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REROPRT ON THE 1.TRANSNATIONAL ERASMUS+ PROJECT MEETING

Date: 19th Nov. – 23rd Nov. 2018
Host partner: ŠMVV Praha
Venue: Prague, Czech Republic

The European Erasmus+ Project
2018-1-CZ01-KA229-048217
Strategic Partnership for Schools

TOPIC: EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION–COMMUNICATION SKILLS

PARTICIPANTS OF THE PARTNER MEETING

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PROGRAMME AGENDA

Sunday 18.11.2018

Arrival of the coordinators and teachers from BG, PRT, TR. Accommodation arranged at Hotel UNION, Ostrčilovo nám 462/4, Praha 2, ČR. www.hotelunion.cz.

Monday 19.11.2018

Arrival of the coordinator and teachers from Italy. Accommodation arranged at Hotel UNION, Ostrčilovo nám 462/4, Praha 2, ČR. www.hotelunion.cz.

Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 – 10:20: Informal welcome at Hotel Union by the Czech coordinator and teachers.

10:30 – 12:30: A walking tour of Prague (plan route -Vyšehrad, Vltava River bank, Dancig House, National Theatre, Café Slavia, Křižovnické square+ part of Charles Bridge, Old Town Square, Celetna Street, Powder Tower, Municipal House)

12:30 – 13:30: Lunch break

14:30 – 15:00: Afternoon Coffee (Municipal House). Free afternoon/evening

Tuesday 20.11.2018

Breakfast at the hotel

8:30: Our Students will pick you up at the hotel reception

9:15: Opening ceremony at ŠMVV Praha

9:30 - 9:45: Welcome drink/Introductory speech, Introducing the participants

9:45 – 10:30: School presentations (Czech, Italian and Portuguese)

10:30 – 10:45: Coffee break

10:45 – 11:15: School presentations (Bulgarian)

11:15 – 11:30: Visiting an EL class - 1.AD (Ben Hope)

11:30 – 12:00: Guided tour of our school accompanied by our students

12:00 – 13:15: Lunch break

13:15 – 15:00: Workshop (comparing the results of the initial questionnaires; establishing the project agenda; division of responsibilities and tasks; deciding a set of common rules at the partnership's level and signing a partnership cooperation agreement; talking about the common project LOGO, etc.)

15:00: End of the 1st working day

15:00 – Free afternoon/evening

Wednesday 21.11.2018

Breakfast at the hotel

9:00: Start of the Erasmus+ meeting at ŠMVV Praha

9:10 - 9:50: Round table for IT tools – POC 3

10:00 – 11:00: Lecture on “Effective Communication” by M. Křížová, MBA + discussion

11:00 – 11:15: Coffee break

11:15 – 12:45: Presentations on School Education System (BG, IT, PRT, CZ)

13:00 – 14:00: Lunch break

14:00 – 15:00: Modules on Communication Skills

15:00: End of the 2nd working day

Evening Programme: Prague Boat Trip along the Vltava River

Thursday 22.11.2018

Breakfast at the hotel

8:45 - Meeting in front of our school - ŠMVV Praha

9:00 - Departure to Plzeň Brewery on a full day trip by bus.

11:00 - English language tour of The Pilsner Urquell Brewery where we will get to know the brief history of the brewery, visit the bottling and packaging plant, experience the unique atmosphere of the historic beer cellars, learn about the ingredients from which Pilsner Urquell beer is brewed, get watching an audio-visual presentation on the process behind making pilsner, beer tasting at the end of the tour, etc. The tour will last for about 100 minutes.

12:45 - Lunch at the restaurant **Na Spilce** inside the brewery

16:00 – Arrival in Prague

19:00 - Dinner at DOCK HOUSE Restaurant, Prague 4 Michle – **offered by the Czech team.**

Friday 23.11.2018

Breakfast at the hotel

9:15 - 11:00: Final meeting at SMVV Praha, summary of all the activities, planning for the Portuguese meeting, photography, conclusion of the meeting.

