2nd Forum on Dual Vocational Education and Training
- Dual VET: A Core Engine for Resilience, Innovation, and Growth -

22nd October 2026, 11:00 – 14:30
Klaipėda Paulius Lindenau Training Center

Tentative Agenda

(Forum language: Lithuanian with interpretation into English)

10:30	**Check-in & Welcome Coffee**
11:00	**Opening & Introduction** • **Dr. Egidijus Skarbalius,** Principal, Klaipėda Paulius Lindenau Training Center • **Florian Schröder**, CEO, German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce (AHK) (tbd)
11:10	**Greetings** • **N.N.,** Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania (confirmed) • **Tobias Bolle**, Director, Department of Vocational Education & Training Abroad, German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DIHK), Germany *(in English)*
11:20	**Keynote: Lithuanian synergies - Modernizing vocational approaches for national resilience *(in English)*** To strengthen national resilience, modern vocational approaches must adapt to rapid technological shifts, economic disruptions, and evolving security landscapes. This keynote emphasizes that high-quality Dual VET serves as a strategic economic driver - from logisticians, engineers, and cyber-technicians to aggrotech and food security experts - essential for maintaining state sovereignty during geopolitical crises and cyberattacks. • **Assoc. Prof. Giovanni di Noto**, Faculty of Marine Technology & Natural Sciences, Department of Informatics & Statistics, Klaipėda University
11:40	**Panel I: Dual VET - Powering Productivity and Global Competitiveness**

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	This panel highlights Dual VET as a key economic driver. It explores how vocational training shifts from a simple educational path into a core business strategy - one that enhances productivity, fosters innovation, and ensures global competitiveness. **Panelists:** • **Julius Jakučinskas** Director of the Lifelong Learning Department, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania • **Eimantas Kiudulas** Director, Klaipėda Free Economic Zone • **Nijolė Kvietkauskaitė** CEO, IKI Lietuva • **Arnoldas Šileika** CEO, Western Shipyard BLRT group • **Dr. Vytautas Petkūnas** Principal, Visaginas TECH **Moderator:** • **Dominic Otto** Deputy CEO, German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce (AHK)
12:10	**Q&A Session**
12:15	**Signing Ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding** Between Klaipėda Paulius Lindenau Training Center & German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce (AHK)
12:25	**Networking Lunch & Foyer Exhibition**
13:30	**Presentation: Omni-Use Dual VET Model - Synergizing Private Sector Capacities and National Security Skills** This model is designed to bridge the gap between civilian economic needs and national security requirements. It represents an advanced educational strategy designed to train a highly skilled workforce capable of operating seamlessly across both civilian (commercial) and defense (security) industries. • **Sonja Ruetz**, Project Lead of the Skills Experts Program in Lithuania, German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania *(in English)* • **Dr. Odeta Kupetienė**, Deputy Principal, Klaipėda Paulius Lindenau Training Center
13:40	**Panel II: Driving National Resilience Through Dual VET and Omni-Use** This panel examines how leveraging 'omni-use' applications and dual VET drives

	implementation success and safeguards national stability. **Panelists** • **Aleksandras Kaupas** Lithuanian Seafarers Union • **Gintautas Kutka** Lithuanian Shipowners Association • **Algis Latakas** CEO, Port of Klaipėda (tbd) • **Alvydas Mockus** Member of the Seimas, Chair of the Commission for the Maritime Affairs, Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania • **Assoc. Prof. Giovanni Di Noto** *(in English)* Faculty of Marine Technology & Natural Sciences, Department of Informatics & Statistics, Klaipėda University • **Dr. Egidijus Skarbalius** Principal, Klaipėda Paulius Lindenau Training Center **Moderator:** • **Florian Schröder,** CEO, German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce (AHK) (tbd)
14:20	**Q&A Session**
14:25	**Wrap-up and Closing** • **Dr. Egidijus Skarbalius**, Principal, Klaipėda Paulius Lindenau Training Center • **Florian Schröder,** CEO, German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce (AHK) or Dominic Otto, Deputy CEO, German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce (AHK) (tbd)
14:30	**End of the Forum**

Optional Post-Forum Program: Guided tour of the Western Shipyard BLRT facility in Klaipėda