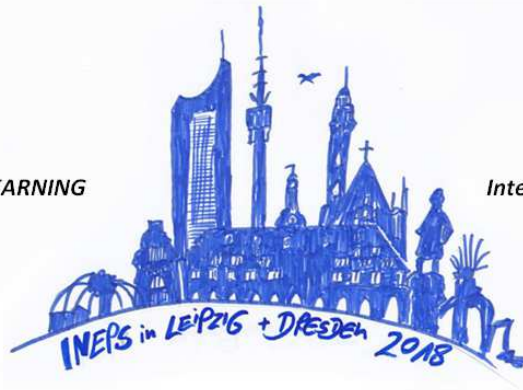




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INVITATION

30th Congress of the *INEPS*

“Productive Learning – facilitating the transition to the world of work”

16th to 20th April 2018

Leipzig and Dresden, Germany

Dear Madam, dear Sir, dear colleagues and friends,

on behalf of the teachers offering *Productive Learning* in eight schools in Saxony, on behalf of the International Network of Productive Learning Projects and Schools (INEPS) and on behalf of the Institute for Productive Learning in Europe (IPLE) we invite you to participate in the 30th Congress of INEPS, which will take place from 16th to 20th of April 2018 in Leipzig and Dresden.

At the age of five or six years children are sent to school: a protected environment dedicated to general education. The older they grow, the more school has to open; it has to encourage social participation and the taking of responsibility in different spheres of our society. One of these spheres is the “world of work”.

Work is more than a precondition for an economically “independent life”. It’s a chance to realize ones dreams, to participate “productively” in the society, to gain experience and respect and to continue learning and personal growth. Respectively school education has to facilitate well founded orientation, sustainable decisions and successful transitions to work – for almost all students. An intolerable share of young people tumble or fail at the transition from school to work all over Europe: after school they do not continue with vocational training or an apprenticeship or they “drop out” before completing it. This bears high risks for the individual and the society as a whole.

Productive Learning is an alternative school program in the final years of general education and at the threshold to vocational training. The tight “linkage” to the world of work is a significant characteristic of the educational approach. The conference addresses crucial topics of the curriculum and methodology:

- How do projects of *Productive Learning* gain partners and develop the cooperation with companies and institutions to allow “*Learning in Practice*” for the students?
- Which instruments and methods proved to foster well founded orientation and sustainable decisions on the side of the students?
- How can learning in school help the students prepare for the specific demands of the vocational training they want to go for?
- What kind of barriers and difficulties have to be handled and how?

The conference will offer key speeches addressing important aspects of the topic as well as workshops and discussion groups to work on chosen topics in depth. The schools in Saxony will open their doors for participants to take part in everyday work, to visit students at their learning sites in the city and to discuss with students and educators in the “learning workshop” in school. In the frame of excursions the participants will also get the opportunity to discuss with important co-operation partners as companies offering apprenticeship, partner institutions in youth-work or the University of Leipzig and the University of Dresden.

Accommodation

We reserved rooms in two different hotels, please book the rooms:

- **until 19.03.2018: Motel-One Leipzig Nikolaikirche (www.motel-one.com):** This hotel is located in the city center of Leipzig. You can book a single room for 69 Euro or a double room for 84 Euro (plus 9,50 Euro for breakfast). Please use the form at www.iple.de/ineps-congress-2018/motel-one-english.pdf
- **until 26.02.2018: AO-Hotel and Hostel (www.aohostel.com):** This hostel and hotel is very close to the central train station and the city of Leipzig. You can book a single room for 63 Euros per night or a double room for 73,80 Euros per night, including breakfast. Please use the following booking-number: **L1-195766**. The hostel also provides multi-bed rooms – please ask the hostel if you are interested.

Congress fee

For INEPS members: **300 €**
For non-members: 320 €

The congress fee includes congress facilities, transport Leipzig-Dresden-Leipzig, snacks during the breaks, four lunches and the food provision during the welcome and the farewell sessions.

Please, use the following link to register – in this way you help us to prepare everything for the congress: <https://goo.gl/forms/7reKPvWyJXsAlyMp1> - thank you.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Leipzig and Dresden!



