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EUROSKILLS LILLE 2014

Record results for the young skilled professionals of Team France!

The fourth edition of EuroSkills came to its conclusion this evening in Lille, in a Zenith Arena that was positively buzzing! After three days of intense competition, the skilled workers representing France at EuroSkills 2014, 34 young people competing in 29 different trades, finished in second place, just behind Austria. The young French workers won an unprecedented haul of seven gold, three silver, four bronze, and five excellence medals. The Nord-Pas de Calais Region is proud to have co-organised this Europe-wide event, and congratulates its two talented contestants, Geoffroy Pira (tiling) and Caroline Liénart (cooking), who won excellence medals.

“This was a great opportunity to showcase our region in terms of culture, business, and tourism, opening our Euro-region up even wider towards Europe. I met some really talented young people who are passionate about what they do. What a wonderful way to highlight apprenticeships and vocational training.” Christophe PILCH, Vice President in charge of apprenticeship.

More than 100,000 people came to the Lille Grand Palais venue during the competition, to learn about the trades and show their support for the focused and determined young contestants. The young workers’ expertise and know-how were rewarded during an exceptional closing ceremony attended by 2500 people, with special guest Mr Patrick KANNER, Minister for Cities, Youth, and Sports.

Results for the Young Skilled Professionals of Team France

Gold Medals

Stonemasonry: Geoffrey BUBENDORFF – Alsace
Printing: Damien KOOTZ – Centre
Painting and Decorating: Baptiste GABIOT – Bourgogne
Cabinetmaking: François HUBERT – Poitou-Charentes
Joinery: Clément VICARD – Rhône-Alpes
Restaurant service: Jonathan GABAY – Alsace
Wood machining: Sylvain FABRE – Midi-Pyrénées

Silver Medals

Mechanical Engineering Design – CAD: Tony FUHS – Languedoc-Roussillon
Electrical installations: Julien SEILLER – Pays de la Loire
Metal roofing: Anthony BOIRON – Aquitaine

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Bronze Medals

Milling: Jérémy MARTINI – Lorraine
Refrigeration and air conditioning: Kévin FOGELGESANG – Languedoc-Roussillon
Graphic Design: Adeline PONGÉRARD – Bretagne
Road building: Jérémy LAGARDE & Thomas BOUÉ – Midi-Pyrénées

Excellence Medals

Plumbing and heating: Damien COLLOT – Midi-Pyrénées
Plastering and dry wall systems: Julien DESMET & Emmanuel LARROQUE – Midi-Pyrénées
Wall & floor tiling: Geoffroy PIRA – Nord-Pas de Calais
Cooking: Caroline LIÉNART – Nord-Pas de Calais
Floristry: Aurélie RUETSCH & Élodie CARDOUAT – Alsace & Aquitaine

Team Medals

GOLD: Wood machining
SILVER: MTC
BRONZE: Installation technology

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