

The representatives of five vocational education-
al organizations from Finland, Germany, Greece,
Poland and Sweden wanted to establish a Leonardo da Vinci partnership among themselves. The aim of this partnership was to enhance mobilities within vocational education for a new target group, therefore the partners wanted to include students that normally would not take part in an internship abroad. The students included in the project were given the role of researcher.

The aim was to collect information that students need in order to go for an internship to the visited countries. However, as the recruitment of students was different (students who normally wouldn't take part in an internship abroad where chosen), the school grades, finances, social background, playing truant, laziness, low level of English etc, which normally were perceived as the obstacles that lower the motivation to go for an internship abroad, were no longer the excuse. The group of students became a big asset in the project. They traveled with their teachers and coordinators to different research meetings held in different countries to seek for information valid for them in the future. They flew in planes, slept in hotels, ate in restaurants, took hundreds of photos, used Facebook, learnt new words, spoke English, spent a lot of time traveling, eating foreign food, visiting companies and vocational schools, interviewing students who have already done internships abroad as well as doing many other unforgettable things to fulfill their task! They had the time of their lives. They worked hard and they collected a variety of materials. All the material collected has been analyzed and is published on the project website **www.enhancing-mobility-for-trainees.eu**

All the students and teachers involved in this Leonardo da Vinci Partnership Project faced the simple truth, that 'Impossible is nothing' when you really want something to happen. Thus, if you really want to have an internship abroad, do it!



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**DO YOU
THINK**



EUROPEAN

IT IS USEFUL

- > Your self esteem grows
- > Your cultural awareness improves
- > Your vocational career improves
- > Your social skills improve
- > Your ability to deal with difficult situations improves



student from Sweden

I had almost never been abroad before but now after this I really would like to see more

IT IS FUN

- > You are not a tourist
- > You are part of the local life
- > You make lifelong friends



Don't be surprised if you fall in love with the country and get a feeling that you just have to return and ... remember you will always be welcome

student from Finland

IT IS FOR EVERYONE

Do you think that

- > Dyslexia
- > Language
- > Finances
- > Homesickness

is a problem? It is not!



student from Finland

The project has given me courage to go abroad to study or to work

student from Finland

Don't be afraid about the language, body language works



student from Greece

You have the opportunity to go abroad and cope with other students and exchange point of views

We saw and learnt a lot of things which will be necessary for our future as far as the employment is concerned

student from Greece

