

INSTRUCTIONS

Working session: “Imagine you were the Minister of Education” – 28/01/2021

Imagine the following situation:

After you heard a few key statements on quality aspects of work-based learning, you are surely quite motivated to start your new role.

Due to strange circumstance you are assigned to be the minister of education for your country (not at regional level) from tomorrow on for the next 5 years.

You have a little staff team of experts that supports you.

You have unlimited resources and the regional (political) persons in charge for education support all your reforms and actions.

Question: What actions are you arranging in the next 5 years to strengthen work-based learning in VET in your country? The goal is to make it attractive, innovative and effective.

Hints:

- Think outside the box, even if your ideas are weird or unlikely to be implemented.
- Think about key aspects, such as training of WBL actors, cooperation between actors, supporting structures for WBL, new possible actors not existing up to now, innovative actions etc.
- Mind that it is not that easy to change mentalities, e.g. of companies, students or parents.

Before the discussion starts:

Create teams of 4 or 5 people. Agree on a head of your team. He or she will take notes and present the results in the plenum afterwards. Another team member will be assigned to keep an eye on the time.

Task:

Discuss in your team, which actions you would bring on the way and why? Those might be different from country to country.

Agree on the 5 most important common actions you all agree on and note them, ie. in a shared MS Word document. Afterwards your head of team will present those to the whole training group. You have 30 minutes for your discussion and noting the 5 actions.