

## Mrs Käser visits Le Foyer Rémois

Between November 17-21 2014, Mrs Käser of GWG Munich visited Le Foyer Rémois in Reims, France. “I was curious to see how our colleagues in Reims work and since I speak French, I wanted to visit a company in France”, she explains.

From day one, the French colleagues had planned an extensive and exciting program. During a tour of the headquarters, Mrs Käser got a first impression of Le Foyer Rémois and learned about the history and structure of the company: “The head office looks at the original settlement of Le Foyer Rémois (which translated means as much as "The Home of the inhabitants of Reims"), which was established by Georges Charbonneaux in 1912 to offer his employees and their families enough living space”, remembers Mrs Käser.



During the following days Mrs Käser explored the stocks and was accompanied by various employees who gave her different insights into the everyday work at Le Foyer Rémois depending on the sector. So she learned about the rental department and also accompanied a colleague to an appointment in an apartment. The leasing process was explained to her particularly vivid: “Based on a game in which I pretended to apply for an apartment, I learned how the allocation of flats takes place at Le Foyer Rémois. This was an original idea and lots of fun.” The next day she visited together with some social workers a rather difficult quarter of Reims and also learned what problems the colleagues have to fight there.



On the last day she went to the beautiful district Bétheny, which impressed Mrs Käser mainly due to the well maintained grounds and the beautiful buildings. Together with a colleague of the technical department she also visited one of the wooden houses of Le Foyer Rémois and was thrilled. “In general, the grounds were very well kept and one could notice that a lot of work is spent to keep the residential facilities clean and tidy”, she said.

When asked what she remembers the most, Mrs Käser responds: “It was very nice to see how connected the company and the employees are with their founding story. On the roof of the head office, a beekeeper produces honey. The bees get the pollen from the very green original settlement below the head office and thus keep up the special connection between the origins and the company.” Of course she received a jar of honey as a parting gift in the end.