

# GUNDEL KÁROLY VOCATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

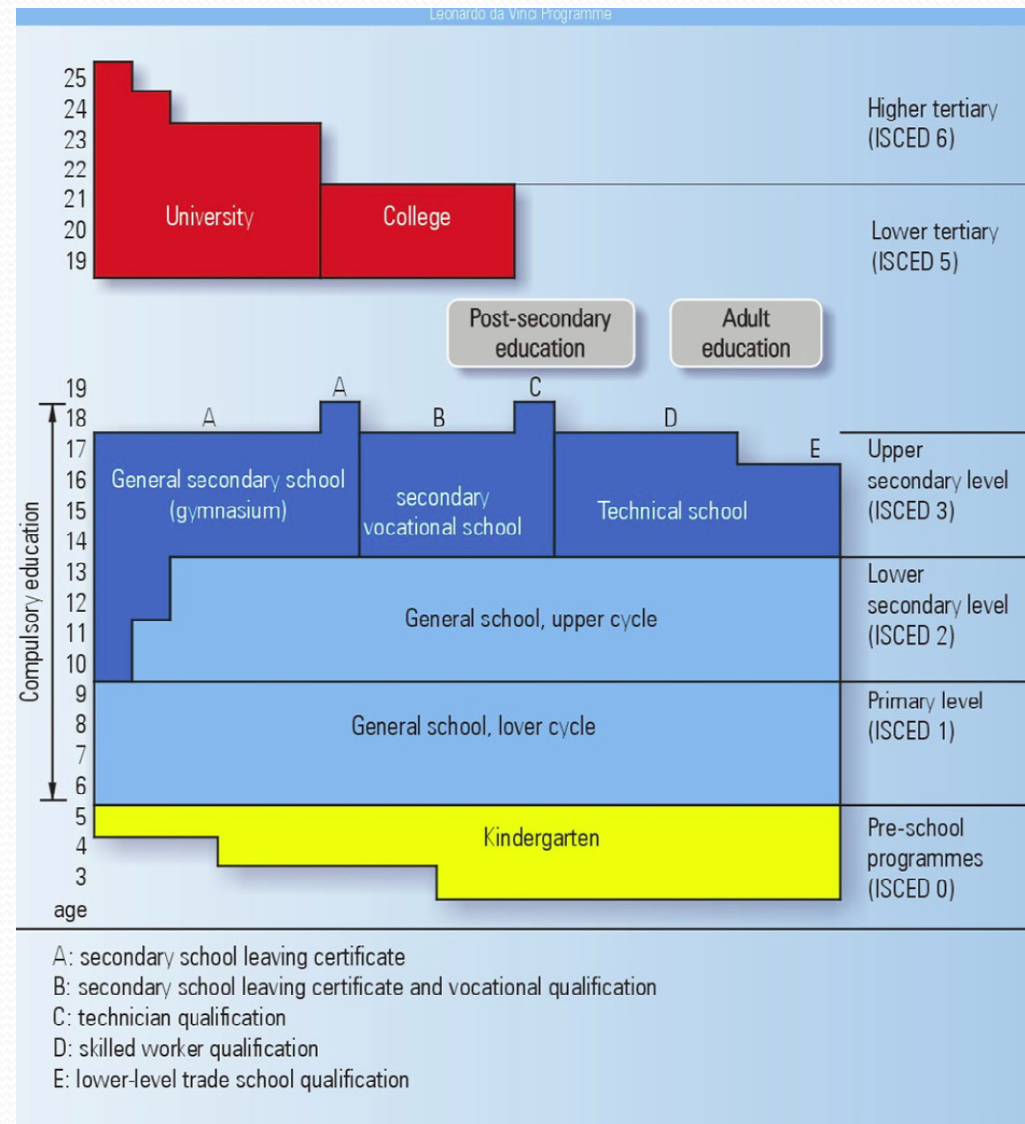
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# The Hungarian Educational System in General

- Compulsory from the age of 6 to 16
- Last year of kindergarten is preparation for school
- Basic education is provided by general (primary schools), originally in two cycles of four years up to the age of 14
- 1990s education system restructured – wider range of opportunities to enter secondary education ( at the age of 10, 12 or the traditional 14)





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- Education is regulated by

the Act on Public Education

the Act on Higher Education

the Act on Vocational Education and

the Act on Adult Education





Since the restructuring of public administration in 2010  
the education sector belongs to the **Ministry of  
Human Resources**

Vocational and adult education are the responsibility of  
the **Ministry of National Economy**



# New Act on Public Education

- Total transformation at the end of 2011
- Changes: legal, structural, financial
- NEW: maintenance BY THE STATE, instead of local governments





