

# EXPECT

EXCHANGES OF PRACTICES IN EDUCATION FOR CLIMATE TARGETS

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From the 15th to the 16th of May, partners of the project “EXPECT” met for the 9th and final time. This time, the team met in 's-Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands. Keep reading for a recap of each day.

## DAY 1

At the very beginning of the meeting, project partners were welcomed by the member of the board of directors, Ms Dominique Majoor. She introduced partners with the Koning Willem I College as well as shared that in total there are over 17 000 students and 10 educational departments, such as business services, technics, ICT, building, logistics, etc. She also shared that Koning Willem I College is the most sustainable VET institution in the Netherlands.



Next, a sustainability teacher, Mr Rob de Vrind, presented how Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) are integrated into school curricula. He explained that their school can be considered an example in the field of sustainability, as they have heat pumps, triple glass, electrical cars, air recovery systems, and many more.

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Afterwards, a presentation from the construction company Heijmans by Mr Rene Frinks was held. He presented the company as well as spoke on the involvement of the students, and sustainability. He shared that the involvement and the ideas of the students are essential for them to continue their work. They also believe that if they do not work sustainably, they will no longer exist in 10 years.

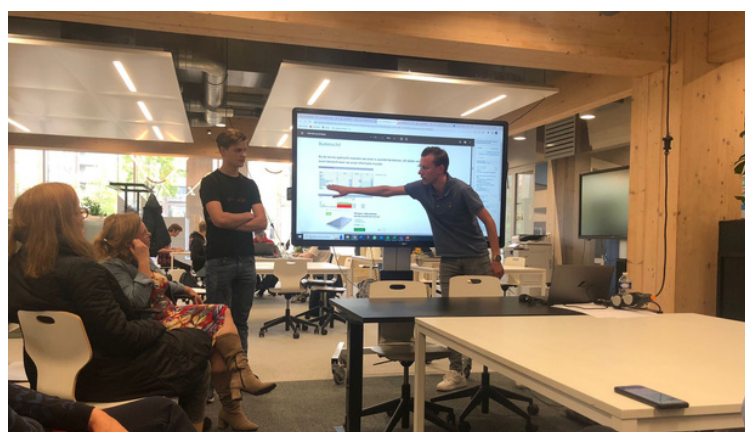
Then, Mr Hans de Jong, who is a director of the technical department, held a presentation about his department and how particularly in this department they integrate sustainability. He explained that it is essential to educate people about energy transition. Moreover, he spoke about the importance of cooperation and international cooperation, and how it can contribute to achieving SDGs.



The project lead partner from MBO Raad, Mr Manfred Polzin, presented the VET system of the Netherlands. He shared that it consists of 57 VET colleges and approx. 500 000 students. Approximately 40% of students in the Netherlands who graduate secondary schools, decide to go to VET institutions afterwards. Additionally, he shared that the graduation rate in the Netherlands is 77%, while the OECD average is 46%.

Next, the project partners went on a tour around the campus. During the tour, the partners were shown different departments, equipment students work with, heat pumps, solar panels, and many more. Additionally, partners were told more about the history of the campus, where they were explained that initially, this was a military base.

Then, project partners visited Talent Atelier, where Ms Angelique Heijmans and Mr Sam van Beek shared and explained how they work in multidisciplinary teams on tasks from society including creativity, working together and finding new ways of presenting concepts or models, e.g., with 3D printing or laser cutting. Project partners got a chance to take part in the activities as well.



At the end of the first day, partners visited the Building and construction department, where Ms Hilde Vorstermans shared the approach on how they work with students, and how education on sustainability is integrated into their lessons. She explained, that they try to teach students responsibility, by allowing them to work more independently and try new ideas. Also, two of the students presented their projects.

## DAY 2



On the second day, the partners returned back to Koning Willem I College. They were met by Mr Ferry van den Heuvel, Mr Marcel Geurts, and Mr Peter Graste who presented about Electronics, Cooling techniques, and Underground infrastructure respectively. They shared and explained why it is necessary to educate students on sustainability and how they can contribute. Additionally, partners were shown different equipment students learn about and work with during their practice or after graduation at particular companies.



At the end of the second day, project partners discussed the project results and had a look back at all the meetings that took place during the project - the United Kingdom, Latvia, Finland, Italy, Austria, Spain, and the Netherlands. Additionally, also ideas for a follow-up project were discussed.

To find out more about this and other meetings, visit <https://duurzaambo.nl/goede-voorbeelden-europa>

**Find information about EXPECT on the official site  
of the European Commission about Education for Climate:**

<https://education-for-climate.ec.europa.eu/community/topic/erasmus-project-expect-exchanges-practices-education-climate-targets>



***The “EXPECT” project team thanks everyone who followed this journey for 2,5 years. See you on the next project!***

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