



EVALUATION OF STUDY VISITS: **Ghent, Aalen, Porto**

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RETRAINING: GENERAL INFO

PURPOSE: to see the examples of good integration practice and suggest possible course of the future Serbian Academy

LOCATION AND PERIOD:

Ghent: KAHO Sint Lieven (HUB-KAHO) - September

Aalen: University of Aalen - October

Porto: Polytechnic Institute of Porto – November

TEAM: one representative of each college of the future Academy



TARGETED FIELDS

❖ INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

❖ IT SERVICE

❖ STUDENT SERVICE

❖ QUALITY ASSURANCE



BELGIUM - FLANDERS

- Hosts: Mr. Geert de Lepeleer, Mr. Andre Govaert
- Ghent, Sint Niklaas, Aalst
- Applied research
- Projects based on the needs of the industry and market
- Elaborate structure of student organisation
- Excellent conditions and state-of-the-art equipment
- Student Guidance and Counselling; STUVO
- Independent research and innovative projects conducted by students in their final year
- Integrated curricula
- Services are units independent of teaching staff



GERMANY - AALEN

- Hosts: Mr. Pascal Cromm, Ms Antje Discher, Ms Nichola Adams
- Study programmes in accordance with the industrial interests of the province of Baden-Württemberg
- Applied research and the procurement of the laboratory equipment
- Large external influence in governing bodies (majority in the Board of Governorns and exclusive membership in the Board of Trustees)
- General Student Council vs Independent Student Council; STUDIO
- AIM- student vocational guidance fair (Carl Zeiss, BMW, Boch, Daimler Benz, Voith, Siemens, Stihl, Audi)
- The entire 5th semester is dedicated to practice: placement is found by students
- University site is THE location: almost everything is done online (applications, surveys...)
- Potential professors need to have three to five years of experience in industry



PORTUGAL - PORTO

- Hosts: Ms Monica Vieira, Ms Cristina Pinto da Silva
- Porto, Vila do Conde
- COMAP
- Soft skills
- Student Guidance and Counselling Service (similar to STUVO)
- Employment Opportunities Website
- Cooperation between the Institute and the industry (OTIC)
- Numerous international projects
- Lots of effort invested in the improvement of academic success (various platforms, softwares, virtual environments)



COMMON POINTS

- APPLIED RESEARCH
- STRONG BONDS WITH INDUSTRY
- STUVO, STUDIO, Students Guidance and Counselling Service
- ELABORATE STUDENT PARTICIPATION: student boards, student councils, COMAP
- ENTIRE SEMESTERS DEDICATED TO PRACTICE
- Soft skills
- DEVELOPED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



DIFFERENCES AND PECULIARITIES

- Belgium: Student Guidance and Counselling Service is somewhat different
- Germany: professors need three to five years of experience in industry and they are encouraged to return to industry in order to keep up-to-date with current achievements in their fields
- Germany: strong external influence in governing bodies



SUGGESTED GOALS OF THE SERBIAN ACADEMY

- DEFINE CRUCIAL COMMON POINTS WHICH WOULD BE THE BASIS OF THE ACADEMY
- ESTABLISH BETTER CONNECTIONS WITH INDUSTRY AND MARKET
- ESTABLISH COOPERATION WITH UNIVERSITY COLLEGES IN EUROPE
- DEFINE UNIQUE STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES OF QUALITY ASSURANCE BEARING IN MIND THE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES OF OUR COLLEGES
- ENCOURAGE MANIFOLD STUDENT PARTICIPATION
- MAKE OUR STUDENTS MORE VISIBLE ON THE MARKET



HOW TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS

- ADJUSTING THE CURRICULA UNTIL THE NEXT ACCREDITATION PERIOD
- INTRODUCING PROJECTS WHICH WOULD BE INTERESTING FOR THE INDUSTRY AND LABOUR MARKET
- SIGNING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS EUROPEAN COLLEGES
- ORGANISING STUDENTS INTO MORE COHERENT GROUPS THROUGH COMMON EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS
- APPLYING FOR INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS
- INTRODUCING SOFT SKILLS COURSES



CONCLUSIONS

- **RETRAINING VISITS WERE EXTREMELY USEFUL BECAUSE:**
 - ✓ WE CAN POSITION OURSELVES MORE EASILY WITH RESPECT TO OUR INTELLECTUAL, FINANCIAL, ORGANISATIONAL ETC. CAPACITIES
 - ✓ WE CAN MORE CLEARLY COMPREHEND THE IDEA OF AN ACADEMY
 - ✓ WE OBTAINED VERY USEFUL GUIDELINES
 - ✓ WE CAN BETTER PERCEIVE OUR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES AND WORK TOWARDS OVERALL IMPROVEMENT



THANK YOU!

Dank u voor uw aandacht!

Obrigado pela vossa atenção!

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