

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

A SHORT SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT- p/89

This project focusing on the subject of "Effective Communication - Communication Skills" unites 5 European schools from the **Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Italy, Portugal and Turkey**. Good communication is at the heart of our social relationships and leads to an increased tendency towards act of kindness and consideration, making people more inclined to help and show their support.

Communication skills are also a prerequisite for the successful inclusion of teenagers of different ages and from different socio-cultural backgrounds. It is becoming increasingly important that students are familiar with how, when and where to express opinions and address people of differing social standings in varying circumstances. A strong grasp of these key skills will prove to be essential in their search for fulfilling employment in a century where human connections are becoming increasingly vital.

The main aim of this project is to significantly contribute to this process.

The specific project objectives are:

- to raise awareness about communication and its problems among 250 students coming from 5 EU schools over a two-year period.**
- to observe the communication process among students from 5 EU schools.**
- to enhance students' communication skills through the exchange of personal and cultural experiences in a variety of key areas - such as presentation skills, public speaking, cross-cultural communication and intercultural communication.**
- to encourage students to use ICT to increase the impact and reach of their communications.**

The project has been designed to incorporate the following 4 sub-stages:

- **Communication - Verbal & Non-verbal**
- **Barriers to Communication**
- **Digital Communication.**
- **Visual Communication**

These sub-stages will help us to produce the following concrete results:

- **2 Questionnaires**
- **Erasmus+ corners in each school**
- **Logo of the project**
- **Web Pages of the project**
- **Project presentations in all schools**
- **1 silent theatre play**
- **1 e-booklet, 1 magazine**
- **5 Time Capsule Messages Boxes**
- **5 Presentations on "Communicating for Understanding"**
- **1 Common Song**
- **1 Common Calendar**
- **1 Exhibition "Create to Communicate"**
- **5 Digital stories "My country's contribution to the European cultural heritage"**
- **1 Travel Manual**
- **Promotional materials such as magazines, flyers, posters, Playcards, DVD, etc.**

The project will run for two school years and there will be 1 short-term joint staff training event in the CZ and 4 short-term exchanges of groups of pupils in PT, BG, IT and TR. The project will involve high school students between the ages of 14- and 18 years, teachers, the local community, stakeholders and the local media. A total number of 250 students (50 students per school) will be directly involved in the project, attending activities organized at a local level, from which (20- 24 students per school) will attend the international meetings along with their teachers.

Students will participate in a variety of team building activities such as city games, blindfolded games, problem solving tasks which will help participants to realize how they currently express themselves and the importance of accuracy and clarity when communicating. This direct interaction with fellow EU students along with the production of presentations, group activities, artistic moments (prepared for the official openings), and intercultural activities will help participants to understand more fully how people communicate directly in other EU schools.

All students' communication skills will be enhanced as they will be given the opportunity to exchange personal and cultural experiences, develop their presentation skills, become more competent and confident whilst public speaking and develop both cross and inter-cultural communication skills.