

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

Moderation: Dr. Arūnas Baublys, Klaipėda University
Forum language: Lithuanian (interpretation into English available)

10:00	Check-in & Welcome Coffee
11:00	Opening & Introduction Dr. Egidijus Skarbalius, Principal Klaipėda Paulius Lindenau Training Center Dominic Otto, Deputy Managing Director German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce (AHK) in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
11:10	Greetings N.N., Ministry of National Defence of Lithuania (confirmed) Tobias Bolle, Director Vocational Education & Training Abroad, German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DIHK), Germany <i>(in English - interpretation into Lithuanian available)</i>
11:20	Key Note: Lithuanian synergies - Modernizing vocational approaches for national resilience <i>(in English - interpretation into Lithuanian available)</i> 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 agritech 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 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 Jakucinskas Director Lifelong Learning Departement, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania • Eimantas Kiudulas Director Free Economic Zone Klaipėda • Nijole Kvietkauskaitė CEO IKI Lietuva • Arnoldas Sileika CEO Western Shipyard BLRT group • Dr. Vytautas Petkunas Principal Visaginas TECH Moderation • Dominic Otto, Deputy CEO German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce (AHK)
12:10	Question and Answer session
12:15	MoU Signing Ceremony 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 Leader Skills Expert Program in Lithuania, German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania (<i>in English - interpretation into Lithuanian available</i>) • Dr. Odeta Kupiene, 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 of Port of Klaipėda (tbd) • Alvydas Mockus Head of Maritime Commission of Lithuanian Parliament • Assoc. Prof. Giovanni Di Noto (<i>in English - interpretation into Lithuanian available</i>) Klaipėda University • Dr. Egidijus Skarbalius Principal Klaipėda Paulius Lindenau Training Center Moderation • TBD
14:20	Question and Answer session
14:25	Wrap-up and Closing • Dr. Egidijus Skarbalius, Principal Klaipėda Paulius Lindenau Training Center • Dominic Otto, Deputy Managing Director, German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce (AHK) in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
14:30	End of the Forum

After the forum, there will be an opportunity to participate in a guided tour of the BLRT “Western Shipyard” in Klaipėda (two parallel tours are planned, each with a maximum of 25 participants: one group in Lithuanian and one group in English).