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

Agenda

(Subject to change)

Overall Moderation: Dr. Arūnas Baublys, Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany
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 CEO German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce (AHK) in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
11:10	**Greetings** • **N.N.,** Ministry of National Defence of Lihuania (confirmed) • **Tobias Bolle**, Director Vocational Education & Training Abroad, German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DIHK), Germany *(in English - interpretation into Lithuanian available)*
11:20	**Keynote: Lithuanian synergies - Modernizing vocational approaches for national resilience** *(in English - interpretation into Lithuanian available)* 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

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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 Jakučinskas** Director Lifelong Learning Departement, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania • **Eimantas Kiudulas** Director Free Economic Zone Klaipeda • **Vaidilutė Žukauskienė** Head of People & Culture IKI Lietuva • **Arnoldas Šileika** (tbc) CEO Western Shipyard BLRT group • **Dr. Vytautas Petkūnas** 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-Balic 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 *(in English - interpretation into Lithuanian available)* • **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 of Port of Klaipėda (tbc) • **Assoc. Prof. Giovanni Di Noto** *(in English - interpretation into Lithuanian available)* Klaipėda University • **Dr. Egidijus Skarbalius** Principal Klaipėda Paulius Lindenau Trining Center **Moderation** • **Marius Ablačinskas**, Project Manager Talent Policy Group
14:20	**Question and Answer session**
14:25	**Wrap-up and Closing** • **Dr. Egidijus Skarbalius**, Principal Klaipėda Paulius Lindenau Trining Center • **Dominic Otto**, Deputy CEO, German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce (AHK) in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
14:30	**End of the Forum**

Following the forum from 15:00 onwards, there will be an opportunity to take part in a guided tour of the „BLRT Western Shipyard" in Klaipėda. Two parallel tours are planned - one in Lithuanian and one in English - with a maximum of 25 participants per group.