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"Strategic-professional-mobile"

The growing together of the European economic area and labor market increasingly requires the consideration of the European dimension in vocational education and training. Language competence, intercultural understanding and experience abroad lead to improved opportunities in the increasingly transnational and internationally oriented professional and economic life.

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The Department for EU Projects in Vocational Education and Training (EU-GES), Cologne Government Regional Office promotes the Europeanization of vocational education and training through advisory services, mobility projects for trainees and educational staff, and Europe-wide quality development projects.

It advises and supports vocational colleges in the Cologne district in the preparation, implementation and evaluation of mobility and project measures funded by the EU.

Through its own mobility projects, the EU Department organizes internships and study visits abroad for trainees and vocational training staff of the vocational colleges to other EU countries within the framework of EU funding measures. In this way, contacts are established with companies and vocational training institutions throughout Europe and the idea of a pan-European labor and training market can be experienced in concrete terms by many users.

In EU projects as project coordinator or project partner, the EU Department develops innovative transnational educational instruments and works on EU-wide transferable and tested instruments for quality assurance and digitalization. We place particular

emphasis on the consistent implementation of the ECVET principles and instruments (European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training). We focus on a very high quality standard of our developed products and focus on the description of competencies acquired (abroad). In our holistic competence matrices in different vocational fields of VET and databases to facilitate the organization and validation of stays abroad we use the ECVET toolbox with its elements Orientation to Learning Outcomes, Definition of Learning Outcome Units, Partnership Agreement, Learning Agreement and Personal Record of Achievement in the areas of work-related, social, personal, digital and language competences.

The EU Office is accredited under the EU Erasmus+ program. The staff of the EU office are accredited as Erasmus+ advisors and consultants in vocational education and training.

Within the framework of the mobility project "Move on", the EU Department was awarded the Mobility Charter and accreditation by the National Agency of the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training. This recognizes its high-quality international work. The award is given to a few institutions throughout Germany that have extensive experience in implementing EU mobility projects.

The central element of the internationalization strategy of the EU office is the so-called 10% strategy. Under the motto "Strategic-professional-mobile", it promotes mobility in education and thus assumes a pioneering role nationwide. The EU Department cooperates with all partners in vocational education, vocational colleges, companies and chambers nationally as well as internationally. It offers the actors of vocational education a platform for discussion and dissemination of project results. It supports their district and state-wide dissemination and, as far as possible, their integration into regional structural support. Furthermore, the EU Department has a large network of European project partners at its disposal and assists in finding them.