

## PRESENTATION OF THE NEW-D GUIDELINES

### New Didactical Approaches in the Dual Educational System

**Within the framework of the NEW-D project (*New Didactical Models for Initial VET Training of Young Disadvantaged Persons to Reduce Drop-Out*) an international conference dedicated to the presentation and discussion of the seven guidelines developed by the NEW-D partnership took place in Graz on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 .**

Building on the “New D study report ”of autumn 2015, which analysed the current situation of young disadvantaged learners in the work place and the reasons for the high drop-out rate, the NEW-D partnership developed seven “study fields” in which teachers and trainers might need help and advice in order to better meet the requirements of young disadvantaged people.

During the international conference in Graz/AT on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2016, more than 70 people were present for the presentation of these guidelines. The conference welcome speech was given by the deputy mayor of Graz, Mrs. Martina Schröck, who highlighted the importance of work with young disadvantaged young people as well as the necessity of employing new and innovative methods which might help to reduce the drop-out rate.

The keynote speech from Mrs. Eva-Maria Wimmer (coordinator of apprentices for “Spar” supermarkets) gave very interesting insights into the real work with young apprentices, their strengths and weaknesses as well as the problems they have to face from the job application stage on up to their daily work.



