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THE GREATEST YOUNG TALENTS

JULY 2ND TO 7TH, 2013

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„A Message From...“:*

*Grußwort
Frau Dr. Angela Merkel
Schirmherrin der WorldSkills Leipzig 2013*

Mit den WorldSkills 2013 kommt ein ganz besonderer internationaler Spitzenwettbewerb nach Deutschland. Auszubildende und junge Fachkräfte aus der ganzen Welt treten in verschiedenen Berufsdisziplinen gegeneinander an, um miteinander die Leistungsfähigkeit von Handwerk, Industrie und Dienstleistung unter Beweis zu stellen. Indem sie ihre Leidenschaft und Begeisterung für ihren jeweiligen Beruf zeigen, wecken sie zugleich auch neues Interesse an ihm.

Die 42. WorldSkills Berufsweltmeisterschaften bieten allen Besucherinnen und Besuchern spannende Einblicke in eine Vielzahl verschiedener Fachrichtungen und Arbeitsfelder. Zugleich unterstreichen sie den hohen Stellenwert der beruflichen Bildung für den Werdegang junger Menschen wie auch für die Zukunfts- und Innovationsfähigkeit der Wirtschaft.

Deutschland setzt auf die bewährte und erfolgreiche duale Berufsausbildung, die eine besondere Praxis- und Betriebsnähe garantiert. Unternehmen und Schulen bereiten die Auszubildenden gemeinsam auf ihr Arbeitsleben vor. Jugendliche, die die Chancen der dualen Berufsausbildung nutzen, erschließen sich attraktive Karriereperspektiven. Dazu gehört auch, dass ihnen vielfältige Wege der Weiterqualifizierung offen stehen. Diesen Aufstieg durch Bildung unterstützt die Bundesregierung mit Nachdruck.

Dass Deutschland Gastgeber der 42. WorldSkills Berufsweltmeisterschaften ist, ehrt unser Land. Als Schirmherrin des Wettbewerbs heiße ich alle Gäste aus nah und fern herzlich willkommen. Ich wünsche Ihnen spannende, erfolgreiche und unterhaltsame Tage in Leipzig.

*Dr. Angela Merkel
Bundeskanzlerin
Bundesrepublik Deutschland*

**A MESSAGE
FROM GERMAN CHANCELLOR ANGELA MERKEL
TO THE 42ND WORLDSKILLS COMPETITION IN LEIPZIG**

In hosting WorldSkills 2013, Germany has opened its doors to a very special international competition. Apprentices and young skilled workers from all over the world will be competing against one another in various professional disciplines, together showcasing the strength of craftsmanship, industry and services. The passion and enthusiasm they demonstrate will inspire fresh interest in each of the professions they represent.

The 42nd WorldSkills Competition will afford its visitors fascinating insights into a whole range of different fields and professions. It will also highlight the great value that vocational education has for young people's careers and for viable, innovation-oriented economies.

Germany relies on its established and successful dual system of vocational training, which guarantees a particularly strong emphasis on the practical, on-the-job side of training. Companies and schools work together to prepare apprentices for working life. By grasping the opportunities offered by that dual system, young people can carve out attractive career prospects. The possibilities include a great variety of ways to go on and gain further qualifications. That's education enabling upward mobility, and it has the German Government's full support.

It is an honour for Germany to host the 42nd WorldSkills Competition. As patron of the contest, I take this opportunity to wish all our guests from near and far a very warm welcome. I hope that your time in Leipzig proves stimulating, successful and lots of fun.

Dr. Angela Merkel
The Federal Chancellor
Federal Republic of Germany



A UNIQUE BEACON SHINING AROUND THE GLOBE - WORLDSKILLS LEIPZIG 2013.

Our aim with this outstanding event is to arouse the interest and enthusiasm of young people for vocational education and qualification, and to motivate and support them in performing to the very best of their abilities.

We are very proud to host the WorldSkills Competition in Germany in 2013. Leipzig will represent our country in the best possible way, inviting the guests from all over the world on a journey of discovery when WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 begins on July 2nd. The very best apprentices and young specialists in the industry, handcrafts and services sectors will convene at WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 from over 60 countries and regions to put their extraordinary talents to the test before an audience of almost 200,000 spectators. The ultimate goal of the exciting WorldSkills Competitions is to determine and crown the best of the best in each of the different vocation categories.

Germany's brightest young hopefuls will also be on hand. These young, up-and-coming talents are the ambassadors of Germany's dual vocational education system, admired throughout the world for its two-pronged approach combining theoretical schooling with practical company experience. But WorldSkills is not only about finding the best-of-the-best. It is also a Mecca for international vocational education specialists from the worlds of business, politics and professional trade associations. What should our next steps be toward ensuring that highly-qualified young talents continue to be our trump card in a globalised world? This is only one of the many questions scheduled in our programme for discussion at the highest levels.

WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 truly offers a wide variety of things to discover and experience: competitions, international guests, our culture, city and region. Head out with us on this wonderful journey of discovery and let us send a fantastic message to the world: WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 – visitors among friends.

Yours truly,

Dr. Theodor Niehaus
President - WorldSkills Leipzig 2013
Chairman of the Board - WorldSkills Germany



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OPENING CEREMONY: JULY 2ND, 2013





**1,100 APPRENTICES & YOUNG
FROM INDUSTRY, HANDCRAFT**
COMPETE FOR THE TITLE OF WORLD'S BEST IN THEIR SKILL

64 COUNTRIES AND REGIONS
SEND THEIR BRIGHTEST YOUNG TALENTS TO COMPETE

45 OFFICIAL COMPETITIVE DIS
WILL CROWN MEDALISTS

200,000 SPECTA
CHEER ON THE COMPETITORS

3,000 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, BUSINESS,
DISCUSS THE ISSUES

1,000 JOURNALISTS
COVER THE EVENT

**SPECIALISTS
AND SERVICES**

CIPLINES

TORS

POLITICS AND RESEARCH EXPERTS



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YOUR SKILLS

AT WORLDSKILLS LEIPZIG 2013

GOING FOR GOLD: THE WORLD'S BEST WANTED

Let the Competition begin! From July 2nd to 7th, 2013, Leipzig will host an event like no other. More than 1,100 apprentices and young specialists from all over the world will convene in Leipzig when WorldSkills returns to Germany for the first time in 40 years. And each one is eager to pit their own skills against the best in their field. The Competitors will come from 64 different countries and regions.

The participants compete to be the world's best in 45 official competitive disciplines. The brightest young talents up to age 22 go head-to-head presenting their individual vocational skills in the industry, handcrafts and services sectors. Everywhere you look, Competitors can be seen and heard sawing, programming, milling, cooking, painting and more. The competitive disciplines include traditional vocations such as welding, cooking and carpentry as well as newer professions like mechatronics, web design and mobile robotics.

OPENING CEREMONY: JULY 2ND, 2013

**COMPETITIONS AND ACCOMPANYING EVENTS PROGRAMME:
JULY 3RD TO 6TH, THROUGHOUT THE DAY
AT LEIPZIGER MESSE**

**CLOSING CEREMONY AND AWARDS PRESENTATION:
JULY 7TH, 2013**



CAREER CHECK AT THE WORLD'S LARGEST VOCATIONAL TRAINING GET-TOGETHER

Wondering what career direction to take? The WorldSkills event is an ideal opportunity to find the vocation that's right for you and your future. You can observe specialists at work from the worlds of industry, handcrafts and services and have a go yourself. With software programming, jewellery making, aircraft engine maintenance and everything imaginable in between, WorldSkills is your hands-on chance to discover and try out your dream job.

WorldSkills also features an outstanding programme for vocational education experts and institutions. The conferences, seminars and vocation-specific congresses held at the WorldSkills event provide an ideal forum for discussing issues relevant to vocational education. Take home new ideas for your own field of work and get an inside look at best-practice models from all over the world.



HOTSPOT FOR EXPERTS: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SUMMIT

WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 is also THE get-together for over 3,000 specialists from the fields of education, politics and business. The event is a unique platform for business networking and presenting know-how and new products to an audience of top international experts. Many of the companies participating in the event put their products and expertise to the test under competitive conditions.

