

Gaining work experience in Europe

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Project Information

Title: Gaining work experience in Europe

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Year: 2013

Project Type: Mobility - initial vocational training IVT

Country: DE-Germany

Status: completed

Individual Participation: Not possible

Marketing Text: With this project we enabled 24 students of our Höhere Berufsfachschule and apprentices in a vocational education to do a 3-week internship in Dublin, Ireland or Budapest, Hungary.

Summary: Because of Bitburg's location it is particularly important for our students to gain work experience abroad. Bitburg is close to the neighbouring country Luxembourg, which offers a large amount of workplaces for a lot of Germans that live in the structurally weak area of the Eifel. Additionally, Belgium and an American Air Base are both close by. The internship abroad was supposed to allow students to gain work experience away from their home companies and their vocational school as well as to improve their language skills. The participants were supported in their personality development and in the acquisition of competences (knowledge, skills and attitudes) with a view to improving their personal development and employability in the European labour market and beyond. In addition, the participants experienced being a citizen of Europe and therefore strengthened the feeling of being part of the European Union.

After the participants were chosen by an application procedure, they took part in a preparatory course held by the Theobald-Simon-School Bitburg. In the first days the participants were greeted by the partner organisation and they received all the necessary information. The participants introduced themselves to their internship companies and institutions at the beginning of their stay. All participants were in their host companies and institutions thereafter. They could take part in commonly organized trips or cultural activities on the weekends. At the end of the third week, all participants had a common feedback meeting with the host organization.

Just as in the past years the students are more independent and mature when they returned from the internship abroad. They are more secure in the foreign language of English, are more cosmopolitan because of friendships made in the host countries and became more self-confident through the experience. We hope that the publication of our internships abroad and their results will lead to more awareness of cosmopolitanism.

Themes: *** Labor market
*** Initial training
** Language training

Sectors: *** Administrative and Support Service Activities
*** Financial and Insurance Activities

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