

“A Digital Nomad a person who earns a living working online while travelling around the globe. Basically a modern nomadic lifestyle.”

Background

The world changes quickly. Digitalization has taken a flight and is involved in all aspects of life. Not only in working places and automatic processing, but also in our personal lives. An example of this is the Digital Nomad. The nomadic lifestyle takes full potential of modern technology. This change of working habits and lifestyle balance takes a new approach in how to build a living. On the other hand, society is changing. Major events as war and crises or challenges as sustainability, (work)migration, polarization aren't only issues of a single country but are greater than our national borders.

In 2020 Yuverta TVET college in the Netherlands did a project on Digital Nomads in education. Thirteen students from different green courses and two teachers took their backpacks, their projects/assignments and travelled for a month in Europe while they kept working on their schoolwork that they normally would do in a school building. The group prepared their own travel plan, budget, internal and external network. During the travels the expectations of motivation and learning on-the-spot were much higher than dreamed. Themes as democratic values got much more meaning in dialogue with other Europeans. Working on their school projects took less effort than normal and got more impact because they could integrate reality in their learning. Unfortunately, Covid-19 caught up on the group and sent them home early. Now, two years later, the preparations of a new group of Digital Nomads is going strong and in March 2023 a new group will leave for at least a month.

Foundation of core and the goal of the project

The project Digital Nomads combines two major challenges of modern society: digitalization and socialization into a modern way of education. In this project a group of international students will be traveling together from one place to another while they are working on projects/assignments from their own school back home. In the preparation of the project, the group will be challenged to work together to make a travel plan, group rules, budget, plan ahead and work out personal goals. While travelling, students will be working on their projects that they would normally do in their school. This brings some new challenges for practical courses, so students need to network in order to get excess to practical areas in the countries they are visiting. During these travels the group of international students will be challenged with projects about modern society and how we could solve these challenges.

One of the goals of the Digital Nomads is to travel around in an international community and to meet European students in different countries, to work as a digital nomad and to work on problem solving of crossing borders issues. Students do all this while working at their home-curriculum. By the time of 2024 or 2025 we are hoping to set up international groups of Digital Nomads of various nations combined.

The dream of the project

While we are creating a community of Digital Nomad students, the next step in the project would be to create the first international school for vocational education. A border crossing school where students could travel between different school in various countries while they work on the same curriculum. For example, they could get credits for a project in the Netherlands and the next place is an assessment in the Czech Republic. In the end a student has enough credits to get a diploma in one or more majors and minors, a lot of European friends and an international network as a start of his/her career.

Got excited?

Hopefully you are now fully excited behind your screen to jump into this adventure. What we, Yuverta TVET college, is looking for are the following things:

- Schools and places that we could visit during our adventure (March 2023)
- Partners who would like to set up an international community of Digital Nomads travels
- Partners who would like to explore how we could build an international school for vocational education
- Critical friends who would help to overview the development of this project

To finance the development of the project of international Digital Nomads in partnership. We would like to explore, develop and submit an Erasmus+ KA2 project.

English language does not have to be a barrier, because there is a French speaker among our dedicated team.

La langue anglaise ne constitue pas de barrière car il y a une personne de la nationalité française dans notre équipe

We would love to hear from you.

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