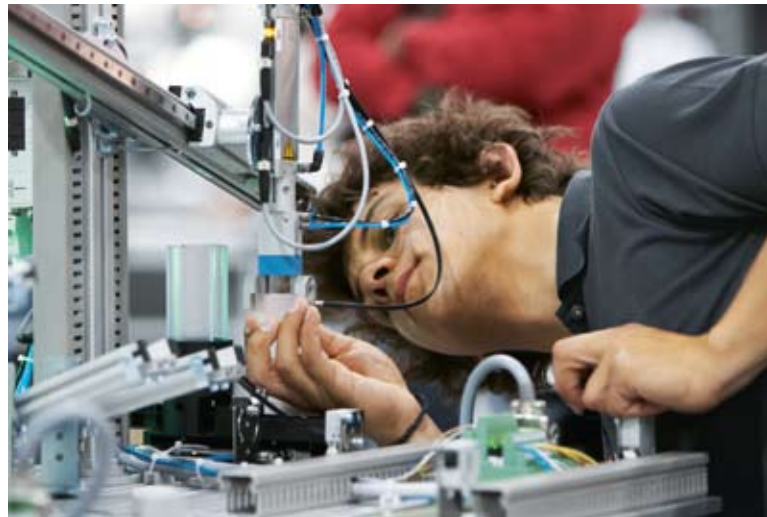
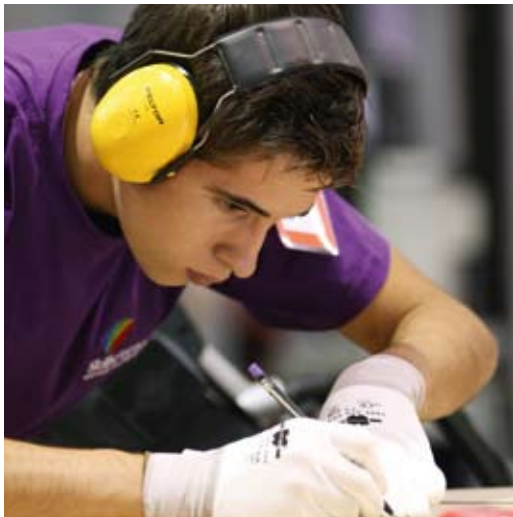
WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 is also an ideal opportunity, particularly for young visitors, to get a first-hand look at a very broad spectrum of industries ranging from logistics and transport to IT, communication technologies and beyond. The unique view behind the scenes provided by the WorldSkills event pays off in innumerable ways.



THE COMPETITIVE DISCIPLINES

POLYMECHANICS/AUTOMATION // INFORMATION NETWORK CABLING // MANUFACTURING TEAM CHALLENGE // MECHATRONICS // MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DESIGN - CAD // CNC TURNING // CNC MILLING // ARCHITECTURAL STONEMASONRY // IT SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS // WELDING // PRINT MEDIA TECHNOLOGY // WALL AND FLOOR TILING // AUTOBODY REPAIR // AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE // PLUMBING AND HEATING // ELECTRONICS // WEB DESIGN // ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS // INDUSTRIAL CONTROL // BRICKLAYING // PLASTERING AND DRYWALL SYSTEMS // PAINTING AND DECORATING // MOBILE ROBOTICS // CABINETMAKING // JOINERY // CARPENTRY // JEWELLERY // FLORISTRY // HAIRDRESSING // BEAUTY THERAPY // FASHION TECHNOLOGY // CONFECTIONER/ PASTRY COOK // AUTOMOBILE TECHNOLOGY // COOKING // RESTAURANT SERVICE // CAR PAINTING // LANDSCAPE GARDENING // REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING // IT NETWORK SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATION // GRAPHIC DESIGN TECHNOLOGY // HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE // CONSTRUCTION METAL WORK // SHEET METAL TECHNOLOGY // VISUAL MERCHANDISING/WINDOW DRESSING // PROTOTYPE MODELLING // PLASTIC DIE ENGINEERING





THE WORLD'S BEST CABINETMAKER

WORLDSKILLS LONDON 2011



For four days in a row, Richard M. Schauer saws, planes and bevels in piece-work. The time pressure is extremely high and the greatest possible precision is required. The judges will deduct points if he deviates from the stipulated dimensions by only a single millimetre. And his Competitors don't make things any easier. In some of the participating countries, the young aspiring cabinet-makers train for months at a time to take the gold at WorldSkills. "The competition is merciless", says his father, Richard Schauer, Sr., himself a trainer for the German WorldSkills team since 1995. Richard, Sr. notes, "In addition to being mentally prepared, the participants have to be in incredible physical condition to keep up with the fast pace". It's little wonder then that his son's preparations also included endurance and strength training. In the end, Bavarian apprentice Richard, Jr. nosed out his Competitors at WorldSkills London 2011. His finished piece, a side table, ultimately won over the international jury and he brought the Gold Medal in the "Cabinetmaker" category back home to Germany.



**„COMPETING AT WORLDSKILLS WAS INCREDIBLE!
SINCE THEN I KNOW THAT IF I WANT TO, I CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING!“**

(Richard M. Schauer, WorldSkills London 2011 Gold Medalist)

**„IT'S VERY MOVING TO WITNESS JUST HOW HARD THESE YOUNG PEOPLE
COMPETE TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL RIGHT UP TO THE END.“**

(Richard Schauer, Sr., Master Carpenter and cabinetmaking trainer
for the German National Team)

CLOSING CEREMONY AND AWARDS

PRESENTATION: JULY 7TH, 2013







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PROFESSIONS

FROM AROUND THE WORLD

ONE SCHOOL ONE COUNTRY



WorldSkills Competitors are also headed “back to school”. The WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 participants are meeting primary school pupils from Germany’s Saxony region as part of the programme, “One School One Country”. The idea behind the programme is to introduce children between the ages of five and eleven to foreign countries and their customs within the framework of the world’s largest vocational education event.

