



9th INNOTECS Study Visit in The Netherlands

The 9th INNOTECS annual study visit took place in the Hague on April 7–8, 2025, on the premises of **ROC Mondriaan vocational school** and brought together over **60 leaders in technical and vocational education from across Europe** to explore the theme: **“Building a Boundless Future in Sustainable Innovation and Technology.”**

The representative of the host school presented the Dutch education system and showed various ongoing projects during a visit to its technological facilities. Attendees also experienced the hospitality of ROC Mondriaan’s Hotel School, which provided a vibrant setting for networking and cultural exchange.

The programme included an **inspiring talk by Arjan Wallinga on ‘Energy Transition’, followed by project presentation sessions, promoting collaboration** between the institutions present and the emergence of new ideas for projects and partnerships.

The second day of the event was dedicated to **disseminating impactful good practices and ongoing projects, providing valuable networking**

opportunities for participants.

The study visit ended with a visit to the **Kubo Group, an international benchmark in technological solutions for sustainable greenhouses and high-tech agriculture.**

The study visit served as a dynamic platform for directors, educators, and policymakers to share best practices, engage in collaborative projects, and strengthen international partnerships. **INNOTECS President Mirjam van den Broek (MBO Raad, NL)** highlighted the **importance of cross-border collaboration in technical education, emphasising the need to prepare students for a rapidly evolving labour market.**

The study visit concluded with a **renewed commitment to fostering innovation and sustainability in technical education.**

Plans are already underway for the **10th INNOTECS Study Visit, in 2026, that will be held in Aveiro, Portugal, under the organisation of AEVA - Escola Profissional de Aveiro.**



INNOTECS is an international organization uniting directors and educators from technical Vocational Education and Training (VET) schools. Our primary mission is to advocate for the interests of technical educational institutions worldwide and contribute significantly to meeting the growing demand for technically skilled individuals in the international labor market.

One of our flagship initiatives is the organization of an annual international study visit. This event serves as a dynamic platform where members converge to share valuable insights, exchange knowledge, and forge partnerships for projects related to technology education. It’s a vital space for collaborative efforts that drive innovation in technical education on a global scale.



INNOVATING TOGETHER: PROJECT PITCHES FROM INNOTECS STUDY VISIT

VET2Sustain call for students, by Mirjam van DenBroek

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SUMMARY: Vet2Sustain project develops cooperation between VET schools and working life in European countries. As the needs of the labour market evolve and change, education must also adapt. We will improve the quality of VET with the cooperation between VET providers, companies, chambers, national authorities, and other stakeholders by developing joint VET qualifications.

We invite VET students to participate in the hybrid event taking place in November 2025, in Antwerp & Brussels, focusing on the discussion between students about the outcome of the recommendations from the report on the attractiveness of VET and the role of digitalisation.

Skill Lab Competition, by Ana Ribeiro

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SUMMARY: The Skills Labs Competition is a hands-on challenge designed to bring together European schools and students to showcase their technical and vocational skills in real-world, industry-driven scenarios. Schools will compete across professional sectors, promoting creativity, problem-solving, and collaboration while fostering international connections.

Join the Skills Labs Competition to empower your students, strengthen vocational education, and showcase your institution's excellence at a European level.

Let's innovate, collaborate, and shape the future of skills development together.



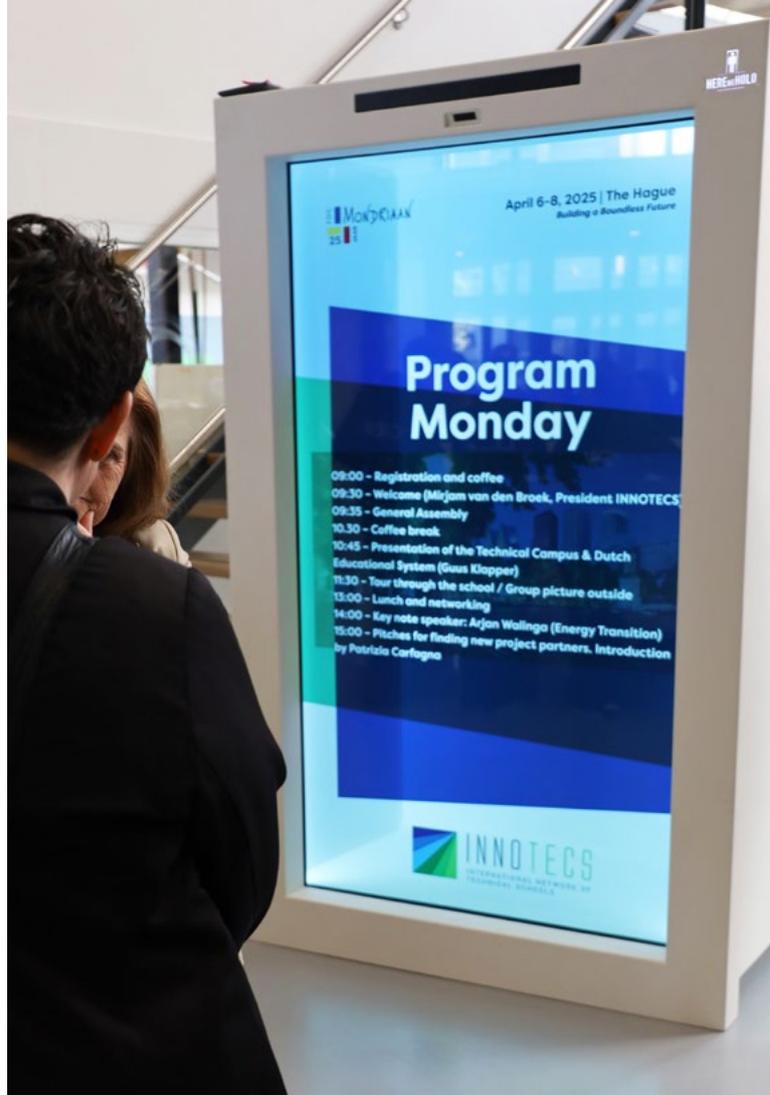
Future Skills, International Experience!, by Raf Kiggen, Katrijn Verween

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SUMMARY: Our goal is to provide our students in the VET – Labour Market Track (ISCED-3) with valuable international work experience. Through Erasmus+, we aim to establish strong partnerships with schools that can facilitate company-based internships abroad for our students.

We are looking for partnerships with schools that can facilitate company-based internships (EQF3) in the areas of wood craft, welding and mechanical design (CNC, sheet metal, construction, ...), and partners with experience in writing applications.



High School Start-Up Center, by Igor Kos

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SUMMARY: The High School Start-Up Centre is an Erasmus+ KA220 project aimed at fostering entrepreneurial education in secondary schools.

The project envisions a structured Start-Up Centre where students actively develop their business ideas, supported by a digital platform for mentorship and an international Start-Up competition connecting young innovators with industry leaders.

The Start-Up Centre will provide structured support, from ideation to implementation. Partners include schools (methodology development, student exchanges), business mentors (guidance), and incubators (networking, funding).

We are actively seeking partners who share our vision.

If you're interested in collaborating, let's connect! Join us in shaping the future of education and entrepreneurship.