

Cup victory with tears of joy: Trophy goes to the team from Leipzig

The cup of the Contest of young European cooks goes to Germany! The three girls from the Evangelisches Schulzentrum Leipzig, Lara Koelsch, Sylvia Wolf and Johanna Andrea, won the trophy at the final of the international students competition on November 4th in Leipzig with 86 points. When juror Christian Ulrich, from the Magdeburger Verein der Köche, announced the result, the pupils fell with joy into one another's arms and even wiped away some tears.

The four teams from Germany (Leipzig), Poland (Grabow nad Proсна), the Czech Republic (Boskovice) and Slovakia (Nitra) snipped, fried, stirred and spiced for 75 minutes. Under the observation of an international jury the girls and boys had to cook a typical regional or rather country-specific dish. The performance of the jurors was critically watched as well, since the president of the Verband der Köche Deutschlands looked over their shoulders.

In specifically designed cooking studios the teenagers showed their talent during the Internationale Gäste Messe in Leipzig, a trade fair for the Restaurant, Hotel and Catering business. Astonished and interested many visitors stopped by and kept a close eye on the young European cooks. As prominent visitors the Saxon vice-president of state parliament Regina Schulz, mayor of Leipzig Prof. Dr. Thomas Fabian as well as other representatives from politics and economy were greeted.

At the end of the contest the other teams were placed with only some points difference behind the German winners. The team from Grabow (Poland) got 81 points and the 2nd place, the Czech girls from Boskovice were rewarded with 78 points and the 3rd place and the 4th place was received by the team from Nitra (Slovakia) with 71 points.

The winners from Leipzig had to accomplish a further task on Monday: They were challenged by the winners of the 10th ERDGASPOKAL der Schülerköche® and had to prepare a dish in the wok spontaneously.