

A decade of international activities – Vocational School Campus in Munich celebrates 10 years GoMOVET

The Vocational School of Manufacturing Technologies with the principal G. Paa and the Vocational School of Metal – Design – Mechatronics, with the principal M. Gottwald invited 11 partners from 8 different countries Denmark, Spain, Netherlands, Great Britain, Finland, Slovakia, Switzerland and Germany to a three-days programme to the campus in Deroysstraße 1 in Munich.



30 principals, European coordinators, head of programmes and teachers attended this meeting from outside Munich. The conference had three main parts: **Wednesday 08.05.19** started with a short introduction of all the partner institutions, so that all the participants were able to get an overview about the students' and staff number, their main fields of study and the modules offered for European partners.

This was followed by a cultural impression about Munich - touring through the old palace of Nymphenburg castle with the possibility to walk in the park and exchange module ideas in the restaurant Schloss Schwaige.



Thursday

morning started with a tour through the school, showing our guests all the special rooms, such as automation, including our new cobots' station, CNC manufacturing, inspection technologies, metal workshops and our forgery. We were happy that we could present two of

our 8 Modules taking place just at that very moment. 2 Finnish ladies working on a metal construction module and 6 Slovakian students plus 2 Swiss apprentices learning about Electric Drives Engineering and programming gate controls via PLC and a prepared PCB, soldered at the Technicka Akademia in Spisska Nova Ves, Slovakia in a previous 2-weeks module.

After the school house tour an EMEU steering group meeting took place, led by Dr. M.Müller. The VET Team Automation/ Electrical Engineering moderated by M. Schauhuber worked out new ideas for the next modules coming up. Despite these two sessions there was a partner meeting of the cooperation Slovakia,



Switzerland and Germany carried out by Ch. Murphy, an ICT meeting and a start of a new cooperation with the Vocational School of Construction and Art/ Munich for the group of EMEU members in the field of construction.

The **main celebration** started in the afternoon. 120 guests from several Bavarian ministries, city councilors and representatives of our local education department, Technical University, principals from different local vocational schools, long-lasting EMEU partners but also newly introduced partners, as well as principals, trainers from our dual



companies and teachers from bilateral cooperations actively participated in this occasion. The manifold programme included several speeches, a review about the last 10 years European work/ strategies and outcomes of BS MDM, students'

experience reports and a panel discussion.



It was moderated by the former European coordinator and now deputy principal Dr. Markus Müller and the newly introduced European coordinator Christina Murphy. The ambitious programme was interspersed by

traditional Bavarian music and dance.

After carrying the fruitful European spirit into the Bavarian Beer cellar Augustiner, where lively and deep con-versations have taken place till late at night, the event was passed by an organized BMW factory tour on **Friday** morning.

In short: a wonderful get together with long-lasting friends, appreciative moments, time to form new ideas and cooperations. I would like to end this report with some words used in speeches from the celebration: Let`s use our imagination, creativity and be open for new modules to come. Let`s introduce new technologies but be also critical where they

are necessary or not. Be aware of the individual needs, support leadership of each learner – make them strong, form them to leading personalities. On the other hand encourage mistakes to learning environments and don't demonize them. If there are no mistakes nothing can change. But changes are necessary for development in life!

We would like to thank all our guests to be part of this wonderful celebration and share our European philosophy which brought us together once more!

Christina Murphy – European Coordinator

