

PROGRAMME

- 09:00** **Registration**
- 09:30** **Introduction:** Welcome and Conference Programme
(Dr. André Schläfli, SVEB)
- 09:40** **Qualification pathways for adults in the Swiss vocational training system: challenges and recommendations**
Tips and perspectives from the report on “Professional qualification and change of profession for adults” issued by the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation, SBFI
(Barbara Ryser, SBFI)
- 10:10** **Recognition of learning and qualifications**
Valbuk: Goals, experiences and viewpoints in Switzerland and the partner countries, from the perspective of tutors and learners
Furio Bednarz, ECAP) + Report on the experience of a participant in the project PROGREDIR (François Bouyssarie, Maison Romande de la Propreté)
- 10:40** **Parallel workshops**
Introduction and presentation of the workshops
(Furio Bednarz, ECAP)
- 10:45** **Coffee break**
- 11:15** **Workshops**
- A)** Low-skilled workers and access to the vocational training system in Switzerland
- B)** Financing for access to non-typical vocational qualification pathways in Switzerland
- C)** Re-training of unskilled young workers: overview of the experience in France (in English)
- D)** Re-training of unskilled young workers: overview of the experience in Germany (in English)
(Workshops led by experts from the project partnership)
- 12:10** **Perspectives beyond Valbuk:**
How can training paths in the cleaning sector be designed to be more flexible? Options, obstacles and outlooks for the future
(Podium discussion with representatives from the Cantons and social partners)
- 12:55** **Closing reflections**
- 13:00** **Buffet lunch**



EVENTS

A SPARKLING FUTURE



Flexible qualification pathways in the cleaning sector: an opportunity for all!

International closing meeting of the Valbuk project

Thursday, 28th August 2014 09am to 1pm

Biel

Access to catch-up education for adults is often beset by many barriers. The EU's Valbuk project has developed pathways for easier access to second-chance vocational qualifications, using the cleaning sector as its example.

The international closing meeting will demonstrate the results of the project and run workshops to examine these results in depth; the results will also be discussed against the backdrop of the current debate regarding catch-up education in Switzerland. Barbara Ryser from SERI will present the recommendations brought about by the national report on “professional qualification and change of profession for adults”. The concluding podium discussion will allow representatives from the Cantons and social partners, together with those involved in the project, to talk about the framework parameters required for success in catch-up education for adults.

Chair: **Furio Bednarz, ECAP**
Location: **Kongresshaus CTS, Zentralstrasse 60, Biel**
Cost: **free of charge**

Registration and details: www.alice.ch/events

