

**24.09.2014. T&L: European Cooperation Day in Malnava College – information on EU funded projects in Malnava College and QUIZ “101 questions on EU and ECDay”**

On 24 September 2014, Malnava College organized European Cooperation Day event (ECDay). Mr **Viktors Indričāns**, Malnava College Deputy Director for studies and research, provided information on EU funded projects experience of the College. Mr **Dainis Poikāns**, teacher of Malnava College, offered insights into history and major events with impact on development of European Union. About 200 young people – students of Malnava College took part at the event and especially – in the QUIZ “101 questions on EUR and ECDay”. Malnava College implements the project ELRII-285 “Improvement of higher vocational education in the field of transport and logistics” (T&L), financed by Estonia-Latvia-Russia Cross Border Cooperation Programme within European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument 2007-2013. Although ECDay was not a direct project activity, Malnava students were glad to join the movement. Besides, the idea of Malnava ECDay QUIZ was recognized in Milan during launching ceremony of European Cooperation Day!

On 24 September 2014, Malnava College invited students and teachers to participate in the event of European Cooperation Day. Mr **Viktors Indričāns**, Malnava College Deputy Director for Studies and Research, ELRII-285 Project Manager, provided information on EU funded project experience of the College. Mr **Dainis Poikāns**, teacher of Malnava College, offered insights into history and major events with impact on development of European Union (EU). The “hit” of the event was QUIZ “101 questions on EU and ECDay”. About 200 young people, students of Malnava College, joined the QUIZ. The event supported socially inclusive approach and young people with hearing impairments took part in the event assisted by sign language interpreter Ms **Ieva Strode**. Young people prepared for the QUIZ, actively participated and got premier prizes: books, pens, umbrellas, cups, flags, t-shirts etc souvenirs with EU and ECDay symbols, provided by Malnava College and Joint Technical Secretariat. Each participant of the QUIZ could get more and more awards, the more correct answers she or he knew. The atmosphere was full of enthusiasm and competition! Malnava youths are knowing and active!

Malnava College celebrated European Cooperation Day for the first time. There is one more thing that happened for the first time in Malnava – we tried the new ECDay mobile application allowing to put pictures on-line directly from the place of the event into ECDay homepage on internet (<http://www.ecday.eu/event?id=114372>). Teacher Ms **Evita Kļaviņa** assisted with application. Teachers Ms **Dace Laizāne**, Ms **Alita Dukule**, Mr **Pjotrs Žukovs** and Mr **Aleksejs Burbo** helped a lot in organizing the event and providing assistance to collecting the right answers, awarding, giving mics, putting on presentation and jingles, taking pictures.



It was decided that next year Malnava College will celebrate European Cooperation Day as well. Please find attached some pictures from ECDay in Malnava College. After the event and the QUIZ we asked young people about their impressions and herewith we provide some opinions and comments:

*“...Today [on 24 September 2014] we had an interesting event in Malnava College – European Cooperation Day. And we had a quiz with 101 questions about European history, music, cuisine, economics. Me and my friends visited the quiz, it was amazing!..”*

*“...We took part in a European Cooperation Day quiz in Malnava, Latvia. We won some prizes, like cups and books. My favourite part was national food. I can make pica myself; I know it's from Italy. I knew many right answers about national food...”*

"...It was a fun! Our teachers Dainis, Alexey and Pjotrs were great. Seriously, I learned many new things about history, cooperation, culture and economy of European countries. I learned that they first in France start celebrating New Year..."



Picture: Famous internet photo that was the first to download by the new application on-line. It is **Artis Čoičs**, 2<sup>nd</sup> year student of Malnava College, education programme "Agriculture". He was the first to win the award for four correct answers – cup with Programme's and ECDay logos and a book – Malnava College QUIZ "101 questions on EU and ECDay". **Artis** is absolute winner of the QUIZ. 24.09.2014., Malnava College - ECDay. Photo by A.Burbo.

"...My favourite part was about associations and guessing the country. Hockey, Aerodium, Freiberga – it is Latvia. Skiing, Narva, 1.4 million – Estonia. Amber, basket-ball, Sabonis – Lithuania..."



Picture: **Dāvis Augulis**, 1<sup>st</sup> year student of Malnava College, study programme "Vehicle Transport, was one of the most active and knowing participants of the QUIZ. 24.09.2014., Malnava College - ECDay. Photo by A.Burbo.



