

Report on the project meeting in Münster/Germany



November/December 2009



28./29.12.09

The partners of the institutions arrived in Münster in and moved into their accommodation in a hotel in direct neighbourhood to the school. Each participant had a cosy room. In the common room the first project discussions took place in the evening.

30.12.09

Project coordinator Thomas Feist of Adolph-Kolping-Berufskolleg in Münster welcomed the guests in a wonderfully prepared room in the school. In a Powerpoint-presentation he showed the location of the partners in Europe. Since the teams of the partners have not met before, all members introduced themselves with the help of brief presentations and other material.





During the lunch in the main area of the school, the deputy headmaster Martin Lohmann welcomes the guests officially. After lunch, he guided the group in a guided school tour through the buildings one and two of Adolph-Kolping-Berufskolleg. The guests had the opportunity to talk to teachers and pupils and watched them during their lessons.



In the afternoon, we continued the introduction of the partners. The group also voted the website made by the students from Falun to become the official website of the partnership. After a short break, the first part of the course module for this multinational class of students from all partner schools took place. In a specially developed course, the students were introduced to the most important words and terms for car painters. Finally, the students got together in

groups and prepared a presentation of important topics for car painter's trainees. At the same time, the instructors and teachers had another meeting in order to talk about the exact dates for the next meetings. In the evening, the whole group enjoyed the wonderful Christmas marked in the historic city center of Münster.



01.12.09

The entire day was used to continue the course module for the trainees. In the



morning, they got back together in the groups and finished their presentations which were afterwards presented to all participants. Lunch was served in the conference room at about 12.00. After lunch, the students were taught in the history of modern paint application. Afterwards, Thomas Feist introduced the first practical part of the module with the title ‚modern application technology‘. Finally, the group went down into the

school’s workshop and experienced a coating technology called whirl sintering.

During this course, the students coated little glass bottles that could be taken home as souvenirs. In the evening, the students went back into the city and enjoyed themselves. The teachers and instructors met in a famous traditional Restaurant called ‚Kiepenkerl‘.



02.12.09

Early in the morning the participants left for a train-trip to the city of Essen in order to attend the ‚Essen Motorshow 2009‘,the most important car

and motor sport fair in Germany. The members of the partnership were accompanied by three other classes of the hosting school. The fair halls were transformed into a giant motodrome. Of course, the students who are working in a car-related occupation are fans of automobiles and oldtimers and had a great time. The new models came along in an innovative and comfortable form. Some special and innovative items were presented exclusively at the Essen Motor Show. Back in Münster in the evening, teachers, instructors and all the students had a common

dinner in a Mexican restaurant in the city center.

In the evening, the group had a common dinner in an Italian restaurant near the school building.

03.12.09

On Thursday morning, the course module was continued in the conference room. After an introduction of the next topic 'powder coating', students and instructors went down to the paintshop and made a number of different experiments on this topic. Alone or in a group they for example had to change the voltage level during the coating process or to create mistakes in order to explain the origin of the defects. The final goal was to teach them how to avoid these mistakes. At the same time, the instructors and teachers had another meeting in order to talk about the distribution of tasks.

A homemade lunch was served in the conference room at 13.00 so that they could continue immediately. After a break the students had to undergo a written examination.



In the afternoon, the students designed and produced a plexiglass sign for the Leonardo Da Vinci Partnership 'Paintwork@Europe' which was also fixed in the school building. Most of the participants went into the city center of Münster in order to do some shopping in the late afternoon.

29.09.06

On Friday the group had the final part of the practical training in the new RCC (Refinish Competence Centre) of our silent partner BASF Coatings AG.

Here, the students were taught by two trainers of the company in how to blend in the paint.

At the same time, the instructors and teachers had another meeting in order to evaluate this first project





meeting. As the oral evaluation turned out, the partners were very satisfied with the organisation and the results of the first meeting.

The group was also invited to have a free lunch for the whole group in the restaurant of the company.



After lunch, the students evaluated their work and finally the whole group came together for the final results of the examination. All the students passed the final test and therefore received the international certificates by project coordinator Thomas Feist. Finally, the meeting was officially ended and the guests had to bid farewell.

All the participants are now looking forward to our next project meeting in Falun / Sweden.

Auf Wiedersehen!