

"European CNC Network - Train for Europe", a German project that brought together 24 vocational schools to build a small-gauge locomotive and wagons, won first prize at the Charlemagne Youth Prize 2010 award event on 11 May in Aachen.

The Charlemagne Youth Prize award is an award given by The European Parliament and the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen to those European projects which

- promote the European and international understanding,
- foster the development of a shared sense of European identity and integration,
- serve as a role model for young people living in Europe and offer practical examples of Europeans living together as one community.

The winner of the European Charlemagne Youth Prize is selected among hundreds of projects by a jury consisting of the President of the European Parliament Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) and one representative of youth organization.

"European CNC Network - Train for Europe" project, a Comenius school partnership, created in November 2006 and co-ordinated by the Bad Kreuznach Vocational School, brought together over 1,500 trainees from 24 vocational schools to build a locomotive and wagons on the Airbus principle. The train has a gauge of 90 mm, a total length of around 8 metres, and runs on a 12 m circular track. The Spanish school participating in this project is Salesians de Sarrià Vocational School in Barcelona and its Mechanical Engineering Department.

This project "testifies to exactly the essence of the European idea: acting together, overcoming the limits of boundaries, the discovery of diversity and its potential", said EP President Jerzy Buzek .

Project Web: <http://www.cnc-network.eu/>

Link to video of the final presentation of the Train: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Atj864W38AU>