

# VET entrepreneurship contest was a unique experience

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## VET entrepreneurship contest

The partners involved in the project developed, in each country, a VET entrepreneurship contest. The goal was to decide which ideas would be represented in the TRY BOOTCAMP, in Portugal, in December 2019. Some of the ideas presented in EPAMAC, Portuguese VET school, were Bottle your Skate, Ambiance Aquaponics, Electronic Pig and Interactive School Map. Even though all the ideas were interesting, there was a national jury (made by representatives of AMC, EPAMAC and civil society) responsible for making the selection of two of them. Bottle your Skate and Ambiance Aquaponics were the “champions”.



## BOOTCAMP

From 2-6 December 2019, Amarante (Portugal), received the TRY BOOTCAMP, with participants from Poland, Romania and Portugal. These youngsters, all VET students, won the Entrepreneurship Contest in their countries. They started by doing the usual ice breaking games, visited EPAMAC, Escola de Ensino Profissional de Agricultura do Marco de Canaveses and discussed the topic of entrepreneurship, with the support of IRIS, Regional Incubator of Social Innovation. After, participants became the stars and presented their projects to one another, showing why they were chosen and travelled to Porto to get to know some successful social innovation projects. Before departure, they spoke about how their ideas fitted the social innovation, in which aspects they are innovative and the next steps to take. For sure we will see them succeed!

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