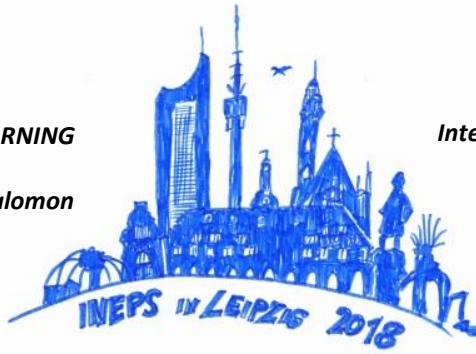




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## INVITATION

### 30<sup>th</sup> Congress of the *INEPS*

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

**16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> Congress of INEPS, which will take place from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Dresden.

### Preliminary Congress Program

<b>Monday, 16.04.18 (Leipzig)</b>	
	Arrival of participants
18:00	AC meeting
20:00	“Welcome” - Opening Session of the Conference (food provided)
<b>Tuesday, 17.04.18 (Leipzig)</b>	
	<u>Location:</u> Helmholtzschule, Helmholtzstr. 6, 04177 Leipzig
09:00 – 10:00	Registration of participants
10:00 – 12:00	Opening of the congress, short key speeches
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch in school (provided)
13:00 – 14:00	“School moves”
14:00 – 16:00	Workshops on crucial topics concerning the transition from school to work
16:00 – 17:00	1 <sup>st</sup> General Assembly of INEPS
17:00 – 18:00	“Market Place” of INEPS-Projects
<b>Wednesday, 18.04.18 (Leipzig)</b>	
	<u>Locations:</u> sites of <i>Learning in Practice</i> , companies, partner institutions
10:00 – 15:00	5 groups: “City rallye” and discussion groups on the spot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sites of <i>Learning in Practice</i></li> <li>- Companies offering apprenticeships</li> <li>- Partner institutions in youth-work and care</li> </ul>
15:00 – 17:00	Students of <i>Productive Learning</i> show their city
<b>Thursday, 19.04.18 (Dresden)</b>	
	<u>Locations:</u> Saxon Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs, schools and sites of <i>Learning in Practice</i>
09:00 – 10:30	Trip to Dresden
11:00 – 12:30	Ministry of Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome by Mrs. Bernig, Saxon Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs</li> <li>- Panel discussion with students, educators, experts</li> </ul>
12:30 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 15:30	Excursions and on-site discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Productive Learning</i> at 121. Oberschule "Johann Georg Palitzsch"</li> <li>- <i>Productive Learning</i> at Lessing-Oberschule (Freital)</li> <li>- Sites of <i>Learning in Practice</i></li> <li>- Companies offering apprenticeship</li> <li>- University of Dresden</li> </ul>
15:30 – 18:30	Sightseeing Dresden
	Return trip to Leipzig

## Friday, 20.04.18 (Leipzig)

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

10:00 – 12:00	Discussion groups
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch (not provided)
13:30 – 14:30	Activity based evaluation of the conference
14:30 – 15:00	Presentation of results
15:00 – 16:30	2 <sup>nd</sup> General Assembly on INEPS
20:00	Summary of the conference and „Farewell“ (food provided)

## Saturday, 21.04.18

Departure of the participants

### Accommodation

We reserved rooms in two different hotels, please book the rooms until the end of January 2018:

- **AO-Hotel and Hostel ([www.aohostel.com](http://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.
- **Motel-One Leipzig Nikolaikirche ([www.motel-one.com](http://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](http://www.iple.de/ineps-congress-2018/motel-one-english.pdf)

### 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 express your interest – in this way you help us to prepare everything for the congress: <https://goo.gl/forms/ZTSotwROMa6tHMBC2> - 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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