11:00 – 11:30: Coffee break

12:00 : Free afternoon/evening, **Departures:** Taxi arranged by ŠMVV Praha

Saturday 24.11.2018

Breakfast at the hotel

Departures: Taxi arranged by ŠMVV Praha

THE PROJECT & OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

This project unites 5 European schools from the **Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Italy, Portugal and Turkey** under a banner of Communication Skills. The project was created to facilitate student's needs, with a view to preparing them to become citizens of a united Europe.

In a world moving rapidly towards a more automated workforce it is becoming increasingly important that today's students should have a highly developed set of communication skills applicable to a wide variety of circumstances. There is currently a widening gap between the theoretical aspects as promoted by schools and the day to day practicalities required by 21st century employers. The aim of this project is to bridge this gap by drawing attention to how communication skills are taught and understood. We understand that great communication is a process of perpetual growth and incorporates the twin talents of personal and critical self-reflection, and the ability to both recognize and appreciate the skills and abilities of others. This unique project will highlight these attributes through a course of activities focusing on critical thinking, creativity and collaboration. Additionally, the project will help to foster social inclusion, cultural sensitivity, key skills development and social, civic and intercultural competences.

Following are the main objectives:

- get to know the project partners
- to introduce the project to the partners
- to discuss the frame for the common website
- to establish the project agenda and division of responsibilities and tasks
- to decide a common set of rules at the partnership's level
- to sign a partnership cooperation agreement
- to compare the results of the Initial questionnaires
- to organize presentations about the Schools and the Educational systems of all partner countries
- to discuss about the common project Logo
- to observe classes and artistic moments
- to promote the inter-cultural dialogue between EU schools and countries
- to expand the knowledge of students and teachers with regard to EU diversity

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The conference was hosted by the School of International and Public Relations in Prague, the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic, located in the west central part of the country, in the region of Bohemia. Often called the City of a Hundred Spires because of its many churches and towers, rich history, stunning architecture, the monuments and beautiful sightseeing's, Prague is also the chief commercial, industrial, and cultural centre of the Czech Republic. This "get to know each other meeting" brought together representative participants from all partner schools – **Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Portugal, Italy, except Turkey**, involved in this strategic partnership mainly to discuss the project schedule planning and agenda, project activities and assessment, deciding a set of common rules at the partnership's level and signing a partnership cooperation agreement. It was an opportunity not only to work together on the project itself, but also to develop, share and transfer best practices and innovative approaches in the field of education, training and youth, as well as to strengthen friendship, get new experience and to share common values, enriched from each other's culture and push the boundaries of our mind-set.

On Tuesday, 20th Nov., the meeting was formally inaugurated by the School Principal, Mrs Michalíková V., with a welcome drink, introductory speech and introducing the participants and students. There were then presentations on: "Our Schools" by the CZ, BG, IT, PT partners. The Guest teachers visited an EL class and had a guided tour of the school accompanied by our students.

In the afternoon, after lunch, we had a workshop to determine the outputs and schedule of performance as well as to discuss the main points of our project and what have we done so far. It was confirmed that in each school project teams have been created, Erasmus + corners have also been set up; posters, brochures and leaflets containing general information have been prepared and distributed to local authorities and schools in the region. The projected will be presented to the beneficiaries and mini-conferences for interested parties will also be organized. The objectives of the meeting in Prague were discussed, A Short summary of the project was presented to the partners, The project agenda was discussed in detail and established, then responsibilities and tasks were divided.; The project LOGO was discussed and will be chosen after a competition among the schools at the next meeting in Portugal.

The meeting ended at 15:00.

