



What exactly is Wereld Proeftuinen?

Wereld Proeftuinen is an initiative launched in 2010 by the Dutch Ministry of Education and the Dutch Ministry of agriculture & food. This 2 year program stimulates student mobility in vocational education and training between the Netherlands and Turkey, the United Kingdom, India and France.

Goals

Wereld Proeftuinen has been launched to contribute to the following:

1. increasing the number of VET students that go abroad during their studies
2. inspiring schools for VET by showing them the value of international mobility and international cooperation.

Who is it for?

Only VET schools that are financed by the Dutch government can apply for a grant ("prikkelsubsidie"). These vocational education and training institutions are called "ROC" and "AOC". The subsidy is meant for students and apprentices following courses in one of the following 7 sectors: business, care, green, security, hospitality logistics or technical studies.

Besides this subsidy for students and apprentices, applicants can opt for a preparatory visit for teachers/trainers related to the apprentice exchange program.

Further Requirements

In order to inspire other VET institutions, projects applying for subsidy need complete practice descriptions as a way of stimulating international student mobility. This is stated in the general requirements:

1. The project 'proeftuin' characteristics (i.e. either new cooperation or sustainability of recently established cooperation)
2. The quality and preparations need to be realistic and sufficient to guarantee added value for the student.
3. The project will inspire others (students, teachers, courses, schools).
4. An appropriate medium is used to communicate good practice.
5. Future plans on the contribution of this subsidized project to preserve the relationship with the partner country, school or company, are clear and realistic
6. The projects' continuation is well thought out, realistic, and will strengthen reciprocity.

Duration/lead time of the activity

The apprenticeship / study abroad should be a minimum of 2 weeks and a maximum of 2 months.

Special 2010 study trip India

By the end of 2010 Wereld Proeftuinen will organise a study trip to India for international coordinators and teachers/trainers in Vocational Education and Training. The purpose of this visit is to create a foundation for



future cooperation with India. During this 2 week visit participants will get to know the Indian culture and society, and will be introduced to companies (and/or their intermediates) that would like to establish future relationships with the Dutch VET institutions

Grants schedule

There are 2 application rounds foreseen:

- the first round - applications should be submitted Between February 1st and April 1st 2010
- the second round - applications should be submitted before February 1st and April 1st 2011

Activities 2010 & 2011		Total budget [€]
Turkish projects	8 apprenticeship projects (+/- 10 students per project) Knowledge sharing /conference	€ 200.000
English projects	+/- 50 preparatory Teacher/trainers visits 4 student mobility projects (+/- 10 students per project)	€ 188.315
French projects	2 apprenticeship projects (+/- 10 students per project)	€ 50.000
India visit	2 week study trip (+/- 30 VET teachers, trainers, or coordinators international affairs)	€ 50.000

Extra

The following parts of submitted applications can possibly be financed through Wereld Proeftuinen.

- Language preparations. (maximum of €200 per participant)
- Promotion costs (maximum of €100 per project)
- Travel costs (maximum amount depends on country)
- Subsistence costs (maximum amount depends on country)

Questions?

If you've any questions or if you'd like to cooperate with Dutch vocational education and training institutions, please do not hesitate to contact us on info@wereldproeftuinen.nl or phone 0031-73 – 6800800.

