

EBBD

The European Baccalaureate Diploma – EBBD allows people who matriculate and complete courses in business subjects to acquire additional competences in the areas of business economics and European skills. These competences form a standard that has been harmonized throughout Europe and is certified as the *European Baccalaureate Diploma – EBBD*. This certificate is a label of excellence that is based on national/regional curricula but is individual and goes further than these.

The EBBD is intended to develop into a standard for the integrated Europe, particularly for vocational education. It encourages the graduates to mobility and enhances their career prospects. At the same time, it allows business oriented education to be upgraded and increases the motivation to acquire relevant competences in business economics and enhances the transparency of the final graduation certificate on the European level.

Thus the introduction of the *European Baccalaureate Diploma – EBBD* offers added value both for students and for businesses. Beyond this it also contributes to the further development of the European educational area.

The Structure of EBBD

In future the European economic area will demand more extensive and specific competences. The learning outcomes and curriculum of the EBBD were developed with exactly these competencies in mind:

- (1) Competence in business economics
- (2) Competence in international business spheres of activity
- (3) European competence – CFEC
- (4) Competences in two foreign languages
- (5) Competence in the handling of business questions in a foreign language – CLIL
- (6) Application of professional competence in an internship abroad
- (7) The ability to solve problems in business projects and simulations
- (8) Soft skills

The individual areas of competence are documented in the EBBD Diploma (and also in the *europass* when needed).

Utilization

The European Baccalaureate Diploma – EBBD complements the respective national diplomas. Schools and institutes providing commercial

education in the different countries are the main target group. The European Baccalaureate Diploma represents an additional diploma and can also be offered to university students as additional or optional studies within the framework of individual educational backgrounds.

The Association

As a NGO the “European Baccalaureate Diploma e.V.” takes care of the processing of the accreditation of the institutes who can give EBBD diplomas. It also cares for the establishment of the rules for the certification. Anyone interested, individuals and organizations are cordially invited to become members of this NGO. The association was a partner in

- the Multilateral Comenius Project, which developed the curriculum (project number 510568-LLP-1-2010-DE-COMENIUS-CMP) and now it is a partner in
- the project of Erasmus Strategic Partnership, that further develops the EBBD (project number 2014-1-FI01-KA202-000880).

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