



The European Training and Transfer Academy for young adults (EATA)

(EATA = Europäische Ausbildungs- und Transferakademie für junge Erwachsene)

Brief description

The European Training and Transfer Academy for young adults (EATA) is an initiative dealing with the demand-oriented provision of qualified employees and young adults from European and international countries, where, besides language training a special emphasis is put on integration measures and the early involvement of business companies.

The program of the European Training Academy is aimed at young adults from the age of 18 from European/international countries as well as refugees/asylum seekers with a high likelihood of permanent residence.

The aim of the Transfer Academy is to integrate and linguistically qualify adults from European countries with an initial vocational education and, where possible, with professional experience in the fields of MINT, health and geriatric care, basic care services or trade as skilled workers for the labor market and the companies of the Ostalbkreis district.

Provider

The provider of the EATA will be a gGmbH with the associate partners Ostalbkreis district and the city of Ellwangen holding 51 % and the Kolping-Bildungswerk holding 49 %.

The main purpose of the company is the regional business development by increasing the supply of skilled personnel and decreasing the gap of skilled personnel and training professions in the Ostwürttemberg region.

Infrastructure

A building (Z-Building) in the former barracks of Ellwangen is being set up for the EATA.

The European Regional Development Fund (6.6 million euros) and the Development Programme for Rural Areas (2.6 million euros) fund the reconstruction costs of 15.5 million euros; the share of the city of Ellwangen amounts to 6.3 million euros.

I. The Training Academy

The program of the academy is aimed at young adults from the age of 18

- from European/international countries as well as
- refugees/asylum seekers with a high likelihood of permanent residence

According to the content, a distinction is made between youths who

- a) aim at a professional training
- b) need support during their education

a) Youths aiming at a professional training:

During the basic training year of up to 12 months they will receive

- language training
 - incl. TELC exam
 - with B1/B2 certificate verification
- vocational orientation with qualifying parts and practical components
 - Based on a comprehensive competence analysis with an
 - orientation phase in various vocational fields followed by a
 - basic qualification in the individually suitable vocational field with subsequent
 - practical training in a regionally located company of the Ostalbkreis

The vocational orientation and the basic qualification primarily take place

- in the technical industrial sector like
 - construction, electrical engineering, hotels and restaurants, warehouses, trading
 - elderly care- and elderly care aides-sector

The contents of the vocational training and the basic qualification are held in the training facilities of the

- EATA
- the Kreisberufsschule Ellwangen (district vocational training school) or at
- cooperating educational institutions, associations, and regional institutions

The aim of the basic qualification is to integrate the young adults into training or employment.

b) Young adults during their training period

It is envisaged that during the subsequent training period the youths will still

- be supported with their language skills – e.g. under the overall programme language (Gesamtprogramm Sprache= GPS) of the Federal Agency of Migration and Refugees and
- get more support such as assistance during their vocational training, if required.

During the training period, the offers are determined in conjunction with the respective clients.

II. Lodging at the EATA during the training period

Young adults attending an educational programme at the EATA have the option to live there. The residential offer provides:

- single room with bath and kitchen unit – approx. 200 single rooms are planned
- shared kitchen and communal areas for joint activities
- recreation rooms such as fitness rooms are scheduled
- for each residential group (25 tenants per group) a mentor is available as fixed contact person

With regard to and based on the living environment, the aim is to help the youths and young adults with their daily structure and to become independent:

- room cleaning
- provide for food and supply and/or
- deal with public administrations, doctor appointments

III. The Transfer Academy

The aim of the transfer academy is to integrate and linguistically qualify adults from European countries with an initial vocational education and, where possible, with professional experience in the fields of MINT, health and geriatric care, basic care services or trade as skilled workers for the labor market and the companies of the Ostalbkreis district.

Probable contents of the transfer academy:

- Transfer of language skills with B1/B2/C1 or C2 certificate verification depending on occupational field and field of application.
- Intercultural training about „Living and working in Germany“
- Integration consulting on issues like recognition for foreign qualifications, family reunification, childcare and enrolment in the different school systems.

The participants of the transfer academy have the option to live on the grounds of the EATA while they are in the program; single rooms with bath and kitchen unit are available.

The EATA program part „Transfer Academy“ will be announced Europe-wide.

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