Report on the activity in the framework of the European Inventor Network

Short description of the activity
Festival of Innovation in Poland “Pick my Brain” with Sylwia Stefańczyk, a PhD student at the Department of Translational Immunology at the University Hospital Tübingen, shared her fascination with scientific research, professional experience, and passion for learning foreign languages in her speech “Science, Passion and Determination – a talk with a new scientist”. She talked about her life and work abroad while pursuing her dream to become a scientist. She explained what it took to achieve her goals and the research she is currently doing on the development and application of novel immune therapies for oncology patients. The research group in which she works is involved in the development of optimized anti-cancer antibodies and vaccination strategies, using knowledge in the field of cancer treatment and clinical evaluation of new therapeutic concepts.

Date and place of the activity
The 6th of September 2023, in the high school II LO Tomaszów Mazowiecki

Audience (number and age of the participants)
70 students of first and second year of biology and chemistry classes (aged 14-16), 5 teachers and II LO personnel.

Outcomes and achievement
The students got interested in the way scientists can follow their dreams which can be far from obvious and easy. If they want to make their dreams come true, apart from developing their interests, they need to learn foreign languages which will allow them to study and then work in the international environment. They learnt not to be discouraged by their grades when choosing a career. The teachers were given an incentive to inspire new creative minds.