# Vocational Training in Hungary

- Since 1989 new VET system faced the challenges of the market economy
- Creation of a National Vocational Qualifications Register in 1993 (renewed several times, last one 1 September 2012)
- 486 professions in 22 occupational groups
- Defines competence-based examination requirements for each qualification
- VET system was strongly school-based with few links to the labour market





# Vocational Training

- The practical training is provided by organisations operating with the agreement of the chambers
- A contract of apprenticeship is concluded between a student and a firm
- The apprentices receive a payment, which amounts to at least 18% of the minimum wage in the first year
- An agreement is concluded between the school and the firm/company



# NEW Vocational Training

- Sine 1st January 2013 **state ownership**
- **Dual system** – the role of economy gets stronger
  - Chamber of Commerce
  - Practical training/internship only by the companies
- Curriculum control and content is set by the Chamber
- Financing – schools do not get money directly from the companies. ( goes to the state)



# Structural Change in the Vocational Education

## Vocational school programmes

- From age 14 +
- Minimum entrance requirement 2A or 2B (ISCED level)
- No school leaving certificate
- Three-year course
- Full time education
- Qualification as skilled worker

## Upper secondary vocational school

- Only from age 14 (grade 9)
- School leaving certificate
- Full time education
- 9th -12th (13) grades general subjects for school leaving exam and further studies
- vocational orientation
- theoretical and practical basic knowledge



# Gundel Károly Vocational Secondary School



- Founded in **1952**
- Location: Budapest, 9th.
- Number of full time students: **1353**
- No. of adult students: **221**
- No. of students in voc. training: **860 + 112**
- No. of teachers: **85 + 12**
- Number of staff: **12**
- Number of companies for internship: **316**



# Offered Courses

- **Upper secondary vocational school**
- 01 Bilingual tourism (German) (1 class 34 students)
- 02 Language preparation class (Eng) (1 – 34 students)
- 03 Catering class (German) (1 – 34 students)
- 04 Catering class (English) (1 – 34 students)
  
- **Vocational school programme**
- 05 Confectioner 3 years
- 06 Cook 3 years
- 07 Waiter 3 years



# Non-tertiary NVQL vocational programmes

Requiring completed upper secondary qualification of certification of maturity

- Catering manager – restaurateur 2 years
- Guide 2 years
- Tourism organizing and sales 2 years
- Catering manager 1 year
- Cook 3 years (2 years after final exam)
- Confectioner 3 years (2 yrs)
- Waiter 3 years (2 yrs)







# Studies for cooks, confectioners and waiters

## **A – B weeks**

one week is school week (4+1) theoretical lessons 30%

the other is practice in a realistic working environment 70 %

## **Subjects:**

Knowledge of economy

Food knowledge

Foreign language

Computer studies

Games/PE

Vocational theory

Voc. school practice

Company practice

Summer practice









# Dual Training in Gundel

- The government wants companies to be involved and makes them interested to handle the full practical training 70%
- No competences to fulfil all the requirements:
  - Human resource
  - No professional experience in teaching
  - Means of appliances
  - Proficiency in progress



# Dual Training in Gundel

## Solution:

- Sharing the duties.
- Sharing financial support (1/12 goes to school)
- 10 days – 6 days practice (1 day in the school)
  - 4 days theory

## Company pays for:

- Working/protective clothes
- Travel expenses from outside Budapest
- Meals
- Third party insurance





# Help and Support

- Annual "job fair"
- Informative meetings for employers
- Regular visits to companies providing internship
- Employers have the possibility to see the electronic register used in the school
- Professional presentations



