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HLUW Yspertal Launches Erasmus+ Project on Sustainable Farming

Sustainable farming, aquaponics, and vertical farming are becoming key solutions for producing food with fewer resources, less land use, and lower environmental impact. To help students engage with these future-focused technologies, HLUW Yspertal has launched a new Erasmus+ project together with Isonica (Iceland) and Fthia in Action (Greece) — turning student initiative into an international innovation partnership.

The consortium will jointly develop an interactive guide on sustainable farming, with a strong focus on aquaponics and vertical farming, combining technical knowledge with interactive learning tools.



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Let's get started

During the kick-off meeting in Yspertal (Feb 28–29), partners set a clear roadmap for the months ahead. In a focused working session, they defined project roles, responsibilities, and next steps, ensuring a structured and results-driven rollout.

The shared mission: to create an interactive guide to sustainable farming, spotlighting aquaponics and vertical farming through modern, digital learning formats.



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Students' involvement

The 4WKW class is already delivering impressive results. As part of their semester project, students are developing key guide components, including a 3D-blueprint for an aquaponics and vertical farming model, interactive videos, and educational comics.

At the end of the event, the students of the 4WKW class presented their interactive guide concepts to the partners from Iceland and Greece. Their work received very positive feedback. In addition, the class was awarded the prize for best presentation during the internal school project presentations — a special recognition of their creativity, technical skills, and professional delivery.

Field Trip

Field visits to the Vertical Farm Institute in Vienna and Domäne Wachau added real-world perspective on the challenges as well as importance of vertical farming and the impact of climate change on one of the most essential farming practices in the region. Moreover, the strengthened the project's practical focus.



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