



School staff workplace observation visit in Grybów, Poland

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From June 12 to 16, 2023, school staff members Lena Stulpinienė, Deputy Director for Infrastructure, Toma Anušauskaitė, Practical Training Supervisor, and Kristina Rasymienė, Administrator, participated in a workplace observation visit in Grybów, Poland, as part of the ERASMUS+ project No. 2022-1-LT01-KA121-VET-000062704.

The purpose of the observation visit was to learn about the Polish education system, vocational training programs in the fields of social welfare and healthcare, and the organization and implementation of practical training for students studying these programs and other vocational programs in Polish institutions and companies. The visit also aimed to explore best practices in inclusive education in Poland.



During the visit to the Social Welfare Center in Grybów, the participants familiarized themselves with the center's activities. They discussed the training of students in social welfare and healthcare vocational programs in Poland and explored the opportunities for student internships in these fields at the institution.

At the vocational school *Zespół Szkół Ponadgimnazjalnych im ks. prof. Józefa Tischnera*, the participants met the school community, learned about the specializations offered, and explored the learning environment. Discussions were held on the similarities and differences between the Polish and Lithuanian education systems, and experiences in inclusive education were shared.

At the Teachers' Training and Adult Education Center in Kraków (*Centrum Kształcenia Praktycznego w Krakowie*), the participants were introduced to the center's community, the specializations offered, and its learning environment. There was also a discussion about Poland's dual vocational education system and possibilities for international cooperation in vocational training.

During the observation visit, participants had the opportunity to learn about the Nowy Sącz region and met with Antoni Koszyk, the Mayor of the Nowy Sącz region, and Justyna Tokarczyk, the district secretary. Teachers from Latvia (Daugavpils) also attended the meeting. The discussion focused on the education systems of the three countries. Additionally, the Latvian teachers expressed great interest in our



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school, and we hope to host guests from Latvia in the future.

The participants were welcomed in Poland and the visit program was organized by Dr. Tomasz Walicki, Director of the host organization *Centrum Wspierania Szkół – Europejskie Programy Edukacyjne*.



The participants sincerely thank everyone for the warm and friendly reception, the informative and valuable program, and the continuous care throughout the visit.



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