

## **DRAFT INVITATION**

On behalf of the "Thematic Network on Work Based Learning and Apprenticeship" we cordially invite you to participate - in the network's upcoming regional conference on:

**11-12 June 2015** in Budapest

**„Cooperation between Education and the World of work: Focus on Work based Learning”**

*Venue: Hotel Novotel Budapest Centrum,  
Rákóczi út 43-45, 1088 Budapest, Hungary*

The contribution of work-based learning in supporting youth employment and economic competitiveness is widely recognised. Countries with strong and attractive Vocational Education and Training (VET) systems, and notably those with well-established apprenticeship systems, tend to perform better in terms of youth employment.

Therefore the NetWBL aims to strengthen work-based learning (WBL) elements in existing Vocational Education and Training (VET) systems and Higher Education (HE) and to support apprenticeships in particular. The main output of the Thematic Network work-based learning will be an online toolkit which makes results of EU funded best practice projects from Lifelong Learning Programme and Erasmus+ Programme on this topic more visible.

The network addresses the key actors involved in WBL in each European country taking into account the different VET and Higher Education systems and legislative regulations. Furthermore, the network supports the European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EaFA).

The regional conference 11-12 June, 2015 is part of the activities of Thematic Network on Work-Based Learning and Apprenticeships (NetWBL). This three year initiative is funded by the European Commission, Directorate General Education and Culture (DG EAC). The network is run by the German National Agency at BIBB (Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training) with 26 other European partner countries, including Austria, Hungary and Romania which are organizing this regional conference.

### **Aims of the regional conference 11-12 June 2015:**

- Exchange of information and knowledge on work-based learning across participants of the three countries (AT – HU – RO),
- discuss strengths and challenges with policy makers, social partners, VET providers and project promoters and
- develop solutions to improve the implementation of work-based learning elements in school systems and SMEs (small and medium sized enterprises)
- active participation in three parallel workshops

Please find enclosed a draft agenda of the regional conference in Budapest.

Please register at the following website: <http://www.tka.hu/internationalisation-issues/2941/work-based-learning>, where you can find further information on the Thematic Network on Work-Based Learning and Apprenticeship.

*All questions regarding travel and logistics should be directed to Ms Dóra GAZSÓ ([dora.gazso@tpf.hu](mailto:dora.gazso@tpf.hu)) at Tempus Public Foundation (Hungarian NA).*

*The OeAD the Austrian Agency for international mobility and cooperation in education, science and research – Department National Agency of Lifelong Learning will not be able to refund any traveling and accommodation expenses.*