Benefits of exchanging knowledge…

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ECABO is the ‘Centre of Expertise on Vocational Education, Training and Labour Market' for the economic/administrative, ICT and security professions.

- Our objective is professional training that matches up optimally to the demands of the labour market. For this reason, ECABO has taken on the role of a bridge between trade and industry and vocational training.
Ex-change program of Edukans

- MBO (senior secondary vocational education), HBO (higher vocational education) and WO (University) Students
- Dutch Students leave for approx. 3 months internship in countries like Kenya, Malawi, India
- Construction, Water management, Trade, Energy, ICT…
- Projects like building water dams, water pumps, schools, ICT infrastructure, agriculture…and more…

‘The Profit of Learning’
Profit of Learning

exchanging:

- Knowledge
- Skills
- Attitudes

edukans ex-change
The role of ECABO

- (ICT) Expertise
- Bridge between trade and industry and vocational training
- Supporting in recruiting Students (matching the projects)
- Accreditation for internship (MBO)
- Matching the Dutch Qualification Structure (based on competences)

Within the Ex-change program, ECABO is involved in setting up and coordinating projects for ICT student teams from several educational institutes in the Netherlands (secondary vocational education, higher vocational education and universities) to help setting up basic ICT services in development countries, currently in Kenya and Malawi.
Example of ICT Projects

- Implementing and Maintaining of ICT infrastructures at schools and partner organisations
- Teach the teacher (ICT lessons/skills/possibilities)
- Concept of Service Level Agreements (SLA)
- ICC (Information Communication Centre)
It’s all about ‘twinning’

Dutch students, working together with local students on for example an ICT school classroom

- Implementing, installing computers in a network.
- Maintenance, fixing problems, dismantling pc’s, replacing parts.
- As a result: The local students form a ‘natural bridge’ between the Dutch Students and the local School (management, teachers). They also learn by practice how to maintain the ICT network afterwards, when the Dutch students are gone. The KNOWLEDGE stays
Photo’s
Benifits for our students

- Practice their knowledge in other (more difficult) circumstances than the European standards
- Finding creative manners to get the job done
- Using experiences to help improving the development
- Learning to be dependent of things/people/situations other than usual - awareness
- Training not only technical skills but also the ‘soft skills’ like communication, attitudes, culture, foreign language, all combined with each other
- A great experience, an adventure for life!
- And more….
Benefits for the twinning students (and partners)

- Learning IT by working together with Dutch students (mostly technical skills)
- Knowledge stays in the country
- Awareness of (technical) possibilities, finding solutions
- Improving skills to develop themselves, the community, the country
- Meeting other cultures, meeting ‘different’ people of the same age
- And more...
Who benefits?

- Dutch students
- Dutch schools/Industry
- Local partners/School/Community
- Local students
Let us cherish and learn from our history, but NOT bring history back into the South!
Thank you!

- Questions?

- Good luck with all the good work!