**WorldSkills Kazan 2019: The World Championships of Vocational Skills**

**Doka inspires young people in the formwork trade**

**WorldSkills, the world championships of vocational skills, will take place in Kazan, Russia from 22–27 August 2019. Around 1,400 participants will be representing almost 70 countries in over 50 vocational skills. Doka is sponsoring this year's concrete construction competition for the third time.**

Every two years, WorldSkills organises the world championships of vocational skills. The Russian city of Kazan is the venue for this year’s 45th edition, which will be attended by around 1,400 participants from almost 70 countries. The event brings together young people from all over the world, who come to have a chance at winning a prestigious medal in their chosen trade. The four-day competition will take place at the Kazan Expo International Exhibition Centre, which was built specially for WorldSkills. The participants represent the best in their class and were selected through qualifying competitions held in WorldSkills member countries and regions.

Doka is delighted to once again be taking part in the WorldSkills world championships of vocational skills and, for the third time (2015, 2017 and 2019), to be sponsoring the entire “Concrete Construction Work” competition in the "Construction and Building Technology” category. As a sponsor, Doka is not only providing the materials in the form of Frami Xlife framed formwork, but is also contributing to this international competition which reinforces the reputation of the dual system of vocational training and puts young, well-trained specialists in the limelight. A total of nine countries, each with two participants, will compete: Austria, Brazil, China, France, Germany, India, Kazakhstan, Russia and Sweden. The next championships will take place in 2021 in Shanghai, China.

Further information about the WorldSkills Kazan 2019 world championships of vocational skills can be found on the organiser’s official website: <https://worldskills2019.com/en/>

You can watch the highlights from WorldSkills 2017 in Abu Dhabi in the following video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXJk02wB3bA&feature=youtu.be>

**The European champions have already been chosen**

Between 26 and 28 September 2018, Hungexpo exhibition centre in the Hungarian capital hosted the “EuroSkills Budapest 2018” European championships of vocational skills. Around 600 young competitors under the age of 25 and hailing from 28 countries took part in 37 official competitions. Six teams from six countries took part in the “Concrete Construction Work” competition in the “Demonstration Skills" category: Austria, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Russia and Sweden. Ultimately, it was the Austrian team that celebrated winning the gold medal.

The three-day competition was accompanied by exhibitions, meetings and other trade events.

EuroSkills offers a wide range of career options, so everyone can find the best fit. Over the course of the three days, as well as watching the live construction work of the competition itself, visitors also had the opportunity to visit the Doka stand, where Doka employees provided information on the latest formwork technology, such as Dokadek30, and on current job openings. Visitors were also able to try out Doka Virtual Reality.

From 16–20 September 2020, EuroSkills will be held in Austria for the first time, at a venue in Graz. More information on EuroSkills Budapest 2018 and EuroSkills Graz 2020 can be found on the following websites: <http://euroskills2018.com/>, <https://euroskills2020.com/>

**About Doka:**

Doka is a world-leading company in the development, manufacture and sale of formwork technology for all areas of the construction industry. With more than 160 sales and logistics locations in over 70 countries, Doka benefits from an efficient sales network, guaranteeing the rapid and professional supply of material and provision of technical support. Doka is a member of the Umdasch Group and employs 7,000 people worldwide.

**About WorldSkills:**

With its beginnings dating back to 1946, WorldSkills International is a leading organisation for the promotion of technical education, career development and international cooperation. Around 1,400 competitors will be taking part in the four-day event to demonstrate their skills and precision in front of more 20,000 spectators.

**About EuroSkills:**

Following the example of the international WorldSkills world championships of vocational skills, the EuroSkills European championships were held for the first time in 2008. At the core of the European championships is the vocational skills competition, in which young people from all over Europe, from the most diverse vocational training systems, put their professional skills to the test in a three-day competition.

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