

“FOOD CONNECTS EUROPE” WHAT IS THE PROJECT ABOUT?

The project "Food Connects Europe" is a cross-curricular approach to the overall topic of food. Food is an integral and motivating part of each students' every-day life and therefore offers a hands-on motivating and tangible approach to abstract concepts and ideas. Food with its cultivation, preparation and communal consumption is a form of cultural heritage. It is a dynamic, living product, and helps to create social bonds and understanding as it shows and maintains cultural difference.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

This project will help our students to gain an informed perspective into employment and opportunities available and help to decide on their future careers and motivate them to pursue one. The collaboration with outside food related business partners will pave the way for future cooperation. Get to know a variety of employment sectors, jobs and opportunities for further education by cooperating with schools for further education, visiting companies, doing interviews and research.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

"Food Connects Europe" gives students the chance to use communication skills and business knowledge to establish enterprise schemes at all partner schools enabling them to undertake activities which engage them with challenges and applications from the business world and helps them to acquire enterprise skills in real life situations. Student groups found a mini-food-business, create a business plan including calculations, advertisements, etc., produce a food product and sell it at International Food Sales during the exchange visits

BRIDGING SOCIAL GAPS / INTEGRATION

The project aims to bridge cultural gaps between the participating European countries, schools and students as well as in-between citizens with different cultural backgrounds living together in one community by improving the inter-cultural understanding of our schools and our local communities. The project also gives refugee children or children that recently migrated to an area the chance to show their culture and learn about the culture of their chosen home. We plan to use the topic food as a hands-on approach to share cultural heritage. Students show off dishes, traditions, customs in videos, presentations, recipe booklets in an interactive Cookbook; International Food Events during the exchanges, cooking together, etc.



EUROPE AS A SHARED MARKET

The aim is that pupils will gain a better understanding of Europe as a shared market and the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Exploring and researching topics like healthy lifestyles in different countries, trade routes and origins of different products, food quality seals and their meaning, fair trade, prices of food in different countries and the reasons behind it and positive vs. negative consequences of trade agreements or subsidies in agriculture.

On a structural level all partner schools will address the challenges of implementing careers guidance; using the CLIL approach to teach English as a foreign language; and integrating migrating children in the community by exchanging practices, experiences, methods and concepts and developing new ideas for their school curricula.

All partner schools will involve the whole school community including teachers, students, parents, outside partner organizations and the local community during different parts of the project. During the six learning/teaching/training activities with students at each partner school results will be shared and produced, international food sales and cook outs will be realized, research will be done, food production and food distributing businesses will be visited, knowledge about careers in the food industry/agriculture will be gained, social and cultural differences will be bridged, experiences will be made, stereotypes will be deconstructed, respect and tolerance will be promoted, conceptual ideas on integration of refugee/migrating children, careers guidance, CLIL will be devised and the projects progress will be evaluated and revised.