



Flavors and Fragrances Jobs

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4th Transnational Meeting

The fourth transnational meeting of the project Leonardo Da Vinci partnership took place in Lublin, Poland 4th – 5th September 2014. The meeting was hosted by Deinde Ltd located in Lublin – the capital city of the regional located in the east of Poland – and attended by all project partners.

During this 2-day meeting, the project partners had the opportunity to make **progress on the design of planned project activities and results** as well as to **discover in situ a**



best practices in the field of natural products, aromatic plants and herbs thanks to practical **study visits**.

The first day was started with the review and validation of a key activities carried out so far by the partners: discussion on the proposed communication tools, validation of the minutes and evaluation report summarizing partner meeting held in Slovakia, summary of interim reports submitted to National Agencies.

Then, partners worked on next activities to be implemented within the project – especially key results/products: Book A (*Assessment of skills and training needs for companies from FFJ sector*), Book B (*Proposals for training offer tailored to needs and challenges of the FFJ industry*), Best practice guide about structuring and development of FFJ sector, Book C (*Proposals of promotion and valorization of the FF sector and its jobs*), Book D (*Towards greater recognition of professions and expertise around the European Qualifications Framework skills*) as well as Regional meetings to be carried out locally. The partners agreed upon an action plan with clear deadlines and task allocation for the remaining activities and results.

Moreover, as our French Guyane partner (BGE Guyane) for the first time participated in the FFJ transnational meeting, other partners had the possibility to get to know this organization better. Thanks to special presentation made by its representatives, other partners discovered not only the BGE Guyane itself, but also a little bit of geography and culture of their country, basic facts about economy, internal and external relations with neighboring countries and other European countries. They also brought some local products from their country so that FFJ partners could taste them and get to know French Guyana better.



The next transnational meeting will be organized in Belgium in January 2015.





The final part of the first working day and whole second day was devoted to **study visits** thanks to which FFJ partners had the possibility to get to know best practices from the field of Flavors and Fragrances in Lublin Region. Below we present the places discovered by FFJ partners.

University of Life Sciences - <http://www.up.lublin.pl/english/>

At the University of Life Sciences, Faculty of horticulture and landscape architecture, Mrs Agnieszka Najda – the Assistant Professor and Head of the Quality Laboratory of Vegetable and Medicinal Plants – presented newly-established studies “Herbs and vegetable therapies” which attract many students not only from the region, but also whole Poland and even foreign countries. Then, partners visit University’s laboratories, glasshouses and herb farms with mint, thyme and other herbs located on the outskirts of Lublin.



Perla Browary Lubelskie SA (Perla Lublin Breweries) -

<http://perla.pl/en/#>

Perla Browary Lubelskie SA (Perla Lublin Breweries) is one of the largest regional beer producers in Poland and the biggest independent beer brand.

Partners visited the underground passage in the Old Brewery (at the headquarters of the company situated in the historical brewery) which is now a sort of museum opened to visitors who may get to know the history of the Breweries, see how the production and different products looked like in the past.



Then, partners went to the New Breweries – the production facility. Thanks to a guided tour, the partners had the opportunity to see beer production process from the very beginning (mixing ingredients such as barley malt and water, filtration process in huge tanks, adding hop, then fermentation process etc. – see: <http://perla.pl/en/production-process/>) till the very end (beer enclosed in bottles, cans or kegs in bottling area). Participants had also the chance to taste beer coming from different phases of its production.





European Festival of Taste

<http://www.europejskifestiwalsmaku.pl/>

http://kultura.lublin.eu/wydarzenia.1,553,European_Festival_of_Taste.html?locale=en_GB

The European Festival of Taste (4-7th Sept 2014) is the largest festival of its kind in eastern Poland which attracts exceptional fusion of cultural and culinary tradition of the Lublin region. The organizers intention is that visitors stop here for a while, slow down a little and give some thought to tastes and smells surrounding them. Then, filled with positive atmosphere of diverse gastronomic experiences, relaxed and satisfied, they will return to their homes. What has been a trademark of the Festival is extensive cultural programme which includes concerts of Balkan and Ukrainian music, exhibitions and vernissages, competitions as well as culinary workshops. FFJ partners had the opportunity to visit exhibition stands presenting panorama of flavors, regional products, spices, herbs, ecological food etc. They could also try some local products and buy as gifts for friends and families.



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- Main website of the project
<https://sites.google.com/site/flavoursandfragrancesjobs/>
- Facebook page and discussion group
<https://www.facebook.com/flavorsfragrances>
- Project webpage on Polish partner website
<http://www.deinde.pl/page21.html>

