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German-Dutch regulars' table meets in Dinxperlo

Interesting exchange on buying and renting real estate // Cooperation event of VHS Bocholt and Europe Direct Bocholt

On Thursday, the German-Dutch Stammtisch met in the Kulturhus Noaberz in Dinxperlo. Those present listened to an interesting lecture and exchanged their experiences regarding buying, renting and living in Germany and the Netherlands.

This time the group met in the "Kookstudio" of the Kulturhus Noaberz in Dinxperlo. The topic of this regulars' table was the differences between Germany and the Netherlands in terms of housing. Real estate agent Rainer Elsmann was invited to speak. He works on both sides of the border and therefore knows the differences between buying or renting in Germany and buying or living in the Netherlands.

Situation in the Netherlands

During the regulars' table, a lively conversation developed in which everyone was able to share their experiences. Topics were, for example, the high prices on both sides of the border and the housing shortage, which can also be noticed in Germany and the Netherlands. In the Netherlands, however, there is a cheap loan of 40,000 euros as start-up capital for young people. However, it was also noted that living in the Netherlands is more expensive than in Germany.

Dutch citizens in Germany

It was observed that few Germans are currently moving to the Netherlands. This was different a few decades ago. The discussants at the Stammtisch noted that there are two groups among Dutch people regarding living and working in Germany: the majority of Dutch people who move to Germany continue to live in the Netherlands.

This means that they work in the Netherlands, their children go to school there and they continue to pursue their hobbies in the Netherlands. Most of this group move back to the Netherlands after some time. The smaller part of the Dutch people who move to Germany lead their entire lives only in Germany.

In summary, it could be said that there are financial advantages and disadvantages on both sides of the border. Cultural differences can also be found, although at first glance there is hardly any difference between Germany and the Netherlands. The discussants agreed that it is precisely cultural differences that make life in the border area so exciting. Life seems most pleasant to most participants where you have a friendly environment.



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