the BVPS was involved in different European applications (Leonardo, Grundtvig). The BVPS supports national members in planning, applying and implementing European projects and activities.

Since 2013, the BVPS is responsible for the organization of German part implementing the Leonardo Project "PS Teachers Abroad".

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