

Summary of the contents of the video message:

IHK (Chamber of Industry and Commerce) Lower Saxony

Ms Maïke Bielfeldt, Chief Executive Officer:

Welcoming words

She describes that there is unfortunately still a lack of recognition of vocational education and training in Germany and other countries.

She considers networking to be the right thing to do.

Employers appreciate the partnership with the vocational schools and welcome their further development.

There continues to be a trend towards Abitur and university studies, so that the securing of skilled workers as a central element of the economy's competitiveness is becoming increasingly difficult. It is important to focus on vocational schools and to shed light on the question of whether and how centres of excellence can be designed.

The topics of digitalisation and sustainability are correctly chosen.

Implementing digitalisation in vocational education and training. There is still a lot missing here:

Distance learning, e-didactics and IT infrastructure expansion, ... - there is still a need for development.

Capacities are lacking

Sustainability has been implemented in vocational education, but needs to be further developed.

More work needs to be done on this topic.

It is exciting that the EU promotes and initiates projects and makes recommendations.

Interesting, as the EU is not actually responsible for the implementation of vocational training.