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A board of five European women in Technical network



The new board of INNOTECS, October 2018. From the left Manuela Guimarães (Portugal), Patrizia Carfagna (Italy), Anne Birthe Mortensen (Denmark), Wilma Verhoeks (The Netherlands), Mirjam Hensels-van den Broek (The Netherlands).

INNOTECS - The International Network of Technical Schools - has just elected the new board for the upcoming four years. The new board consists of five persons, and they are all women! The new Chairman of the board Mirjam Hensels-van den Broek (from the Netherlands) points out, that this is a rather unique

situation for an organization, and maybe especially for a technical network. Mirjam is looking forward to the cooperation with the other women in the new board, as well as with all the members in the network. The Secretary General comes from Denmark, the treasurer is Dutch and the other board members come from Portugal and Italy.

The new Chairman of the board has been a member of INNOTECS since the network started in 2014 as a project supported by EU Erasmus+ funding. After a couple of years, the network had grown strong enough to continue as an independent organization. In late 2017 it became an official registered association in The Hague, and the new board was elected at this year's INNOTECS conference in Como, Italy.

"We are very happy to be trusted the future of INNOTECS" says Mirjam Hensels-van den Broek. At the INNOTECS conference this year the amount of participants almost doubled since last year. All together 59 persons from 35 technical school participated in the two-days conference in late October 2018. Even a school from the United States had chosen to cross the Atlantic to be present at this year's INNOTECS conference.

Mirjam hopes to be able to welcome even more member schools to INNOTECS in the future. Technical schools all over Europe have the same kind of challenges coming from the Labour market, and with INNOTECS members have a connection to an international market place of inspiring practices and a gateway to finding relevant partners for their upcoming projects.

The added value of the network already has been proven by the many International projects and exchanges between technical teachers, students and management.

Although the board of INNOTECS now exists only of women, the network is meant for all directors, managers and teachers no matter their gender.

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