

Embedding Standards – 29. November 2006, Berlin

Dear Mrs. Küßner,

Dear Mr. Aribaud,

Dear Project Partners,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today I am very pleased to welcome you on behalf of the DEKRA Akademie at this impressive venue, the German Federal Press Conference.

That all of you - from the fields of politics, to private companies, to the education sector and to research organisations - have come here to discuss with us the interesting results of the 'Embeddings Standards' project, underscores heavily the political relevance.

As one of the largest providers of vocational education and training in Germany, the DEKRA Akademie is very proud to have had the chance to bring together – with all our project partners – such manifold experience.

As I have been told by my colleagues who have been involved in 'Embedding Standards' for more than two years, the project work was very intensive and constructive. At all times everyone was focused on producing practical results like those that Mr. Thiel and Dr. Littig will present later on.

In addition to these results, we will also quickly see that the project has generated a lot of other positive effects that are in keeping with the purposes set by the European Union:

The common project created partner networks.

It helped each partner to gain knowledge about thinking on vocational education and training.

It supported a better understanding for the reasons for different thinking between European countries.

And the project also helped create new opportunities.

Before I give now the floor to Mrs. Küßner from the German Ministry of Education and Research and to Mr. Aribaud from the European Commission I would like take this opportunity to thank

all our project partners for their cooperation during the project and beyond;

the German National Agency of the German Federal Institute of Vocational Education and Training for their support; and

finally, the European Commission for making this project possible within the Leonardo da Vinci Programme.

This is a project – I am convinced – that will help foster intercultural thinking in all European countries inside and outside the field of vocational education and training.

I wish you an interesting conference and a wonderful stay in Berlin.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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‘Embedding ICT/Multimedia Standardisation into European Vocational Training Development Strategies’,