## Press Release of the BBS I Uelzen – 26.02.2021

## **DUNE-BB-EU Vocational Training Network has successfully met online**

On 26.02.2021 the 3rd European Vocational Training Network Meeting took place online. The network partners, funded by Erasmus Plus, exchanged ideas on how to design digitally enabled and sustainability-oriented centers of excellence in vocational education and training in Europe. The Italian hosts of the vocational training center Giotto Ulivi, located near Florence, had attracted three prominent people for greetings. Yana Ehm, former student of our Italian partner vocational school Giotto Ulive and member of the Italian Parliament and Riccardo Nenci, member of the Italian Parliament as well as Nicola Danti, member of the European Parliament emphasized the special importance of this Erasmus Plus network project for the quality of vocational education and training at the centers of excellence of vocational education of young people in Europe.

Paolo Badiali, coordinator for European projects of Giotto Ulive, led masterfully through the meeting. The Italian students and teachers presented their vocational center of excellence and excellent examples of Italian sustainability-oriented vocational training practice.

In his keynote speech, Prof. Claudio Peri, University of Milan, emphasized that excellent vocational education and training only succeeds through the networking of all regional vocational education and training stakeholders with the involvement of other national and international network partners. In his opinion, regional centers of excellence in vocational education are "think tanks" where members of the school community must feel safe, respected, and connected in order to develop new future-oriented ideas. Being able to put these sustainability-oriented ideas into practice in student companies and in cooperation with regional partners in the real economy was named as a key quality feature of a regional center of excellence for vocational education.

At the end of the meeting, the EU vocational training project manager and principal of BBS I Uelzen Mr. Senior Student Director Stefan Nowatschin provided an outlook for further meetings and intended dialogue rounds, which are to contribute to the development of a guideline for the design of digitally supported and sustainability-oriented centers of excellence of vocational training in Europe.

The guideline will be publicly presented on 03.09.2021 at 2:00 pm in the event center Schwanenburg in Hanover, hopefully in the presence of Mr. EU Commissioner Nicolas Schmit, responsible for vocational education and training in Europe and Mrs. Federal Minister of Education Anja Karclizek - both will be invited.

For more information about the conference, please visit the homepage of the BBS I Uelzen <a href="https://www.bbs1uelzen.de">www.bbs1uelzen.de</a> and

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