“One School One Country” works like this: Saxony’s primary school pupils enter into a cooperative sponsorship with a nation participating in the WorldSkills Competition. Once the partnership is up and running, the pupils learn at school about the country they are sponsoring and its culture and lifestyles. The guest Competitors will visit the pupils at their schools during WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 and answer questions about their home countries. What’s the Finnish word for bread? What is a Japanese house made of? How does a typical African hair-cut look? And of course, the pupils also visit the Competitors they are sponsoring during the competitions to cheer them on.

THE HISTORY OF WORLDSKILLS

FROM 1947 UNTIL NOW

1947

First national vocational competition in Spain

1950

First Iberian competition (Spain and Portugal)

1953

New members: Great Britain, France, Morocco, Switzerland and Germany

1954

Organisation committee establishes international rules

1961

Competition held in Germany for the first time

1970

Tokyo holds the first competition outside of Europe

WORLDSKILLS: A WORLDWIDE SUCCESS

The idea of holding a vocational excellence competition was born in Spain more than sixty years ago, the brainchild of José Antonio Elola Olaso and Francisco Albert-Vidal. Their dream was to hold a unique competition aimed at motivating young people to enter into professions requiring apprenticeships. The first national competition was held in 1947 in Spain, with the country's best up-and-coming talents competing in twelve disciplines. What started out as a national event soon had fans throughout Europe only a few years later. By 1950, neighbouring Portugal was also a competitor. And only three years later Great Britain, Germany, France, Morocco and Switzerland sent their top young hopefuls to the competition. By 1970, the fever had also grabbed the Far East, and Japan became the first non-European host country. Today, WorldSkills has grown into a genuine mega-event with participants coming to compete from 64 different countries and regions.

1973

Germany is the host
once again

1990

Launch of the WorldSkills
umbrella brand

2009

40th WorldSkills Competition
held in Calgary

2011

WorldSkills in London

2013

WorldSkills in Leipzig

■ Development
in Germany

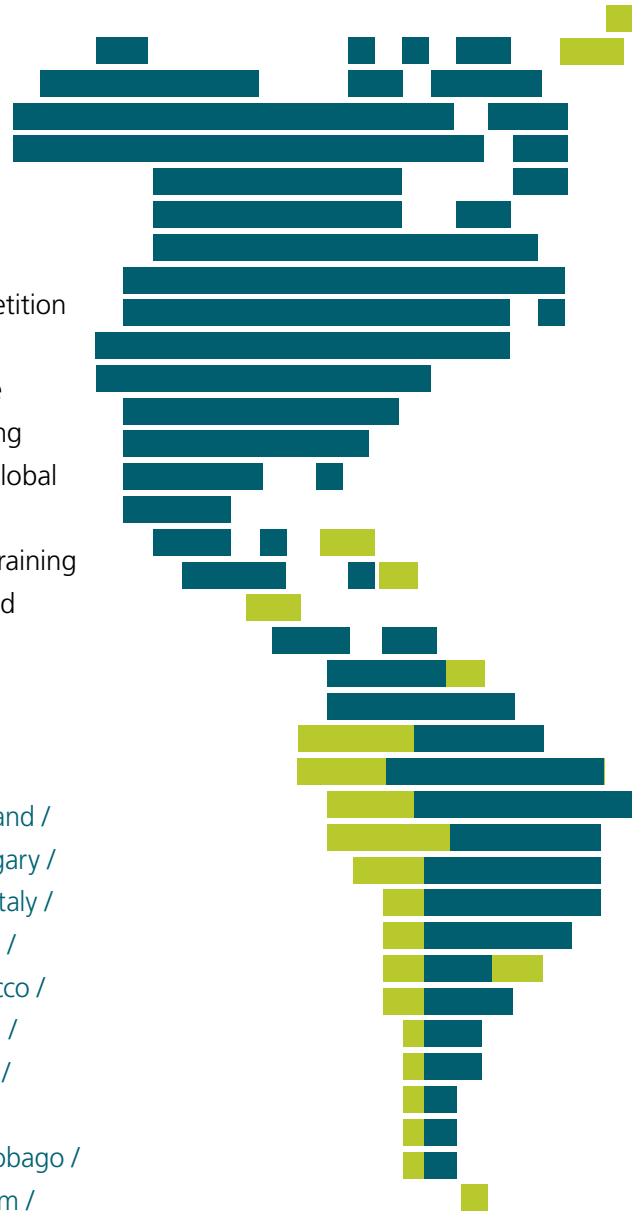
■ international
development

WORLDSKILLS INTERNATIONAL

A GLOBAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION NETWORK

The licensor and umbrella organisation for the Competition is the non-profit association WorldSkills International, currently with 64 Member countries and regions. The organisation's mission is to reinforce vocational training throughout the world. The Members of this unique global platform promote the transfer of knowledge and the motivation of young talents to enter into vocational training for careers in the handcrafts, industry, commercial and services sectors.

