



## **GSBK Students discover Santander, Spain**

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Subsequently to the visit of our Spanish guests at the end of March a group of German students went to Santander during the first week of April. One aim of the exchange was to get an idea of what it is like to study at a vocational school abroad in the field of electrical engineering. The German students got to know the different departments of our partner school. So the students realised that most of the things they have learned in Germany are also part of the curriculum in Spain.

In addition they had the chance to work on real helicopters and they were shown the department of mechatronics. Maybe even more important for the students was to experience, the great hospitality of their Spanish guests. Not only were the German students welcomed warm-heartedly by their Spanish guests but also they realised that they are able to get along in a foreign



**German Students and Teachers with Spanish team at ENSA**

country very well, getting adjusted to the Spanish way of life step by step. For them it was a crucial experience to see that a different language, different food, etc. is definitely not a severe obstacle to build an enduring friendship. So Niklas is looking forward to going back to Santander as early as summer being invited by his exchange partner Alberto. Of course the official program helped the students to get a better insight in the Spanish world of labor by visiting two very interesting companies. Both ENSA, an internationally operating company supplying different services for nuclear power stations and Atlantic Steel, a worldwide operating company producing stainless steel were quite impressive for the students. Nevertheless far more important for the students was the experience that they can manage new situations even in a foreign country. Some of the students are now seriously taking into account to work abroad after finishing their education at GSBK...the first step into a career within the European Market is being accomplished.

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