On Wednesday, 21st Nov, in the morning we had a round table talk on IT tools that we intend to use in our project, such as, Google drive, eTwinning, Facebook, Skype, What's up, etc. These will help us to be in close connection with each other and keep a continuous and intensive communication. It is a great tool of spreading information about the project and its results as well as sharing of pictures, video clips, questionnaires, evaluation forms and other project elements. Already the above mentioned sites platforms have been set up by the main coordinator team from the Czech Republic. Students, teachers and all the participants then gathered in the Conference hall to listen to a Lecture on "Effective Communication" by Margareta Křížová, MBA, who is one of the founding partners of CEAG and Head of strategic business advisory arm of CEAG, including M&A advisors. It was a useful, informative lecture from her own professional experience followed by a discussion. There were then nice presentations on: "School Education System" – BG, IT, PT, CZ.

After the lunch break, **Communication – Verbal and Non Verbal Skills Modules** for our meeting in Portugal were introduced to all the partners by Mr H. Khan and it was agreed that all schools will try to use the modules for preparation and their presentations on the above topic. Then a set of common rules were agreed at the partnership's level and a Partnership Cooperation Agreement+ Basic Rules needed for the implementation of the Erasmus+ project Cooperation were signed by all the coordinators, In the end the Initial Questionnaires results were compared and discussed.

The meeting ended at 15:00.

On Friday, 23rd Nov, the meeting started with a workshop on outputs and implementation of the time table, where we discussed the main point of our project and the time schedule. We summarized our first meeting, analysed our project budget and talked about the preparation as well as the timetable for the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

It was decided that at the Student Exchange meeting in **PORTUGAL (April 2019)**, the main theme of the conference will be: **Verbal and Non-Verbal Communication. Students from all the participating countries - PT, BG, CZ, IT, TR will prepare the following:**

- presentations on “My Country” with information such as: Basic facts, History, Geography, Economy, Culture, Interesting places to visit, etc.
- presentations on “My School and our Education System”
- presentations on “Communication, Verbal Communication and Non Verbal Communication”
- 1 x presentation on “Communication for Understanding” (only by the Portuguese students).
- creation of a silent theatre play by the Portuguese students ((involving disabled students)
- e booklet of the meeting – by the end of April 2019
- Logo of the project will be selected after competition in Portugal - April 2019.
- all participating schools will also prepare various activities such as - ice-breaker games, blindfolded games, quizzes, problem solving tasks, group activities, artistic moments, intercultural activities, etc. helping participants to realize how they currently express themselves and the importance of accuracy and clarity when communicating.

Last but not the least; it is with great pleasure to mention that the Portuguese and Italian partners are so generous and kind that they offered to all of us to accommodate students in families at the meeting in Portugal. It is really a big gesture! The meeting was finally closed with snacks and nice cup of coffee, group photography and wishing each other a safe and sound journey back home.

Here are a few pictures:







TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

An integral part of the Erasmus+ project meeting is to explore the surroundings, visit some sights and monuments as well as to learn about the culture, traditions and customs of that country.

On Monday, 19th Nov., as it was an informal day, so after welcoming our partners at Hotel Union, we had a walking tour of Prague. Our guide, Mgr. Michal Skokan, who is also our colleague and teacher at SMVV Praha first took us to **Vyšehrad**, which is a historic fort probably built in the 10th century on a hill over the Vltava River. According to ancient legends, Vyšehrad is oldest seat of Czech princes. Besides the beautiful view of the city (one of the most beautiful panoramas of old Europe), Mr Skokan informed us everything in detail about these historical monuments: **the Rotunda of St Martin, the Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul, the Chapel of St. Ludmila, Gorlice, the Church of the Virgin Mary**, as well as **the National cemetery Slavín** containing the remains of many famous people from Czech history. It provides a quiet and relaxing place in the parks and encourages positive attitude to cultural and spiritual matters. Then walking down the hill, passing along the **Vltava River bank**, we came to the **Dancing House**, where we had a lunch break and where our Italian partners also joined us. Then walking past the **National Theatre, Café Slavia**, we came to **Charles Bridge**, which crosses the Vltava River in Prague and is one of the most visited sights in the city. After spending some time there and taking photographs we had a tour of **Prague's Old Town** which was founded in the 12th century and has been witness to many historical events. Spending some time there and listening to our guide telling us about **Old City Hall, Tyn Cathedral, Celetna Street, Powder Tower** we ended our day at the beautiful **Municipal Hall**.