Argentina / Armenia / Australia / Austria / Barbados /
Belgium / Brazil / Brunei Darussalam / Canada / China /
Columbia / Croatia / Denmark / Ecuador / Estonia / Finland /
France / Georgia / Germany / Hong Kong, China / Hungary /
Iceland / India / Indonesia / Iran / Ireland / South Tyrol, Italy /
Jamaica / Japan / Korea / Kuwait / Latvia / Liechtenstein /
Luxemburg / Macao, China / Malaysia / Mexico / Morocco /
Namibia / Netherlands / New Zealand / Norway / Oman /
Paraguay / Philippines / Portugal / Russia / Saudi Arabia /
Singapore / South Africa / Spain / Sri Lanka / Sweden /
Switzerland / Chinese Taipei / Thailand / Trinidad and Tobago /
Tunisia / Turkey / United Arab Emirates / United Kingdom /
United States of America / Venezuela / Vietnam







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QUALITY VOCATIONAL

EDUCATION

COMMITTED FOR GERMANY: WORLDSKILLS GERMANY

Developer of WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 in Germany is the WorldSkills Germany association. This funding initiative supports top performances, and its activities hosting and organising domestic German and international vocational competitions creates a platform for the future career success of today's young apprentices. Elfi Klumpp, Managing Director of the WorldSkills Germany Board of Directors, says confidently, "WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 will be a prime catalyst for vocational education in our country". The funding initiative's sponsorship of this event makes an inestimable contribution to the high quality and outstanding reputation of Germany's vocational education system throughout the world, further reinforcing the value of the label, "Made in Germany".

The WorldSkills Germany initiative brings together the dedication and ideas of more than 60 members, partners, companies and associations, with more players large and small already invited to join the mission. The association was founded in 2006 and represents Germany in the international associations, WorldSkills Europe and WorldSkills International.



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A MODERN METROPOLIS

STEEPED IN TRADITION

WELCOME TO LEIPZIG



The crème de la crème of vocational competitions for young talents returns to Germany in 2013 after a 40 year hiatus. The host city this time is Leipzig. The outstanding reputation this city acquired for its hospitality during the 2006 FIFA World Cup tipped the jury's decision in its favour.

Leipzig is one of the major cities in the German state of Saxony. Its centuries-old position as a business centre continues today with celebrated companies including Siemens, Amazon, DHL, BMW and Porsche maintaining important branch operations here. And fans both young and old of culture and art will feel welcome in Leipzig, home to the world-famous St. Thomas Choir of Leipzig, the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra and the Leipzig Bach Festival, as well as modern music highlights such as the Wave-Gotik-Treffen and Highfield festivals that are held each year near the city.

WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 will open its doors on the site of the Leipziger Messe convention centre, one of the most modern of its type in Europe. With 181,300 square metres of exhibition space, Leipziger Messe hosts more than 150 events annually, welcoming over 1.3 million visitors every year. Its extraordinary Glass Hall has become a true Leipzig landmark.



THE VENUE: LEIPZIGER MESSE

DIRECTIONS BY CAR

The Leipziger Messe convention centre is located in the northern part of Leipzig directly on the A 14 autobahn. Take either the Leipzig-Messegelände exit or the Leipzig-Mitte exit (Bundesstraße 2) and then simply follow the plentiful road signs. The dynamic parking guidance and information system on-site will quickly direct you to vacant parking spaces.

DIRECTIONS BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

_The regional train line runs from Leipzig Central Train Station to the Leipziger Messe train station every half hour. The journey takes six minutes.

_Tram line 16 takes 19 minutes from Leipzig Central Train Station to Leipziger Messe. Trams depart every ten minutes.

_The “FlughafenExpress” train brings passengers from Leipzig-Halle Airport to the Leipziger Messe site every hour, making a brief stop at Leipzig Central Train Station on the way. From the airport the journey takes eight minutes; from Leipzig Central Train Station it takes six minutes.

Directions plans and further information can be downloaded

<http://service.leipziger-messe.de>

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