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Against all odds a Great Success 3rd international EBBD conference in Vienna



This year the conference was held in Vienna (Austria) and was organised by our Steering Committee member *IBC Hetzendorf, Vienna* in cooperation with the Austrian Ministry of Education. Due to the beginning of the Corona crisis this was even more of a challenge than normally.

Therefore, our heartfelt thanks go especially to Regierungsrätin Mrs Weger, Mrs Tomasitz-Möseneder, Mrs Leitner-Preschern and Mrs Lepichon who made the impossible possible.

NEW EBBD COLLEGES ON THE WAY



The following colleges have recently been accredited



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



Moreover, these colleges have started the accreditation process

- ✚ Skanderborg Odder Center for Uddannelse, Denmark
- ✚ BBS Verden, Verden/Aller, Germany
- ✚ ROC Midden-Nederland, Utrecht and AOC Midden-Nederland, Amersfoort, Albeda College, Rotterdam Noorderpoort College Groningen De Rooi Pannen Tilburg all in the Netherlands



3rd international EBBD conference in Vienna

The year 2020 will enter history as a very special year in many respects. Our annual conference and general meeting in Vienna had been well prepared by the board, the Steering Committee and many other people, especially from IBC Hetzendorf and the Austrian Ministry of Education. Venues and catering had been settled and a side programme developed. This year we expected again more guests to our conference, even from countries that had not participated before.



Johannes Lindner: Vocational School for Business Education

our 10-year existence. It was a pity that we could not celebrate this as we wanted,

but it has become clear that EBBD is alive and well! And then COVID-19 made its appearance. Many members had to cancel their participation and our hosts had to be very creative concerning venue and catering.



Students from IBC Hetzendorf assisting with the catering

In the end only half of the members could participate in person, and some had to return home head over heels before their borders would be closed.

The general meeting proceeded well according to plan. The outcomes can be seen in the minutes that have been sent to the members earlier. The rest of the conference went on in a somewhat peculiar way. Museums and public buildings in Vienna were already closed and restaurants announced their upcoming closure too. Members could only hope that they could still reach their homeland before a lockdown would come into

force. Fortunately, all went well and no one was left behind.



Thanks to the tremendous effort of Mrs Weger and Mrs Tomasitz-Möseneder, the costs of the conference were not too high this time and for that reason we were able to refund the conference fee to those that had not been able to participate.

It seems that social life has changed permanently, at least until a vaccine has been developed. This will have its repercussions on future meetings, not only for EBBD, but for all conferences being organised. At this moment we cannot look forward into our crystal ball, but I sincerely hope that we will be able to meet again in person in Eger, Hungary, next year.

As board of EBBD we have issued a statement concerning international internships, both for this and next year, which has been sent to you earlier. Hopefully that will give students the opportunity to graduate for

their EBBD certificate, even though they may have had to return home earlier than expected.

Once again, I would like to thank our hosts for the great reception and support that we have received during our conference!

Peter Ketelaars
(Summa College, Eindhoven,
chairperson of EBBD e.V.)

Attention: Decision of the AGM regarding work-placements abroad

In order to facilitate EBBD-students in graduating the AGM has decided the following procedure:

- Instead of an international work placement students can fulfil their internship in an international company in their own country, if the students have the opportunity to speak in a foreign language, have meetings (also via Skype, Teams or Zoom) with foreign customers, etc.
- Students that were on an internship abroad already during the outbreak of the corona crisis, but had to return due to regulations of their national governments and who had not yet fully met the four-week-requirements shall be considered to have met these requirements. They do not

need to do extra internship hours at home or abroad.

In the situation where specific conditions apply the Steering Committee member of the respective country will further define the requirements in agreement with the EBBD e.V. board, if necessary.



Ute Pentke, secretary of EBBD e.V. and coordinator of the project

Erasmus+ KA2 project EBBDprime

Connected with the 3rd international EBBD conference we had our 2nd EBBD prime meeting in Vienna... completely different as planned because of to the Coronavirus ... only half of us could participate in person and had to join online, due to cancelations and prohibitions of travels on extremely short notice. Nevertheless, we were able to make progress and finalize first results.



Project partners at work

👉 We finalized the new design of the EBBD learning units and two prototypes (European Citizenship and Marketing).

👉 We incorporated the relevant parts of the European Frameworks (Council Recommendations for lifelong learning, Digital Competence Framework for Citizens 2.1, Digital Competence Framework for Consumers, Entrepreneurship Competence Framework, Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture) – Thus starting to update the EBBD portfolio and make it more future-proof.

👉 We also started to enrich the EBBD portfolio by showcasing different possible forms for the implementation of work-based learning (WBL), thus focusing future employability even more.

👉 And, last but not least, we have already compiled a number of helpful and illustrative best practice examples of our partners for creating guidelines that facilitate the cooperation of EBBD colleges with stakeholders as well as informing and guiding

students and parents. In this context our meeting with Arja Krauchenberg from the European Parents Association (EPA) was particularly fruitful and we hope to further this cooperation on (inter-) national and regional levels.



Our wonderful hosts from IBC Hetzendorf, who always kept calm and adjusted quickly to all the new challenges

All results are available for accredited EBBD colleges on Basecamp. Your constructive criticism for further improving the new design of EBBD and/or best practice examples of your cooperation with stakeholders respectively informing and guiding students and parents are welcome.

Ute Pentke
(BBS Wirtschaft 1 Ludwigshafen,
project-coordinator)



EBBD colleges working together.

A group of Business Administration students from NAZARET visited SUMMA COLLEGE in Eindhoven, as part of their international curriculum, in February. During the visit they had the opportunity to exchange experiences and activities with their international partners. Hopefully we will have the opportunity for further visits in the future!

Nereba Peña,
(Nazaret, San Sebastian,
Steering Committee Member of
EBBD e.V. for Spain)



“Rock around the Clock” in Helsinki

The annual International Seminar in Business College Helsinki took place in the beginning of March. The college hosted some fifty visitors from FIM Germany and ROC DaVinci College and Rijn Ijssel the Netherlands.



The theme of the seminar week was Society 24/7. The students and teachers learned about the possibilities in Helsinki around the clock, participated in the theme seminar and also presented their own opinions about the 24/7 Society. They were customers in Open Doors Fair where international EBBD students presented their virtual companies and products. They also toured around Helsinki and visited the famous candy factory Fazer.

Kaisu Luukka
(Business College, Helsinki)

Dear partners and members of our association,
although holidays will probably be very different this year due to the Corona crisis we hope you will be able to relax and gather new strength for the challenges to come during the next schools year...



... and after that we wish you a good start into the new school year!

Your EBBD e.V. Board.



You want to contribute?



You are an accredited EBBD college and

-  share good practice
-  discuss ideas for further development of EBBD
-  ...

Send us your article for the next issue of this newsletter upcoming in December/2020.

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