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# Berufskolleg Eifel

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### Vocational College "Berufskolleg Eifel - BKE"

The vocational college "BKE" has its main focus on economics & business administration, nutrition & supply management and tourism. The educational system at BKE is basically divided in two main departments: The vocational school (banking, retail, hairdressers etc.) with approx. 1,100 students and the full-time courses (university entrance qualification, A-levels etc.) with about 600 students. BKE employs 75 teachers and its premises are equipped with state-of-the-art technical equipment. The students at BKE can receive internationally recognized language certificates in Business English (Cambridge), in French (DELF) and Spanish (DELE).

## **Surroundings**

The Berufskolleg Eifel is situated in Kall, a small town in the Eifel. The Eifel is a rural area in the west of North Rhine-Westphalia and, due to its lovely landscape, a major tourist destination. The Nationalpark Eifel, in particular, attracts a large number of visitors. There are also lots of small and medium sized enterprises in this area where most of our vocational students do their apprenticeship.

#### International Experience so far

In 2009 BKE participated in a Comenius project for the first time and the college has taken part in or organized Comenius projects ever since. Currently it has partners in Spain, Slovenia, Italy, Finland, Poland, Slovakia and Portugal. Moreover, BKE has been sending quite a number of students to do an internship abroad since 2011 so that they could gain work experience and improve their language skills and their number is continuously growing.

#### Our Idea of international partnerships

We want to get in contact with partners from our European neighbours and to jointly work out common projects aiming at getting to know our partners' culture their teaching systems and understand better their social and economic environment. Furthermore, we would like to exchange our experience in teaching and give above all our students the opportunity to get to know their peers from other countries. Lastly, we want to extend the possibility to send our students for an internship to our foreign partners and to give our partners' students the opportunity to do the same here in our catchment area.

#### **Our Aims**

We want to give our students the opportunity to spend some time abroad to get to know their fellow students, to experience their school life as well as their training methods. And by working in international teams during a common project they will improve their language skills, gain experience in team-oriented project work and develop their entrepreneurial spirit.

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