



Call for Papers

Informal Learning in Vocational Education and Training (VET)

4th International Conference of the German Research Center for
Comparative Vocational Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.)

University of Cologne, Chair of Economics and Business Education,
Prof. Dr. Matthias Pilz

28.-30. September 2022

Keynote Speakers

- *Prof. Dr. em. Kenneth King*, University of Edinburgh
- *Prof. Dr. Alison Fuller*; University College London / IoE
 - *Senior Expert Jens Bjørnåvold*, Cedefop
- *Ass. Prof. Dr. Simon Beusaert*, Maastricht University

Call for Papers: **Abstract by the 14th of February 2022**

The conference will deal with current issues and findings within the context of informal learning in vocational education and training (VET). Although informal learning in VET is of great importance in many countries and despite many years of scientific discussion, it is still an elusive concept. There are also relatively few empirical studies that examine e.g. informal learning at the micro level, analyse the involvement of different VET actors or explore the effects on the skill ecosystem including the labour market. Contributions that explicitly focus on informal learning in the (informal) VET sector and its connection to (informal) labour markets are also relevant.

For participation at the conference and hosting a 30-minute conference presentation, we highly welcome your submission of a qualitatively, quantitatively or conceptually oriented abstract, whose focus can be national, international or even internationally comparative. Collaborative presentations by several researchers are also welcome (with a maximum of two presenters active at the conference).

We are looking forward to receiving your submission of a one-page abstract to janine.toegel@uni-koeln.de by the 14th of February 2022.

You will be notified of the review outcome by the end of March 2022 at the latest. Once your abstract has been accepted, you will be invited to submit an extended abstract of approx. three pages for the conference folder together with your conference registration.

Authors of selected contributions will be invited to submit their full paper after the conference to be reviewed for possible publication in an edited book (published by Springer publishing house) or in a special issue in the International Journal of Training and Development (published by Wiley publishing house).

As in previous years, we are very pleased to inform you that there will be no conference fee. Please note that this international conference aims to promote intensive exchange between its actively participating guests. For this purpose, we are currently planning the conference in physical presence **for all presenters of accepted papers.**