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Last weekend, on the 13th and 14th of January, we, Lili Leißer and Philipp Wagner, participated in the national championship of the EURO SKILLS 2018. All competitors have to come up with new and innovative business ideas that can vary from team to team – as long as they match the given topic.

In this competition the topic “**End Poverty**” was drawn out of a pool of 15 different issues.

Saturday Morning, 8 a.m.

After a short introduction and briefing the contest began. Our first task was to introduce our team and our strengths and weaknesses to everyone in a short 3-minute presentation. We then had to create a new business idea in under 30 minutes which had to be presented later. We came up with an innovative service that made enjoying leisure time activities accessible and affordable for every child and adolescent – no matter how rich or poor.

Later in the evening the first day of the competition ended. We both were very exhausted – but also excited about the following day.

Sunday Morning, 9. a.m.

This was the day where things started to get really serious. We had to elaborate some really complex tasks like a financial plan for example. Anyone who has ever created a financial plan knows how complicated this can get – and even worse if you have to figure it out without using

any templates.

But through creativity and fun we managed to cope with those stressful situations.

Fast forward a few hours to our final presentation: In under six minutes we had to fit in our whole idea and other aspects of it. But we managed to exceed our expectations in a great and very unique presentation.

The awards show

In an extremely close battle around the first few places we placed 4th overall. Although we sadly did not win a medal we still are very proud of our result, even more when considering how fair and honest we competed compared to other participants.

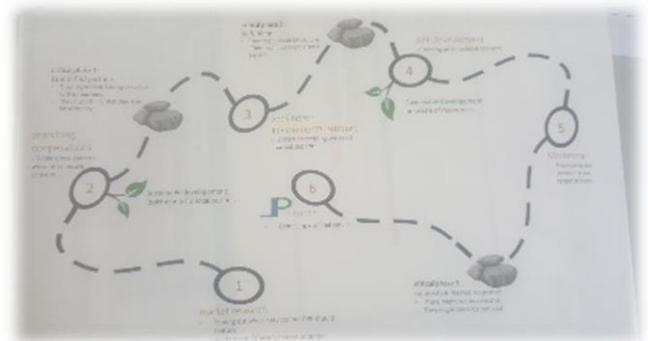
The conclusion

We really gained a lot of experience in this competition. We not only gathered some knowledge in specific fields, but also learned many important things for life. Those were:

- The best way to deal with stress is through fun and creativity
- A great team can achieve a lot in a short amount of time
- Everyone should learn 10-finger-typing (honestly, forget about your 2-finger-system)



Picture 1: Lili and Philipp while working



Picture 2: start-up process



Picture 3: the awards show