

The first international activity of the Human Factors Department was a complete success

An unforgettable experience

They have been the pioneers, 7 students and 6 teachers from 3 schools of different countries: TEC from Denmark; Markiezaat College from The Netherlands, and Xabec from Spain.

It has been the first InnMain activity organized for students and teachers together, to discuss in a relaxed atmosphere about several topics. And for sure we will repeat the experience in the future.

We stayed in a youth hostel in Köln, besides the Rhein, and the work sessions took place in Schweidtd, an International Residence for students. The



The participants arrive to the Youth Hostel in Köln

technical workshops were really highest level, but the spare time was really very good as well: it was the time for socialization, and to know better each other.

The conclusion is clear: we can learn a lot just by sharing our personal experiences and knowing what is happening in

other schools, and in other countries.

We can also better understand our own mentality by contrasting it with young people from other countries.

The Cologne Cathedral is a symbol of greatness. Along these days we have learnt to value the ordinary work, if we do it with spirit of excellence. Thank you, Köln!



Excellence to tackle the new challenges in Europe

Peter Timmerman, from Markiezaat College, made a presentation of the topic.

After the presentation, the participants grouped by countries discussed about the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that Europe offers to their coun-

tries. We discovered that our countries can be complementary. For example, whilst

workforce is needed in some countries, in others there is unemployment.



The story of a project

InnMain is a network of educational institutions, companies, chambers of commerce and associations of entrepreneurs in the field of Maintenance and building installations, working together to foster innovation in education in Europe.

For two years, it was a Leonardo Partnership composed by 7 members.. At the end of the Project, in May 2013 the participants and other new institutions decided to continue the activities and signed a Learning Agreement.

InnMain is structured by International Departments: "Human Factors & Social Skills" is one of them. The aim of this department is to provide our teachers and students the best skills in order to become good professionals.

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The students, working together, made their presentations.....

Their work started some weeks before the meeting, holding Skype meetings between the participants. In Köln they made two presentations: “**Generic skills for excellen-**

ce” and “**Taking advantage of international mobility**”. They made their presentation in teamwork, students from the different countries together. After the exposition, there was interesting chats



Peter, Sebastian and Mads



José Vicente, Josevi and Sergio



Bart is exposing his presentation

with the teachers .The last day they worked together to make proposals in order to improve Vocational Education in Europe. Their conclusions will be sent to all InnMain schools.

Visit to the Company Elektrohaus-Günter

Nicole Fandrich, from the ZWH, prepared this very interesting visit to a traditional German Company. How much energy gave off Mr. Günter! Currently this company has 8 Trainees .



Time for reflection and... for fun!.....

Of course not everything was work, work and work. One interesting activity was the CINE-FORUM. After watching the film, the participants discussed about different social issues.

The futbol match was amazing: Germany against InnMain. The final score was 12-2 for the Germans.



On the first places Rens andRené



Pablo Luis conducted the Video-Forum about the film “Les misérables”

But finally we agreed that the last team which made a goal would be the winner. And we were!

The last day we had the Closing Ceremony, when the organization gave to all the participants a Certificate of attendance.

But what was most valuable for all the participants was the time spent to speak each other during the free time: sharing experiences, telling stories about their countries... We can say that, after the meeting, all of us became friends.



Some people say that we won the game, others say we lost...