Heike Borkenhagen



Holger Mirow

on behalf of the Congress Committee and the AC of INEPS

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The Administration Council (AC) of INEPS:

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Angela Passa (Greece, vice-president)
Egbert Jahn (Germany, treasurer)
Simona Plienaityte (Lithuania, secretary)
Ekram Ben Hamza (France)
Mercè Marcé (Catalonia/Spain)
Sabah Lamèche (France)

Program

Monday, 16.04.18 (Leipzig)

Arrival of participants

18:00	AC meeting
20:00	Moritzbastei: "Welcome" - Opening Session of the Conference (provided)

Tuesday, 17.04.18 (Leipzig)

Location: Helmholtzschule, Helmholtzstr. 6, 04177 Leipzig

09:00 – 10:00	Registration of participants
10:00 – 11:15	Welcome (Mrs. Böttger, principal of the school) Opening of the congress and introduction into the topic (Holger Mirow, president of INEPS) Entrepreneurship in education" (Juha Lahtinen, Finland, Tampere University of Applied Sciences)
11:15 – 12:30	Active Learning: Activating methods in school (Dr. Christian Andrä, University of Leipzig)
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch in school (provided)
13:30 – 15:30	Workshops on crucial topics concerning the transition from school to work 1: Support of the jobcenter in the transition process (Mrs. Thielemann, Germany, Jobcenter Leipzig and Astrid Specht, consultant, ministry of education Saxonia) 2: Working with expectations, hopes and fears of the young people in the transition process (Conny Miksch, Germany, IPLE) 3: Competencies required for a successful bridging between school and profession - How can PL develop these required competencies (Daniel Guzman, Germany, IPLE) 4: The decision-making process in the transition from school to work – how to support it (Antje Karras, Germany, IPLE)
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:00	1 st General Assembly of INEPS
17:00 – 18:00	"Market Place" of INEPS-Projects

Wednesday, 18.04.18 (Leipzig)

Locations: different places

	Discussing transition processes on sites (vocational education schools, training companies of former PL students, sites of <i>Learning in Practice</i> , partner institutions of PL schools) and deepening congress topics (University of Leipzig)
10:00 – 13:00	Excursions and on-site discussions (in small groups)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch in small groups (provided)
14:00 – 17:00	Excursions and on-site discussions (in small groups)
19:00 – 20:00	City walk in the evening (organized)

Thursday, 19.04.18 (Dresden)

Locations: Saxon Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs, schools and sites of *Learning in Practice*

- 09:00 – 10:30 Trip to Dresden
- 11:00 – 11:30 Ministry of Education:
Welcome by Mrs. Bernig, Saxon Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs
- 11:00 – 12:30 Panel discussion “Chances and risks of transition processes from school to work in different European countries and possible contributions by Productive Learning”
Participants: Mercè Marcé (Spain/Catalonia), Angela Passa (Greece), Russin Borislav (Bulgaria), Juha Lahtinen (Finland), Holger Mirow (Germany)
Moderation: Heike Borkenhagen (Germany, IPLE)
- 12:30 – 13:00 Lunch (provided)
- 13:00 – 15:30 Excursions and on-site discussions (in small groups)
Group 1: *Productive Learning* at 121. Oberschule "Johann Georg Palitzsch"
Group 2: *Productive Learning* at Lessing-Oberschule (Freital)
Group 3: University of Dresden, department of teacher training
Group 4: Pipeline construction: Cooperation between Productive Learning and Chamber of Crafts
Group 5: Bicycle repair shop: practice place and apprenticeship
- 15:30 – 18:30 Free time for Sightseeing in Dresden
- Return trip to Leipzig (organized in small groups)

Friday, 20.04.18 (Leipzig)

Location: Georg-Schumann-Schule, Glockenstr. 6, 04103 Leipzig

- 09:30 – 10:00 Welcome (Mrs. Zahn, principal of the school)
- 10:00 – 12:00 Discussion groups on INEPS topics, e.g.
The New Immigration Today - a Comparison and Contrast between the European and American Experience (Bret Schlesinger, USA)
The next Youth Congress 2018 in Greece (Angela Passa, Greece, PROTASI)
Productive Learning in Bulgaria & Greece – preparing an Erasmus+ project (Heike Borkenhagen, Germany, IPLE)
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch (provided) and coffee
- 13:30 – 14:30 Activity based evaluation of the conference
- 14:30 – 16:30 2nd General Assembly on INEPS: discussion of results of the discussion groups
- 20:00 Summary of the conference & „Farewell“ (food provided) at Bayerischer Bahnhof, Bayerischer Platz 1 (station: Bayerischer Bahnhof)

Saturday, 21.04.18

Departure of the participants