

### **A dual experience in Koln by Vanessa Melero**

From 3/17/25 to 3/21/25, I visited the Alfred Müller Armack Vocational College in Cologne, Germany. This is a college which teaches an area of knowledge similar to Administration and Finances, since its offer is to train at banks, along with other branches related to Tourism and Logistics. In addition to this, this college provides secondary and high school education, as well as vocational training.



**Alfred Müller Armack Vocational College 1**



**Alfred Müller Armack Vocational College 2**

I was interested in learning about German dual system, which is pretty well-established, and different methodologies used in this college. With that goal in mind, I set out to attend and participate in different classes.

Firstly, the main thing I was surprised was the fact of the quiet and the lack of noise inside and outside of classes and the order of the building.

Secondly, the mood and motivation of the German students are similar than ours, so it made me learn that I have to take an more easy-going attitude when I notice that my students are not pay me attention me in certain moments.

Thirdly, another goal I have assumed is realizing an activity of the area of banks that I saw that week and I thought was very interested.



**Alfred Müller Armack Vocational College 1**



**Attending indoor classes 1**



**Attending outdoor classes 1**



**Attending classes 1**

Apart from that, I have learnt a lot of things of the German culture, like their tasted food and beer, their marvellous medieval cathedral and the warm host of its citizens.



**German food and beer 1**



**Cathedral 1**



For all these reasons, this job-shadowing mobility brings us the chance of expanding our contact networks, developing the possibilities of future collaborations. Furthermore, this mobility involves personal and professional development of the teacher, developing intercultural competences, linguistic skills and makes me being a force of change in the improvement of education.