Together with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) and the Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (FCCI AL) in Lebanon, and with the support of the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) acting on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development in Germany (BMZ), the DSME program strives at improving the technical education in Lebanon by strengthening its practice and market-oriented aspects.

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**QUICK FACTS**

- 72% of Dual System & Meister Graduates are employed after graduation
- About 1800 students are registered in 26 Dual System Official schools & Institutes and 2 private schools across Lebanon
- About 800 companies are training in the Dual System
Launching of the Call Centre at the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of Beirut and Mount Lebanon

The Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture in Beirut and Mount Lebanon (CCIABML) launched its Call Center on December 3rd, 2012, under the patronage of his Excellency the Minister of Education and Higher Education (MEHE), Dr. Hassan Diab, in the presence of the German Embassy as well as representatives from all the DSME Program partners.

In his opening speech, Mr. Mohamed Choucair, Chairman of CCIABML, underlined the chamber’s efforts towards the modernization of its infrastructure and more importantly towards the enhancement of services to members.

Mr. Ahmad Diab, the Director General of the Vocational and Technical Education, representing the MEHE, stressed on the supportive role that the Call Center fulfills by contributing to the students’ orientation, towards the relevant schools and specializations.

Mr. Michael Bierhoff, representative of the German ambassador to Lebanon, highlighted the importance of the Lebanese - German Cooperation in the vocational education in Lebanon which ultimately contributes to Lebanon’s economic development in general.

The Call Center has indeed an important role in bridging between the private sector and the public vocational education.

Until this day, the Call Center was able to answer questions and spread information about vocational training in Lebanon, in particular the Dual System technical education and training. The Center was also able to contact and invite companies to round table meetings aiming at bringing together the public and private sectors in order to discuss important issues for the development and sustainability of the DS.

Training of teachers in Jubaily Bros Company, Saida

Within the constant effort to decrease the gap between the requirements of the labor market and the vocational education and training in technical schools / institutes, GIZ and IPNET Bir Hassan have jointly organized a two-day workshop in Jubaily Brothers’ company in Saida on 28 – 29 March 2013.

15 teachers in the fields of Industrial Mechanics, Car Mechanics and Industrial Electrics from Bent Jbeil, Deir el Qamar, Jezzine, Nabatieh, Saida, Amlieh (ETSA) and Tyre were trained by a certified trainer from Jubaily in the field of “Alternator”.

Lebanese Delegation gets an insight on German Teacher Further Training

The teachers’ ability to keep abreast with the latest technologies and to impart their knowledge to the students is a key factor in improving the quality of TVET.

In November 2012, the DSME program organized a study tour of 17 Lebanese key actors in the field of TVET teacher further training to Saxony/ Germany. The delegation was composed of the Director General of Vocational and Technical Education, employees of the DGVTE, representatives of the teacher training institutes "IPNET" and directors of vocational schools.

During their trip, the Lebanese guests had the chance to get in touch with the implementation of the teachers’ training in Germany, as the tour included visits at the teachers’ training college of the Technical University of Dresden, various vocational training centers, the Chamber Of Commerce in Dresden, as well as high-tech entrepreneurs such as “Deutsche Solar GmbH” in Freiberg and “Volkswagen Manufactory” in Dresden.

The discussion with representatives from the Ministry of Education was highly important as it helped answering questions about how teacher training institutions in Germany develop and implement their further training offers.

In a final reflection round, one of the participants shared his impressions about how he experienced the dual system’s inherent philosophy during this one week: “We had the wonderful opportunity to visit actors of the cooperative vocational education in Germany. What particularly impressed me, is that all these people do something together for their country, their society! I would like to take this momentum back to Lebanon in the hope that we too can adapt this attitude.”
“DSME” Annual Planning Workshop

Under the patronage of his Excellency the Minister of Education and Higher Education, Dr. Hassan Diab, the DSME program organized its annual planning workshop at the Golden Tulip Hotel in Beirut on March 13th.

As every year, the participants to this year’s workshop included the program’s partners from the Ministry of Education represented by the Director General for Vocational and Technical Education (VTE) Mr. Ahmad Diab, the technical schools and institutes, IPNETS, the Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture and the four regional chambers, in addition to the Ministry of Economy and Trade and private companies; future steps and activities within the implementation process were defined.

The workshop main title was “How can the private and public sector work together in order to enhance the image of vocational education in Lebanon”. It was introduced in a panel discussion among 5 participants: A representative from the VTE Directorate General, a representative from the Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, an owner of a workshop, a Meister graduate and an image consultant. The discussion was followed by an interactive debate among the workshop’s participants and set leading points for the rest of the workshop.

✓ “Launching of the DSME Video

The above mentioned event was an opportunity to launch a video promoting the Dual System (DS) and Meister. The video includes personal experiences of DS and Meister students and graduates, teachers, schools’ / institutes’ directors as well as owners of companies. It will be used as a promotional tool to be distributed and displayed.