

## EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE MITTELHESSEN

My German adventure

Business Management, Universidad de Huelva, Spain



**With international friends from Sommerkurs Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen**

When I arrived in Germany I felt really excited for all the new challenging environment ... New colleagues, new teachers, new job, the German language and all the stereotypes you usually have about a country before you actually know it.

Just after taking land in Frankfurt I was really lucky because I met my first colleague Alejandro, so I made friends from the beginning of the adventure.

After a while we arrived in Gießen and coordinators from the Sommerkurs were already waiting for us to welcome us and take us home.

My first month in Gießen was really fruitful, I made a lot of friends, German teachers at the Justus-Liebig were really professional and patient despite my low initial level (specially listening and speaking) and I could clearly improve my German until a basic conversational level that helped me a lot while living in Germany.

The German courses included a large variety of activities like different sports, dance, city tours, excursions,... Having fun and making friends while learning was quite easy.

After finishing my first month, I moved to the small village of Allendorf (Eder) in northern Hessen, where I met a great group of professionals while working in the global marketing department of Viessmann Werke. My colleagues helped me a lot to get used to working in my new environment. Although I had almost finished two degrees in my city it was a bit hard getting used to working because of the process of digitalization the company was implementing. It was a bit hard getting used to the different online tools they were using, but of course was really good to add some more digital skills to my CV.



**Gießen train station (Bahnhof)**

During the month of October I traveled as much as I could during my free time. Regarding my enrollment included a Semesterticket to travel in Hessen I spent most of my free time visiting places of interest in Hessen and also another places in Germany.

On the contrary, the month of November was not that good, I got a virus and I had to be in hospital for 6 days and out of work for a couple of weeks more, anyways my friends in Gießen visited me frequently, so I felt much better. I can say from my experience that the quality of the German health system is really high.

When I came back to the office I was not still 100% recovered, but I felt healthy enough to come back to the office and finish my project with Viessmann and THM University.

Both my colleagues at Viessmann and coordinators at THM were really sympathetic with my situation and supported me with my project.

Finally, I finished my experience with the exposition of the project getting a good mark: 1.7. (B+).

I strongly recommend EIEM program, since it is certainly a great option to live new experiences in your life at the same time you learn.

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