On Wednesday 21st Nov., after the project work activities at school, we had a very nice **sightseeing tour on a cruise boat** on the Vltava River in the evening to see Prague's best sights illuminated at night. We started at the dock Czech Bridge, had an unforgettable view of **Prague Castle**, passed under the Charles Bridge, passed by the **Rudolfinum** and the **National Theatre**, then through **the oldest lock in Smíchov** saw the **Dancing House** and after reaching the **Vyšehrad cliff** and Podolí waterworks the boat turns and heads back to where it started. During the cruise we listened to descriptions of the various monuments in English and other languages. Amazing trip! After spending some time and walking in the old town square, we then went to **U Fleků** – A legendary Prague Pub and Brewery famous for its Dark Beer, and the only brewery in Central Europe where beer has been brewed continuously for more than 500 years. All of us enjoyed the evening, tasted the cold mug of unique dark beer and traditional meal. A good time spent among friends!

On Thursday 22nd Nov., we had a **PILSNER URQUELL BREWERY TOUR**. Also called Pilsen in English and German, Plzeň is a city about 90 kilometres west of Prague in western Bohemia, and is the fourth most populous city in the Czech Republic. This city is known worldwide for Pilsner beer, created by Bavarian brewer Josef Groll in 1842. Our English language tour started at 11:00. Helena, our guide, began with a brief history of the brewery and the brewing rights of the town. Once the introduction was over, we boarded a bus which took us to the packaging plant. Here we found an incredible display of heat, action and machinery, as 120,000 of green bottles per hour filed past, soon to be the finished product of bottled Pilsner beer. At first they emerged hot and steamy from a washing unit, before they headed down a quality control line, where they were

inspected for defects, before they were filled, capped and labelled. The speed at which the process happens is remarkable! After our time in the bottling plant we went into the brewery itself, where we were shown an impressive audio-visual presentation on the process behind making pilsner, learned about the ingredients from which Pilsner Urquell is brewed, before being brought down underground into the labyrinthine tunnel system, in which the beer was originally stored and fermented. It was here that we got our taste of the beer, poured directly from an Oak Vat, unfiltered, unpasteurised and very delicious. After completing our visit to the Brewery, we dropped into the Gift Shop of the Pilsner brewery courtyard to do some shopping and then had lunch in the local beer restaurant Spilka, which is renowned for its traditional Czech cuisine and Pilsner beer fresh on tap. It was a nice experience for all of us and at about 4. pm. we were back in Prague.

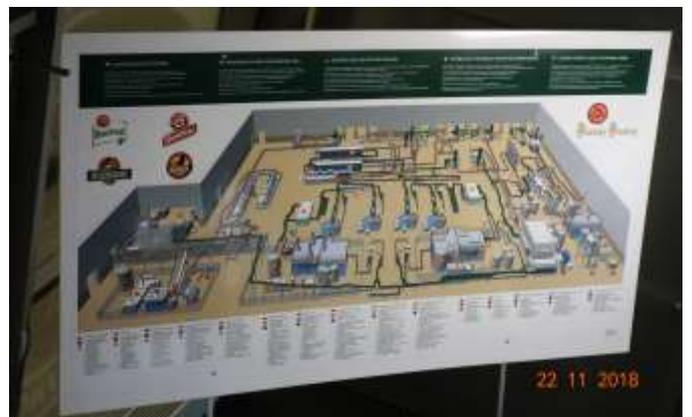
In the evening, all the foreign Guests and Czech teachers were invited to a formal dinner hosted by the Czech partners at the **DOCK HOUSE Restaurant** in Michle, Prague. At the end of the dinner, Commemorative Certificates, Certificates of Attendance and presents were presented by the School Headmistress.

Some pictures from our trips and tours:













Prague, Nov. 2018

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