



Vocational Education and Training Centre Zirmunai

-Talents are born here!



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MAIN FACTS

- Started its activity in 2019, after merging two strong educational institutions: ***Vilnius Tourism and Commerce School*** (est. in 1945) and ***Vilnius Žirmūnai Labour Market Training Center*** (est. in 1985).
- State-funded provider of Initial and Continuous VET:
 - Students in IVET programs: ~ **800**
 - Students in CVET programs, including persons sent by Employment Services: ~ **2500** annually
- Main unit in **Vilnius**, with branch units in southern, northern and north-eastern parts of Lithuania: **Druskininkai, Pakruojis** and **Zarasai**



PROFESSIONAL SECTORS



Restaurant&Hotel department:

- Cook
- Confectioner
- Baker
- Waiter/waitress
- Bartender
- Hotel worker



Business&Technology department:

- Shop-assistant
- Accountant
- Travel agent
- Secretary
- Dress-maker
- Logistics operator
- Warehouse operator



Social services, Health&Beauty department:

- Massage therapist
- Nurse assistant
- Social worker
- Hairdresser
- Cosmetologist



AREAS OF ACTIVITY

VET & Secondary education

- Young learners (from 15 years)
- School leaving diploma + VET certificate

Initial VET

- School leavers seeking for the 1st qualification
- Upon graduation: employment or studies in college/university

VET for Unemployed

- Re-training opportunities in cooperation with Employment services

VET for people in employment

- Re-training and/or additional competences in cooperation with employers

Recognition of competences

- Recognition of professional competences acquired by informal, non-formal learning or in working life (including migrant workers)



Approved Center

- In 2020 VET Centre Zirmunai became the 1st recognized **BTEC centre** in Lithuania to deliver international *Pearson* qualifications (**Centre Number: 94315**)
- Accredited programs:
 - *Pearson BTEC International Level 3 Diploma in Hospitality*
 - *Pearson BTEC International Level 3 Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship*
- Lectures delivered by best teachers and well-known business professionals
- The **BTEC philosophy**:
 - Work-related education programs
 - Modular design
 - Practical assessment
 - Accessible for learners of all ages





MEMBERSHIP

- Association of European Hotel and Tourism Schools – AEHT
- World Massage Federation - WMF
- Lithuanian Association of Hotels and Restaurants
- Vilnius Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts
- International Practice Enterprise Network - EUROPEN-PEN International





INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION & PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Active participation in EU funded projects since 2002
- Erasmus+ **VET Mobility Charter** since 2015
- Partner organisations in **20 European countries**
- Currently: **14** Erasmus+ KA1, KA2 and KA3 projects and **1** Nordplus Junior project



Erasmus+



Nordplus





INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION & PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- **11 % of students** take part in mobilities
- Length of placements abroad - from **3 weeks to 3 months**
- **Receiving partner:** practical training at school laboratories or in companies; accommodation in the centrally located dormitory
- Participation in international **Skills competitions**
- **Master classes** by invited chefs





BEST PRACTICE EXAMPLES

- **Open Doors event “Try on a Profession”:**
 - Aim: introduction to a specific profession
 - Participants: schoolchildren of different ages
 - Practical activities in laboratories and workshops (*e.g. making cookies, running a warehouse, working with accounting IT, etc.*)
- **Technology lessons for secondary school students:**
 - Regular technology lessons delivered using the facilities of a VET centre
 - State-funded initiative to promote VET
 - Students have a chance to get a deeper insight into a specific occupation
- **Online meetings with school communities:**
 - Our teachers are invited to online meetings to present training and career opportunities to secondary school students and their families (*video presentation, success stories, etc.*)
 - Live Facebook meetings when our students answer questions received from secondary school students



THANK YOU!



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