

EBBD NEWS

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Great events are often foreshadowed



INVITATION:

**EBBD CONFERENCE
SAN SEBASTIAN 2019**

LOCATION

**7 - 8
MARCH
2019**

The annual EBBD conference will be held in San Sebastian in the beginning of March 2019. The programme of the annual conference focuses on a variety of aspects relevant for EBBD.

For instance, the Annual General Meeting, eTwining, global citizenship and soft skills. As usual we will all be sharing best practice and we encourage participants to bring teaching material used in EBBD classes or other examples of material used in connection with EBBD. We would like to encourage the participants to learn from each other and develop partnerships across borders. EBBD students will also join the conference and let us in on their experiences.

We hope to see many EBBD schools represented in San Sebastian and to welcome new members.

For more information and how to register: <https://bit.ly/2zyn4hO>

On behalf of the board

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**ACCREDITED
EBBD COLLEGES
THROUGHOUT
EUROPE**



NEW EBBD COLLEGES ON THE WAY

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The following colleges have recently been accredited

- ✚ Handelsakademie und Handelsschule der Stadtgemeinde Tulln, Austria
- ✚ IBC Kolding and Campus Vejle, Denmark
- ✚ Gustav-von-Schmoller-Schule, Heilbronn, and BBS Syke Europaschule, Germany
- ✚ Koning Willem 1 College den Bosch and Rijn IJssel College Arnhem, Netherlands

EBBD eV is looking forward to you joining the EBBD-family and sends a warm ...



Moreover, these colleges have started the accreditation process

- ✚ EUC Nord Hjoerring, Denmark
- ✚ ROC Midden-Nederland Utrecht and ROC Midden-Nederland Amersfoort, NL
- ✚ Lauaxeta School, Ikastola, Spain

Message of the chairperson of EBBD e.V. – Peter Ketelaars



At this time of the year, when the leaves have fallen from the trees and the first signs of winter have made their entrance in West and Central Europe it is time to look back at the activities from this year. 2018 has been a good year for EBBD: not only have we been nominated for the best Erasmus+ project – which you can read more about in an article from Kaisu Luukka in this newsletter, but we have also implemented a steering committee that will support the EBBD board in developing a sustainable future. I see this committee as a valuable asset, as it will broaden the basis of the association and contribute to a larger European image; something that is valuable as we have the intention to apply for another KA2 project, with

which we aim to meet the demand of the European Commission for a Joint European Qualification in Business, for which we have done substantial preliminary work already during the two former KA2 projects successfully led by our partners and friends from Bielefeld and Helsinki. This year has also shown a steady growth of accredited colleges over Europe and the board is confident that this growth will continue in the next years. A minor matter of concern is the accreditation tool. It has been developed with good intentions, but in practice it is rather difficult to work with and for that reason the board is planning to have some changes made there to facilitate the accreditation process of new colleges. Looking forward to next year I would like to draw your attention to the next Annual General Meeting in San Sebastian in March 2019. The board would be very pleased if you can make it to the conference and enjoy not only the attractive programme that has been put together by our Spanish friends and our board member Henriette

Böttcher, but also to the beautiful environment of Donostia as it is called in the Basque language. As chairperson of EBBD e.V. I wish you all a very happy festive season and a restful Christmas holiday and hope to see many of you somewhere in the new year to come!

Peter Ketelaars
Chairperson EBBD e.V.

*EBBD+ project
nominated for a
European award. –
Kaisu Luuka*



The European Skills week 2018 contained some extra suspense as the project EBBD+ was nominated as a finalist in the contest Awards for VET Excellence. The European Skills week, and especially the awards highlight good practices and recognise excellence in vocational education

and training (VET) all over Europe. This year the highlight of European Vocational Skills Week, the awards ceremony took place during the closing event on 9 November 2018, in Vienna.

Business College Helsinki's teacher Kaisu Luukka, and the coordinator of international affairs, Marja Saarela were invited by the European Commission to participate in the awards ceremony to represent the project EBBD+. Ms Luukka and Ms Saarela coordinated the three-year project that had partners over Europe: University of Worcester in the United Kingdom, Summa College in the Netherlands, Berufsbildende Schule Wirtschaft 1 Ludwigshafen and Rudolf Rempel Berufskolleg in Germany, Aalborgs Handelsskole in Denmark, Andrásy György Catholic Business Academy in Hungary, The European Forum of Technical and Vocational Education and Training EfVET, and the association European Business Baccalaureate Diploma, EBBD e.V..

EBBD+ was nominated in the category of Erasmus+ projects, under the umbrella of European funding for excellence, from among over 600 other Erasmus+ projects. EBBD+ was built on a previous

collaboration that had developed the European Business Baccalaureate Diploma, a justification of excellence in the field of business studies. In the awards ceremony the winners were announced by Marianne Thyssen, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility.



While EBBD+ was left second in their category, Commissioner Thyssen declared all nominees as winners of Vocational Education. Ms Luukka states that the success of the project lies in the collaboration and commitment of all the project partners. "The European Business Baccalaureate Diploma directly addresses all the challenges in vocational education and training named in the Vienna conference: soft skills needed in the labour market, international skills as well as and raising the attractiveness and reputation of VET", Luukka concludes.

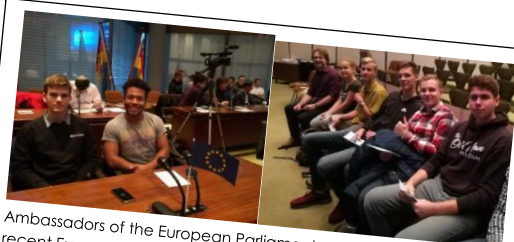
Activities of EBBD Colleges – Impressions 2018



Design Thinking Activity organised by the San Sebastian Development Agency Nazaret Zentroa, San Sebastian, ES



2-week language course in Edinburg, Scotland Knord (Lyngby), DK



Ambassadors of the European Parliament - Discussion about recent European developments with experts in the town Council BBS Wirtschaft 1, Ludwigshafen, DE



Simulation of international trade in cooperation with Helsinki Business College, FI - Gustav-Stresemann-Wirtschaftsschule Mainz, DE



on behalf of EBBD e.V. we would like to wish you all a
very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

You want to contribute?

You are a (newly) accredited EBBD college and



Send us your article for the next issue of this newsletter upcoming in June/2019.

Editorial deadline
Date: 31st May 2019

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