

EXPECT

EXCHANGES OF PRACTICES IN EDUCATION FOR CLIMATE TARGETS

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From 12th to the 13th of January, partners of the project “EXPECT” met for the 7th time. This time, the team met in Vienna, Austria. Keep reading to find out a recap of each day.

DAY 1

Project partners gathered at HTL Spengergasse where the PLA took place. They were greeted and welcomed by Ms Sabine Schwenk and Mr Stephan Humpl from 3S Research Laboratory which is also a project partner, as well as Mr Walter Zlabinger on behalf of HTL Spengergasse.

The first speaker of the day was Ms Sabine Schwenk. She gave an overview to partners of the Austrian VET system and the role of VET in the Austrian Climate Agenda 2030. She stated that in 2014 Education for sustainable development was implemented in Austria by Basic Decree on Environmental Education for Sustainable Development. Additionally, she said that in Austria are lots of initiatives and supporting structures to help schools “make their profile more sustainable”.



The next speaker was Mr Stephan Humpl who shared with partners information on the new development in higher VET in Austria. He shared that there are two new directions in higher VET in Austria – Vocational Academies and Higher Education Institutions. Vocational Academies are educational institutions for persons with a university entrance qualification that offer dual study courses where the link between training

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and study is very close; Higher Education Institutions are meant for apprentices in specific vocational fields with the idea that persons with a specific apprenticeship degree will be able to gain further qualifications in their area on the university level.

The third speaker of the first day was Ms Nicole Prischung, representing the ÖKOLOG Network Vienna, which runs a programme for environmental education and educational development for Austrian schools. She explained that it functions as a resource to achieve the SDG goals within the educational sector. Furthermore, there are over 600 schools with more than 160'000 students and 19'000 teachers within this network all over Austria. Additionally, she shared the prerequisites to become a member of this network, as well as she mentioned some concrete activities that schools carry out.



Afterwards, we had Mr Günter Moser from the ÖKOLOG VET School for Commerce and Tourism. He shared with the project partners that he believes that no matter what profession, sustainable development goals should be taught to everyone. Additionally, he has initiated a Sustainability Week in his school, carrying out sustainable activities such as recycling clothes, turning old books into furniture, etc. In the end, 180 projects were presented by students.

Then, the Erasmus+ programme project GREENOVET was presented by Ms Julia Fellingner and Ms Monika Auzinger from 3S Research Laboratory. They spoke about the project's main objective, which is to set up 'Centres of Vocational Excellence' in four European regions that are strongly embedded in the local innovation and skills ecosystems in the field of Green Innovation. Additionally, they spoke about the main outcomes that include the development of the international cooperation platform, training programme, competitions and international competitions in Green Innovation.



The last speaker of the first day was Mr Thomas Prigl, vice-principal of the Berufsschule für Baugewerbe. He presented E-Construction teaching. The main idea of this is to decrease the amount of paper used in the construction sector. He revealed that the Chamber of Commerce ensured 1000 tablets for VET students, allowing them to learn digitally, while all the theory books were digitalised as well. Additionally, 187 learning videos were produced and can be freely accessed by anyone on YouTube.

DAY 2

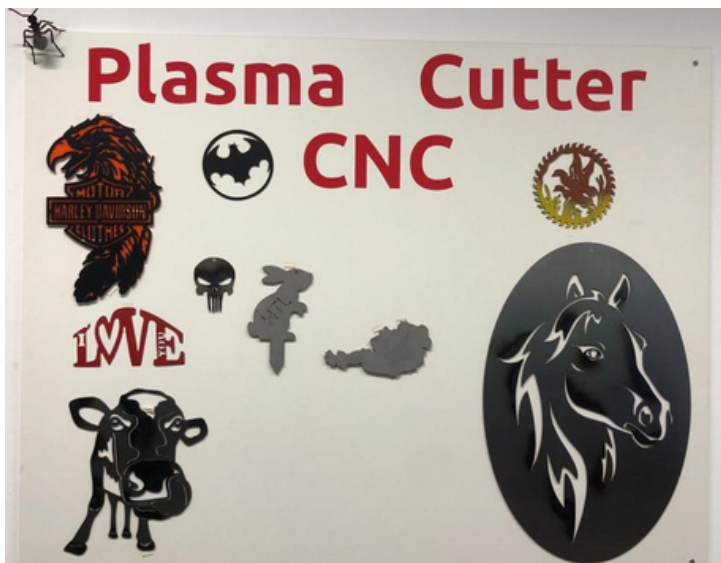
The 2nd day of the meeting started with a presentation on the Sustainability at the Austrian Federal Railway (ÖBB), and about their apprenticeship training. The presentation was held by Mr Stephan Baufeld, the Head of Education management at ÖBB. In the beginning, he introduced ÖBB, its infrastructure, international network, and annual investments. Additionally, he shared that they offer an apprenticeship in 23 different professions. As for the numbers, he shared that they have more than 5'000 apprentices and over 500 educators all over Austria, and each year they take approx. 500 new apprentices.



Afterwards, a presentation about the HTL Spengergasse and its training programmes was held by Ms Daniela Seitz. In total, the school has around 300 teachers and 2'700 students. As for the training programmes, it is possible to study Animation, Business Informatics, Game Design, Computer Science, Information Technology, Interiors & Surface Design, Medical Informatics/Biomedical Engineering, Technical Management and the Environment. As well, she revealed that annually they organise Climate Days for students.

Then, 2 students of HTL Spengergasse presented their upcycling projects. The first one was the G-Wagon, a means of transportation consisting of a combination of an old shopping cart and an old children's scooter that was combined with an electric drive. Example 2 was a Herbal garden from a euro pallet – flower pots made of old Euro pallets in combination with metal sheets from old server casings.

After the presentations, the project partners had a guided study tour in HTL Spengergasse. Partners had the opportunity to visit the workshops, speak with students and ask them questions about their studies.



NEXT STEPS

The next PLA will take place on 23 & 24 March 2023, when project partners will meet in **Bilbao**, Spain.



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**Now you can also find information about EXPECT on the official site
of the European Commission about Education for Climate:**

<https://education-for-climate.ec.europa.eu/community/topic/erasmus-project-expect-exchanges-practices-education-climate-targets>

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