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The thirteenth edition of the Global Competitiveness Program for SMEs (GCPyMES) was held during two weeks in the School of Economics of the Universidad Nacional Del Litoral (UNL), from 5th to 16th The August, 2024. **Program** was attended by 18 students, 7 students from Universitá Politecnica delle Marche (Italy), 2 from the Kaiserslautern University of Applied Sciences (Germany) and 9 students from the Universidad Nacional Del Litoral (Argentina).

This program gives the students the opportunity to get in contact with real companies in Argentina presenting real problems they face. It is a challenging experience where not only attendants put in practice the knowledge they got at regular courses but most importantly, offers the opportunity to communicate, work and share with colleagues from other parts of the world, working together in a consultancy-like experience.







WELCOME ACTIVITIES

On August 5th, the Dean of the School of Economics, the rest of authorities and the Advisors of the program gave a welcoming reception to the participants. At this welcome event, the Vice-Rector of UNL, Larisa Carrera, was present. Representatives from the tourism departments of the provincial government and the city of Santa Fe were also present and extended their welcome.

Then the company assignments were presented to each group which prepared the meetings with the companies' owners or management that were held during the first day.



MEETINGS WITH COMPANIES

The students were divided into 4 groups according to their backgrounds to work on the consultancy assignments given by local companies. On the first day of the program they meet with the following companies: *Seed Matriz, Interdata Software SA, Diagramma* and *Kretz*.





WORKING DAYS

The following days, all the groups started to work very intensively on the tasks during the mornings, and in the afternoons, they had daily meetings with the International Board of Advisors, where they showed their progress and got international guidance.



LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Besides the academic activities, students and professors spend some time out with their colleagues getting the most out of the Argentinean culture. Walks, clubbing and outdoors activities were organized setting a real friendly environment, visit to the Constitution Museum and visit to the brewery of the city.



FINAL PRESENTATIONS

In this edition, due to health issues affecting some students, the final project defenses were presented virtually during the week following the program's conclusion. These meetings were based on the final reports, previously assessed by the Board of Advisors. In this way, companies received suggestions from qualified consultants and students had the opportunity to work in a real case, with the support of international advisors. The companies were very satisfied with the work completed, which demonstrated the students' commitment and dedication.



AS in the previous edition Prof. Elisa Baraibar Diez - Vice Dean of Planning, Digitalization and International Relations of the University of Cantabria - Spain, was part of the Board of advisors during the 2 weeks of the program development.

Thank you to all the participants and professors for making this Program possible. We hope you have spent a very good time in our University and in our city.

































