

Details about the DBV-Programme

Information on vocational training programmes for young agricultural experts from the Russian Federation, Ukraine und the Republic of Belarus in the Federal Republic of Germany

Since 1992 Deutscher Bauernverband (DBV), on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Consumer Protection, Food, and Agriculture has been running vocational training programmes for young agricultural experts from Central and Eastern European Countries. So far about 1.400 participants have successfully completed the programmes.

1) Programme structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-day introductory course in an agricultural vocational training center (topics: theoretical and practical lessons in livestock and plant production; overview of German and European agriculture) • 4-day course in a DEULA-training center (topics: proper handling of agricultural machinery in theory and practice) • 3,5 months of practical training on a farm • 3 day-excursions (visits of processing and marketing facilities, co-operatives, livestock farms, production plants for agricultural machinery etc)
Placements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • family farms or large-scale agricultural enterprises with organic or conventional production • placements in North Rhine-Westphalia, Schleswig-Holstein, and Thuringia • DBV selects the host-farm according to the intern's technical skills and personal interests
Training fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agriculture
Supervision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DBV staff
Monitoring and Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written report • final programme evaluation with discussion and questionnaire
Follow-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organization of follow-up seminars in the trainees' home-countries (topics: lectures, panel discussions, on-farm visits, field trips to governmental projects)

	and joint ventures, business-contacts with German agricultural entrepreneurs abroad)
2) Target groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • students/graduates from different agricultural faculties (livestock production, plant production, agricultural engineering, veterinary medicine, economy) • young farmers
Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russian Federation • Ukraine • Republic of Belarus
Selection procedure and selection criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • personal interview in German and Russian testing the applicant's professional and language skills, his personal qualifications, and motivation • applicants need to have basic practical work experience and sufficient knowledge of the German language • 19 to 30 years old • driver's licence for car and tractor obligatory
3) Co-operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • co-ordination of the programmes with the German agricultural attachés in Moscow, Kiev, and Minsk as well as the local agents of the German Bank for Reconstruction (KfW) • co-operation with the local ministries of agriculture in selecting trainees and preparing the programmes • co-operation with various regional educational institutions and associations in informing and preparing potential participants • co-operation with regional farmers' and young farmers' unions as well as local chambers of agriculture in planning and realizing the programmes
4) Aims of the programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The programme aims at supporting the development and reconstruction of the agricultural sector in the Central and Eastern European Countries. • Participants are to become familiar with the following issues: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the practical work on family farms as well as large-scale agricultural enterprises 2. farm-related businesses 3. the institutional framework of agricultural administrations, agricultural educational systems, and

	<p>professional farmers' interests groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finally, the programme also aims to promote contacts between the agribusiness-sectors of Germany and the Central and Eastern European Countries.
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