

The region of Graz has a lot of multinationals and the companies have a big demand for new employees. Therefore companies inform (young) students in schools about future job opportunities. Career orientation and career guidance within schools is a lot influenced by the companies in and around Graz. The delegation of 's-Hertogenbosch noted this situation as a success factor in preparing young people for the labour market. Is this why Austria has such a low rate of youth unemployment?

Light bulb moments

Edward de Gier, Bossche Vakschool: „The cooperation between schools and companies, in special the way it is organised at Andritz AG and the way they have incorporated the „Steirische Volkswirtschaftliche Gesellschaft“. In the Netherlands there should be a more intensive relationship between education and companies, in the region of 's-Hertogenbosch on the level of employers organisation BZW and headmasters/directors vocational education“.

Eric van Woesik, Koning Willem 1 College: “It was interesting how NMS Graz Webling and NMS/BG/BRG Klusemannstrasse bridge the gap between the Grammar School and the Secondary Modern School and in particular how they pay attention to the different talents and social-background of students.

Eugène Princée, employers organisation BZW: „The joint project of the Industriellenvereinigung Steiermark with a group of companies to promote jobs in the industry“.

Veronique Scharenborg, 5* Noordoost Brabant Werkt!: “How learning within Andritz is integrated in the company, the humanistic approach in schools and the strength of teacher commitment“.

Theo van de Veerdonk, municipality of 's-Hertogenbosch: “In Graz 60 organisations (schools and companies) meet each other, talking about new jobs. Children are stimulated to create new projects (entrepreneurial spirit). Project „Your job“ initiated and paid by 7 big companies in Graz. Good example how you connect schools and the world of work. Teachers commitment! 100% connection between Andritz and Education!“.

