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Schools and Companies working together in the same direction

Thirty people from fifteen institutions from eleven different European countries joined together in the first international meeting after the constitution of the InnMain Association last year.

The meeting was supported by representatives of the most important institutions of the Island, as the Major of the city, the President of the Balearic Government, the General Director of Education and the vice-chairman of the Chamber

of Commerce.

There was one common thought throughout all workshops that were given: vocational training has to be linked to the companies. According to this, InnMain needs to find ways for cooperation between schools and enterprises trying to involve companies within our organization.

European companies need to improve the job quality of their employees in order to increase



Official reception offered by the Major of the city in Bellver Castle

the productivity; schools have the responsibility of providing society well skilled new workers. We need to be connected.

More every day companies operate at international level and maintenance is crossing frontiers. On the other hand we are attending a new trends in our students who want to travel abroad to have a real work experience.

Once more the InnMain partners reached the conclusion that in order to have sustainable projects, the key is confidence between ourselves.



The President of Balearic Islands attended the Open Ceremony

First international meeting of School's Principals

Schools' Principals from Denmark, the Netherlands, Turkey and Spain shared their ideas and expertise about three main

topics: the Human Resources Department, the implementation of ICT in Schools, and Information Systems: planning, programming and control.

The meeting was organized by the InnMain department of School Management, and took place the day before the Conference in a small chalet in the south of Mallorca Island. The key of success was a good and

relaxed atmosphere, which provided the attendants with very good ideas.





Hasan explained the methodology of the Project Management International Department.



Mr. Hermann Röder was interviewed by a German journalist



Ms. Juliane Heyden, from Handwerkskammer Koblenz

Workshop 1: The Dual System of Vocational Training



Led by Ms. Nicole Fandrich from the ZWH, the workshop introduced the Dual System of Vocational Training.

Representatives from Denmark, The Netherlands and Finland explained as well the peculiarities presented in their

own countries, and the differences in comparison with the German model.

The participating institutions compared their VET-systems and discussed the best ways for introducing the model in their own countries –in case they haven't already implemented it.

The participants also thought about how to improve the model and how to adapt it to the changing situations in European countries



Kristian Stagis from TEC

Relationship between schools and companies

This workshop was presented by Mr. René Strijbosch, from Maintenance Education Consortium.

It was a participative workshop where the participants split in different groups and discussed about the interests of the companies and the different ways for mutual cooperation.

The results were exposed in a general session. The main conclusion was that it is necessary to look for colabora-

tion between policy, education and Industry.

To achieve our goals in InnMain it will be necessary to involve companies within our network, not only for students intern-

ships but also for developing European programs, as "Transfer of Innovation" or "Development of Innovation"



Mobility of students, company's trainers and teachers

Based on the previous experience, the participats talked about three main subjects: inventory of experiences of how student's mobility is wor-

king at the present time, presenting the experiences and creating a group of top areas of improvement, and suggesting recommendations on

those specific areas.

The result of the workshop was a document that aims at the improvement of students mobility activities, focused in the objectives of the new program Erasmus + which will start the next year 2014.

Regarding teachers' mobility it was underlined the importance of boosting the International Technical Departments and mobilities VETPRO, as well as teachers exchanges for educative purposes.



International Technical Departments Report

One by one all the International Technical Departments presented a report about what they have done and what their objectives for the future are. The Departments were: Mechatronics and Automatic installations, HVAC, Refrigeration and Renewable Energies, Languages, Mobility of students, School Management, Project Mana-



gement, Electricity-Electronics, Automotive, ICT, Welding and Mechanics, Human Factors and Social Skills. We had the opportunity of connecting with some representatives via Skype

Conference. Mr. Ignacio Ferrer presented the TOI Project ToP-MoST, as a mean for facilitating the recognition of the skills learned in other schools. All the schools were invited to participate in the tool they are creating, the 'mobility matrix', which will allow high quality mobility between InnMain partner schools.



"The industrial maintenance activities are no longer a national affair"

Mr. René Strijbosch

Executive Board anual report

It was the turn of the officials of the Association to summarize this first year of InnMain's

life. Leonardo Pinna explained via Skype the new situation in Confindustria.



Antonio related all the Projects that were presented in the 2103 Call: almost all the InnMain partners are involved in one of them. Wim explain-

ned the activities of the Executive Board.

Ms. Annejet Goede (ROC West-Brabant) gave us an excellent presentation via Skype Conference from Brussels explaining the basis of the new Program "Erasmus Plus".

Finally the partners were able to ask questions and commentaries regarding the deeds of the last year, as well as proposals for the new year.



Mrs. Gloria was the host of the meeting of Principals: thank you for all your kindness!

Annual meeting of the InnMain Government Board

Firstly the candidate partners presented their own institutions, and after the vote they were accepted within our organization. Later, all institutions took their turn to speak or ask questions.

The Department of Human Factors presented a proposal to the assembly: to hold a meeting with students and teachers from all InnMain schools in order to promote high qualified technicians. The meeting will take place in Ger-

many next year.

The General Director for Universities in the Balearic Islands attended the Closing Ceremony.

He remarked that we live in a special time for cooperation at European Level, and the

collaboration between policy, educative institutions and companies is absolutely necessary for developing Europe.



"It is not only a question of devices, it's all about using social media in our daily work, in and outside the classroom"

Mr. Andries de Boer



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New InnMain partners and preparing the next Conference

Every year during the Annual Conference, new partner candidates are presented.

On this occasion, two new partners were admitted: The University of Pitesti (Romania) and Escola Profissional Val do Rio, from Lisbon. We welcome both new partners warmly.

We had also some important guests: representatives from the Ministry of Education of Mallorca and Valencia (Spain) and the Principal of a VET school in Paide (Estonia).

Before the end of the conference, next years' location is chosen. On this occasion, Ms. Krishna gave no other possibility then to host the next meeting at Dudley College, and we thank her for this generosity!



New partners Antonio and Francisco, from Escola Profissional Val do Rio (Portugal)



Sanjeev and Krishna offer Dudley College as venue for the next InnMain Conference 2104



Robert, from University of Pitesti, together with Ari.



Evelyne



Enjoying free time, enjoying the island, enjoying friendship

Not all was working hard... There were many good moments which allowed the participants to increase friendship and share moments of joy. Definitely this InnMain group

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At Bellver Castle, after the opening Ceremony



Tugba and Eveline at the meeting of Principals



The Turkish delegation at the airport



Dinners in traditional Palma restaurants: where great alliances are born...



Rein and Gärt