

COURSE DESCRIPTION

# CHV040 – Marketing Basics

#### Course goal

In this course, participants learn about the marketing basics. They get to know how a marketing concept is prepared for their own business, how to develop a marketing strategy as well as a marketing mix. Furthermore, the course teaches the significance of marketing for ABB.

#### Main learning objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to

- prepare a marketing concept for their own business, i.e. to analyse the market, to develop the marketing strategy and to assemble a proper marketing mix
- point out the significance of marketing for ABB and how it is embedded in the business plans of the division and the business areas.

## Participant profile

Marketing, sales, and service personnel working with investment goods, industrial goods, or services business.

#### Prerequisites

First or already extensive experience in marketing and selling investment goods and services.

#### Topics

- Introduction
  - What is marketing? Differences between marketing for consumer goods, investment goods, and services; differences between marketing for standard products/components and marketing for systems
- Analysis of the starting situation Environment (opportunities and threats), own company (strengths and weaknesses)
- Development of the marketing strategy Goals, market segments and submarkets, competition strategy, market exploitation strategy

- Development of the marketing mix Market offering (product), price, market exploitation (promotion), distribution (place), provider (person)
- Focus on industrial goods marketing: Product creation (market launch of a new product, significance of after-sales services) Price setting (pricing in contested markets) Communication/selling (buying-centre approach, i.e. a method for analysing and optimally supporting the contact person in the customer company in complex decisionmaking situations) Distribution (management of internal and external sales channels)
- Implementation and control of the action plan performing and supervising the action plan

## Course type

This is a face-to-face class room training with min. 10 and max. 16 participants.

## Learning methods and tools

Lectures, practical examples, short case studies, workshops and discussions. **Laptop** or tablet is required to have access to the e-documentation. Please bring your own device.

### Duration

2 days