

# Press release

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IQ Congress 2016

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**Andrea Nahles, Federal Minister for Labour and Social Affairs, will open for the IQ congress, which will take place at the bcc Berlin Congress Center on 6/7 December 2016.**

Migration is an important topic and a wide field. The Network "Integration through Qualification (IQ)" provides a suitable platform for this subject and, on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, invited numerous experts from academia and business, politics and practice to a constructive discussion.

The focus of the two-day IQ Congress 2016 is on a multifaceted exchange of views on the legal, political and social conditions, which enable the social participation of migrants and their integration into the labour market. How receptive is the German society? How can fair and decent working conditions be created for all immigrants? How does the depiction of displacement and forced migration in the media influence social perception and political debates? Discussions will be held in four panels and approximately 35 workshops, which invite all guests to participate actively. TV host Till Nassif will moderate throughout the entire congress.

On the evening of the first congress day, the Syrian-Palestinian musician Aeham Ahmad will perform a concert. He gained fame as the "pianist among ruins" in 2014/2015 for his public performances at the Yarmouk refugee camp. In 2015, the artist, who found asylum in Germany, received the International Beethoven Prize for Human Rights, Peace, Poverty Control and Inclusion.

We would appreciate if you would report about the IQ congress 2016 in advance and will be happy to answer your questions or to arrange interviews. For more information, please visit [iq-kongress.netzwerk-iq.de](http://iq-kongress.netzwerk-iq.de)

If you have already decided to participate in the IQ Congress 2016, you can use the [form below](#) to provide your information on our website.

### Network "Integration through Qualification (IQ)"

At the federal level, the funding programme is organised through the IQ Multiplier Project Transfer. MUT IQ consists of "ebb Entwicklungsgesellschaft für berufliche Bildung mbH" [Development association for vocational education and training], Cologne, and "Zentralstelle für die Weiterbildung im Handwerk e.V." [Central Agency for Continuing Vocational Education and Training in the Skilled Crafts], Düsseldorf.

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The Network "Integration through Qualification (IQ)" aims at the sustainable improvement of labour market integration for adults with a migration background. The first two priority areas of the programme are funded by the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS) and the European Social Fund (ESF). Strategic partners in implementing the programme are the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Federal Employment Agency (BA). The third priority area is supported by federal government funds.

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