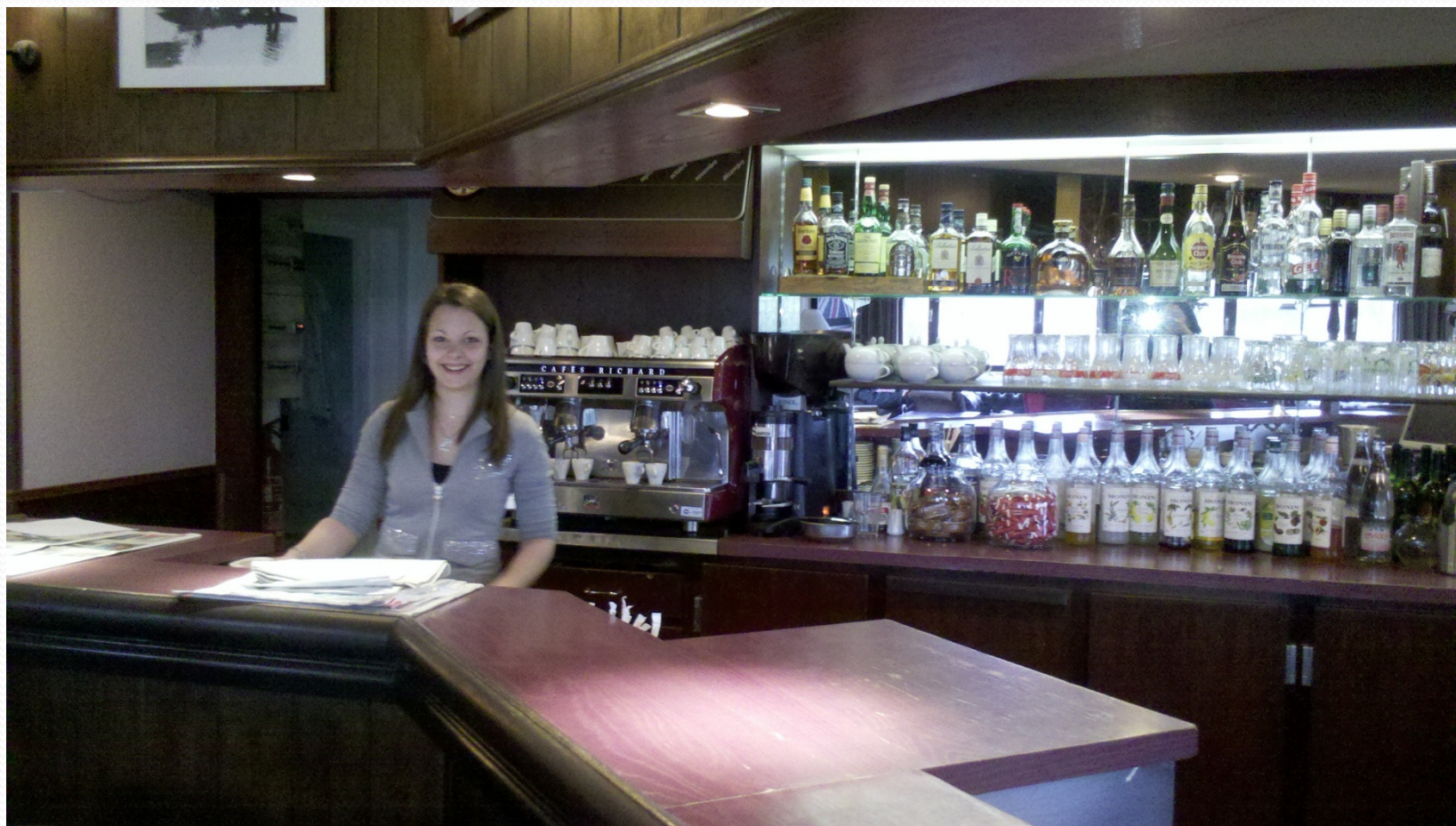




# International Programmes

- Language teaching is a priority (bilingual classes, language preparation classes, after school studies, language examination centre)
- **Student exchange** (Holzminden, Immentstadt in Germany, Joensuu, Vantaa in Finland)
- **Mobilities** (Italy, France, Finland, Germany, Estonia)
- **Partnerships** (Denmark, Estonia, Finland Italy, Netherlands, Turkey, Wales,)



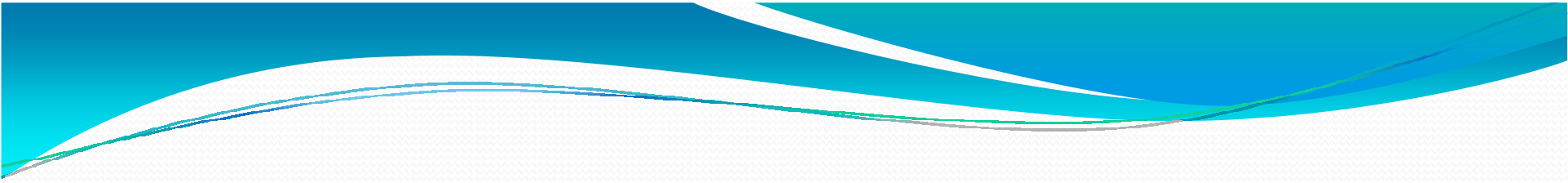




# International Culinary Competition

## 11-13 April 2013



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- 33rd occasion
  - 14 teams (7 Hungarian, 7 from abroad)
  - 1 team = 2 cooks, 1 confectioner, 1 waiter
  - Theme: Easter Festivities
  - Cooks: three course festive
  - Confectioners: plate desserts, decorated cake
  - Waiters: setting a gala table, serving duck breast









































# Situation of Young Skilled Workers

- Unemployment rate is growing in Hungary (10.5%)
- Possibilities in the service sector - great demand for courses in Hospitality and Catering
- More people are trained than needed
- 20-30% of young people go abroad (EUROPASS)
- Great fluctuation – short term employment
- Still unemployment mostly because some students made a wrong choice at 14 but only about 5-8 %
- Life Long Learning



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