

# EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE MITTELHESSEN

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The EIEM program was a fantastic experience and I would recommend it to anyone interested in trying to grow out of their comfort zone. The language course was the best way to integrate into a new life in Germany. The language course was one of the best experiences and I think it paved the way for the rest of the program. There wasn't much stress in class and going for 3 hours a day helped me put the language to practice.

At first it was difficult but through time it became easier. The secret is to go out and experiment with what you know. I made many mistakes with the language but people corrected me plenty of times. I met people from 20 plus countries. It was a great way to learn more about other cultures. The language course held excursions to a variety of places, it helped teach the bus and train system. The classes were entertaining and the teachers try to get you to practice as much German as possible.



Work was a great experience for multiple reasons. Co-workers were interested in making sure everything was going well and the project manager checked in with me frequently. There was a good fun to work ratio. When it came to the workplace it felt like a little family and I think it was a learning experience for both them and I. They helped me understand their language and at the same time I helped them with their English. I was invited to many events which were very enjoyable.

I was able to experience more of the German culture and learn about traditions. I worked in the Research and Development department at Rittal. New ideas are tested and new products are being developed. The current project had to do with an autonomous robot and cameras. It is considered a secret at this point in time. The machine is currently still under development and my part was to create pathways as well as test for the functionality of the external devices that were needed to complete the tasks required. I worked with an industrial robot and it was very eye-opening as to what happens in this field of engineering.



I highly recommend this program to anyone. I learned more about myself, others, and the engineering field. This has been one of the most positive, if not the most positive, program I have experienced.