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The goal of the visit made within the Twinning Project jointly conducted by the Ministry of Education of Azerbaijan and the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection of Germany was to become acquainted with the vocational education system of both countries and discuss the possibility of introducing a new concept developed within the Project. The delegation included vocational education officials of the Ministry of Education, directors of vocational education institutions, teachers and industry training masters.

At the first part of the visit, the delegation became familiar with Rakican Biotechnology Vocational School located in Pomurska region of Slovenia known as an important agriculture region of the country. They were informed about the organization of teaching process at the school and vocational education system of Slovenia. It should be noted that, Rakican Biotechnology Vocational School cooperates with Ansbach Vocational Education Centre, which is a German partner of Twinning Project. At the meeting held at Regional Agriculture Society was also given information about the agriculture structure of the region.

At the second part of the visit, the delegation became acquainted with different vocational education institutions and organizations located in Federal State of Bavaria, Germany. They had a meeting with Thomas Miller, Director of State Institute for School Quality and Education Research located in Munich that develops curricula for vocational education field and organizes quality management. At the meeting, the Director gave information on the fields of activity and structure of Institute headed by him.

Next, the Head of Vocational Schools Department of Institute Georg Renner gave a presentation entitled "Development of curricula for vocational schools." At the second half of the day, the presentation on the theme of "Quality Management" given by deputy director of Institute Arnulf Zöller was heard, as well as held relevant discussions.

The delegation also attended Troisdorf Education Center known as an important education center for agriculture in North Bavaria. There was heard presentations on the vocational system of the region, teacher training in Germany, organization of exams, etc. and was held discussions. Azeri experts also became acquainted with special training centers operating in the Center, organization of industry practices and have met with intern students and industry manager.

Moreover, the delegation visited Ansbach Vocational Education Centre and Regensburg Vocational Education Center. The latter is specialized in social sciences and gardening.

During the visit, German experts and Azeri delegation also discussed the possibility of implementing relevant education concept at pilot schools, issues regarding teacher training, organization of retraining courses, and put forward concrete proposals.