

Emilia Gierczak's Group of Secondary Vocational Schools of Economics and Hospitality in Kolobrzeg (Zespół Szkół Ekonomiczno-Hotelarskich im. Emilii Gierczak w Kolobrzegu) belongs to leading Polish schools of Secondary Education which are concerned with the highest quality of vocational education in the fields such as administration and office, tourism and catering, electrical and electronics. The school has been present on the market of education for over 45 years constantly taking top places in internal ratings (e.g. Polish Rating of Secondary Schools- PERSPEKTYWY) and systematically improving its position in educational initiatives of schools from the European Union countries that belong to European Association of Hotel and Tourism Schools (AEHT) based in Luxembourg and also participating in educational programmes of partner vocational schools from Germany.

The mission of this vocational school is to educate modern and responsible **leaders of Business, IT, Catering, Hospitality, Tourism and Marketing and Advertising** who understand contemporary world and their role in it. The leaders who will be well prepared to leadership as well as to improving and developing their skills, knowledge and talent based on modern facilities, hi-tech equipment and highly qualified teachers assisted by teacher trainer consultant, careers adviser, psychologist and educationalist.

Modern economy and contemporary society demand real leaders. People who are able to plan strategically, act consistently, solve problems effectively, people who are not afraid of taking the risk and are able to get fully involved in the job and pass their enthusiasm on others. People who long for developing their managerial talents and entrepreneurship. Nowadays economy needs people who are open to new ideas and can observe changes in the world and adapt their own actions to that changeable world. People who are able to look at economy and the company taking a long-term profit into account, leaders understanding others point of view, being able to discuss, persuade and conduct.

**SCHOOLS INCLUDED IN THE GROUP OF VOCATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND HOSPITALITY IN KOLOBRZEG EDUCATE SUCH PEOPLE**

Our own model of education is based on three pillars:

1. Knowledge and skills development.
2. Practical use of knowledge.
3. Students' personal development.

In the school's curriculum we emphasise understanding of diversity of contemporary economy and society, understanding of correlation between different fields of activity on the market. The curriculum is constantly improved by our teachers.

**THE MOST IMPORTANT FOR US IS TO ADJUST EDUCATION TO REAL NEEDS OF THE JOB MARKET**

The group of Vocational Secondary Schools of Economics and Hospitality in Kolobrzeg is

- Vocational Education Leader( the title given by the Ministry of Education); The School with Quality; The School of Entrepreneurship; The Safe School; Zachodniopomorska School of Quality; Promoter of Ecology- National Council of Ecology; Well Designed (zaPROJEKTOWANA) School in 2015 and 2016; The School without violence; The School introducing modular programmes of vocational education; The School of talents discoverer.

-a member of the Polish Hospitality Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Regional Society of Tourism and Health Resorts and a member of Polish Accountants Society.

- the school under academic auspices of Pomeranian Academy in Slupsk; Higher School of Commerce in Bydgoszcz; the school cooperates with Szczecin University and Technical College in Koszalin and Techno-Park Pomerania in Szczecin.

- the school has been honored with the Medal 'PRO-MEMORIA'; Honorable Badge "FOR THE ACHIEVEMENTS FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY" (Za zasługi dla turystyki); a golden HONORABLE BADGE OF ZACHODNIOPOMORSKI GRYF; silver and bronze honorable badges of POLISH RED CROSS.

- the author of 46 executed EU projects of Leonardo d Vinci, InteregIII, IVA,VA, Erasmus+, Polish- German Students exchange

- the school employs 145 workers (teachers and other staff), there are 900 students and 230 students from 15 Polish vocational schools who are provided with different forms of practical trainings in their professions at the workshops HO-GA-TUR.

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