

We are pleased to write this report about our experience in the “SBS – Staatliches Berufliches Schulzentrum” in Dinkelsbühl within the Erasmus Project ERASMUS+ - KA1 VET, Learning Mobility for Individuals, Call Year 2020.

We are two teachers of different subjects in different European countries. Our names are Alazne Akarregi, a teacher of Administrative Management in a vocational school in “Lekeitio BHI” in Bizkaia in the Basque country, Spain, and Paola Balbo from Italy, a German teacher in a vocational catering school called “Jacopo da Montagnana” in Montagnana, in the province of Padua (Veneto region).

We decided to apply for this project called “*Job shadowing: S.M.I.L.E Towards the Future and Towards a digital World*” because we wished to widen our own experience as teachers as well as strengthen our teaching methods by seeing how other colleagues work in another country, in particular in Germany. At the end of our stay we can say that we have gained a lot from it.

As can easily be seen from the title itself, our project focussed on two peculiar, but complementary facets of our job. We have actually improved our knowledge of digital tools: our German colleagues showed us the programs they use in the administrative field and the learning platforms they employ in their lessons with students. Thanks to a pleasant meeting with the deputy headmaster, Mr Andreas Wedler, we enjoyed the opportunity to get acquainted with the wide, comprehensive program teachers, students and families share in the teaching-learning process.

We have also better realised how to get our students more involved in the schooling and training action by means of a wide variety of well-timed different activities.

Last but not least: we appreciated the opportunity to experience the natural beauties and the delicious food specialties of Franconia.

We are very grateful to Mr Konstantin Chytiris for his kind readiness to help us before and during our stay: his engagement and commitment within the Erasmus program is simply extraordinary.

We would also like to heartily thank Mr Wedler and the other teachers who welcomed us to their classes. All of them made us feel at ease by explaining to us the activities they were going to carry out with the students as well as by sharing teaching materials.

We would also say thank you to all the students who were so well-behaved, so polite and willing to collaborate with us at all times.

Finally, we recommend that other colleagues take part in such experiences because they are great ways of enlarging both our personal and professional horizons and getting renewed energy for our job.

Alazne and Paola