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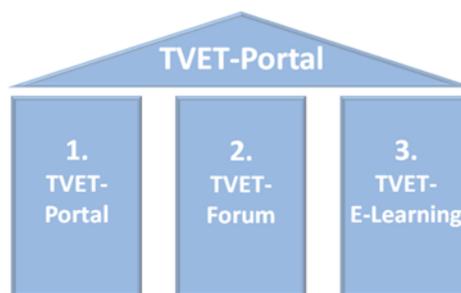
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Editorial

This current fourth issue of the TVET-Portal Newsletter is the first issue under a new umbrella:

The GIZ as new organisation in German development cooperation is a merger of GTZ, InWEnt and DED and started its activities on January 1st 2011. You can read more about this new organisation on page 2.

simplifies the use of all functions and which underlines clearly the three pillars of the Portal:



Although the number of registered users is constantly growing, the Portal team is currently working on a "face lift" which

the TVET-Portal itself which is mainly to provide you with updated information about TVET and E-Learning, the TVET-

Forum where you can find different possibilities to share information and experiences with colleagues and experts from Arab countries and finally the TVET-E-Learning area where you find the opportunity to enroll in different internetbased e-learning courses both in Arab and English language.

The "upgraded" TVET-Portal will be launched in March 2011.

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TVET-GLOSSARY

Dual Education System

A dual education system combines apprenticeships in a company and vocational education at a vocational school in one course. This system is practiced in several countries, for example Germany, Austria and Switzerland, but also Denmark, the Netherlands and France. As one part of the dual education course, students are trained in a company for three to five days a week. The company is responsible for ensuring that students get the standard quantity and quality of training set down in the training descriptions for each trade.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dual_education_system

Successful Conclusion of an ICT and E-Learning Management Training

On December 6 to 9, 2010 the final seminar of the long-term training programme „ICT and E-Learning Management in TVET Institutions“ took place in Cairo, Egypt.

18 participants from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan and Yemen came together to exchange experiences and present their transfer projects which are about to be implemented in the participants' TVET institutions. The range of presented projects was manifold: Most of the participants developed e-learning courses e.g. about „E-Learning for Trainers“, „Network typology“, „Introduction to E-Learning“

etc. Interested people can enroll in some of these courses on the e-learning section of the TVET-Portal on <http://www.tvet-elearning.net>.



Participants of the training programme

The programme consisted of 3 phases: A preparation phase in

home countries for 6 months to acquire basic knowledge of German, the training phase in Germany for 12 months, and finally the transfer phase in the back home situation. During the transfer phase of the programme, participants were supported by InWEnt through an online-seminar on the internet and several follow-up workshops in Amman and Cairo. The overall objective of the programme was to increase the capacity of partner institutions for the planning, improvement and implementation of IT based VET programmes and to manage projects for the implementation of e-learning.

Interview with General Ali Ahmed Sayed

In this edition of the Portal Newsletter we start a series of interviews with decision makers of TVET institutions in Arab countries. The first interview partner is **General Ali Ahmed Sayed**, Deputy Director of the EU-TVET Reform Programme and General Coordinator of the Sectoral and Local ETPs within the TVET Reform Programme in Egypt.

TVET-Portal Newsletter: In your opinion, what are the current challenges TVET is facing in Egypt?

General Ali: In my opinion there are actually three current challenges. At first, we unfortunately do not have a national strategy for TVET, so every player in the field of TVET can do anything according to his own strategy.

Furthermore we do not have enough financial resources in Egypt to implement TVET successfully. Then there is a lack of technical teacher training in Egypt.



General Ali Ahmed Sayed

TVET-Portal Newsletter:

According to your experience, are there possible approaches to face these challenges or to solve these problems?

General Ali: We should coordinate the efforts of all donor agencies and of the different stakeholders which are engaged in TVET to join the forces in order to set up a unified comprehensive strategy for TVET in Egypt.

TVET-Portal: What do you think about the application of E-Learning methods in TVET?

General Ali: Using e-Learning can be useful in some cases for example in Teacher Training, or in order to explain theoretical subjects and theories etc. and to some extent in implementing simulations and cost savings for equipment.

... the complete interview can be read on www.TVET-Portal.net.

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4th Conference on e-Learning Excellence in the Middle East

The theme of the 2011 e-Learning Conference from January 31st to February 3rd 2011 in Dubai/UAE is "In Search of New Paradigms for re-Engineering Education".

It reflects a fundamental question on the agenda of 21st century educators, stakeholders and governments, facing the exponential increase of demand for access to quality education at reasonable cost. The demographic explosion of generations demand a modern and quality education at the same time.

Using e-learning methods and tools, teaching becomes what it should always be: the support needed to make learning effective. In this regard, e-learning opens the door to creative spaces where learning, innovation and work can be integrated. However, using information and communication technologies (ICT) to enhance education needs more than traditional forms of learning and process development. In the quest for high-quality, wide-access, reasonable-cost education, ICTs have a major role to play in order to support educational systems, open distance learning (ODL), blended learning and many other forms of know-ledge acquisition.

More information on <http://congress.hbmeu.ac.ae/learning/conference-chair-message>