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Picture (from left to right): **Ingars Keišs**, 3<sup>rd</sup> year student of Malnava College, education programme "Agriculture", and **Māris Blūzmanis**, 3<sup>rd</sup> year student of Malnava College, education programme "Vehicle Transport" took an active participation in the QUIZ. 24.09.2014., Malnava College - ECDay. Photo by A.Burbo.

"...geography is what I like. I know all the flags. I think I was good at guessing national flags..."

"...I liked the quiz a lot! Especially European greatest hits! I love music and I think the most interesting questions were about hits!.."

Picture (from left to right): **Kristaps Garšneks**, **Kristaps Bērziņš** and **Lāsma Usāne**, 1<sup>st</sup> year students of Malnava College, education programme "Banking and finance", showed good knowledge and results, got awards. 24.09.2014., Malnava College - ECDay. Photo by A.Burbo.



Using financial assistance of European Social Fund, Malnava College provides opportunity to young people (under 29 years of age) with secondary education to have additional training and obtain 3<sup>rd</sup> level vocational qualification within the education programme "Banking and finance". Based on support of ESF and proving good results, the students have a possibility to receive a grant.



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Picture: **Arvils Kroičs**, 1<sup>st</sup> year student of Malnava College, study programme "Rural Business", showed good knowledge in the QUIZ, especially in questions about European music and hits. 24.09.2014., Malnava College - ECDay. Photo by A.Burbo.



Study programme "Rural Business" provides opportunity to obtain 1<sup>st</sup> level higher vocational education as well as some advantages in applying and implementing EU funded agricultural development projects.



Picture: Malnava College QUIZ "101 questions on EU and ECDay". 24.09.2014., Malnava College - ECDay. Photo by A.Burbo.



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Picture: Ms Ieva , sign language interpreter of Malnava College. Ieva assists young people with hearing impairments, who are studying at Malnava College with the aim to obtain vocational education in the programme "Vehicle Transport". Ieva works at Malnava College already for 3 years. Malnava College is one of the educational institutions in Latvia that consistently implements the approach of social inclusion in the educational process and contributes to provision of equal rights. To date 6 young people with hearing impairments study at Malnava College, and Ieva (or Ieviņa) provides assistance to these young people on daily basis. Four persons obtain vocational secondary education within the programme "Vehicle Transport" and two persons obtain 1<sup>st</sup> level higher vocational education within the programme "Vehicle Transport". 24.09.2014., Malnava College - ECDay. Photo by A.Burbo.



Picture: **Aleksandrs Šakelis** and **Vadims Kuprijanovs**, 3<sup>rd</sup> year students of Malnava College, education programme "Vehicle Transport", together with Ms Ieva Strode actively participate in the QUIZ. 24.09.2014., Malnava College - ECDay. Photo by A.Burbo.



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Picture: **Arvalds Strods**, 1<sup>st</sup> year student of Malnava College, education programme "Vehicle Transport", was one of the three participants, who showed very good results and provided most of the correct answers, won grand-prix. 24.09.2014., Malnava College - ECDay. Photo by A.Burbo.

The overall aim of the project ELRII-285 is to promote potential of labour market in the field of transport and logistics. The partnership and cooperation between higher vocational education institutions – Malnava College (Latvia) and Pskov Agrotechnical College (Russia) as well as Academic Park (Latvia) is being developed and strengthened within the framework of the Project. Within the Project ELRII-285 Malnava College obtained new books and study materials, improved study programme, equipped Motor Vehicle electrical testing lab, participated at exhibitions etc. In summer and autumn of 2014 academic staff participated in trainings to upgrade qualification, and Frankfurt study visit is one of the training elements. The project ends in December 2014. Good luck, friends!

Project ELRII-285 „Improvement of higher vocational education in the field of transport and logistics” (T&L) is being implemented within the framework of Estonia – Latvia – Russia Cross Border Cooperation Programme within European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument 2007-2013. On 07.06.2013. LR Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development and Malnava College signed Grant Contract No.ESTLATRUS/1.1/ELRII-285/2012/27 on implementation of the Project. The total budget of the Project is 219 616,60 EUR. European Union and Russian Federation co-finance 90% of the Project. **Malnava College** is Lead partner (Beneficiary) and implements the Project in cooperation with partners from Russia and Latvia – **Pskov Agrotechnical College** (Russia) and **Society „Academic Park”** (Latvia).

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