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**Cities of tomorrow –
Classes from Kiel and Norway present transnational
sustainability project**

Young people are the future of Europe - and should help shape this future. The group of eight teachers from RBZ Wirtschaft is one of them. Kiel and the northern Norwegian Bodø videregående skole, which has been preparing a long-term sustainability project on the subject of 'Smart Cities' since September 2019 and has carried it out with two classes of 24 students each. This project is now coming to an end, which is why the students involved at the RBZ Wirtschaft . Kiel will present their results on September 14, 2022 in a public presentation on the school canteen stage.

The basic idea of the project was that the young people deal with the various aspects of a sustainable and smart city of the future and work together across national borders.

For this purpose, the Norwegian partner class and their teachers first visited the eleventh class of the vocational high school at the RBZ Wirtschaft for a week from the beginning of May 2022. Kiel (profile: economy and society / environment) to explore the city of Kiel in a joint project week and to learn something about its development strategies towards more sustainability.

In order to get an overview, the students from Norway and Kiel started with a city rally in Kiel, in order to then conduct interviews with experts on the various aspects of the smart and sustainable city of tomorrow. The young people also used lichens to determine air quality, which should provide insights into the extent to which urban air is polluted, primarily by fossil fuels and nutrient inputs from agriculture.

At the end of May 2022, the students from Kiel went to Bodø for a return visit to continue the project and investigate the same aspects there. The class wanted to make the trip as sustainable as possible, which is why they only managed the outward journey from Oslo to Bodø by plane. Between Kiel and Oslo, the Color Line enabled the students to take the ferry and on the way back they took the 24-hour train journey from Bodø to Oslo.



In Norway, the young people were rewarded for their efforts and gained interesting insights, for example into the work of the municipality, the electricity provider Bodø Energi or the football club Bodø / Glimt, which is committed to sustainability (for the numerous program items, see the overview of dates). Finally, the midnight sun north of the Arctic Circle, the nature and culture of northern Norway and the hospitality of the Norwegians were very impressive for the students. The numerous experiences of the class were documented in a travel blog (norwegenblog.jimdofree.com).

The final evaluation of the project will take place in September. For this, the meanwhile twelfth class from the RBZ Economy compares. In another project week, Kiel discusses the urban development strategies of Kiel and Bodø with regard to mobility, environment and life, energy, economy and the handling of waste. The young people also report on their experiences, what impressed them and what they would still like to see here or there as topics for future-oriented urban development. A delegation of four students from Bodø supports the class in this. The public presentation is to take place on Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Then another six students from Kiel drive to Bodø to hold the same presentation there in a public setting. The young people hope that as many representatives of the city as possible will see the presentation in both Kiel and Bodø, so that good ideas can be transported from Kiel to Bodø and, conversely, the city of Kiel could perhaps learn a thing or two from Bodø.

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