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## Programme/Agenda

**Place of meeting:** School of International and Public Relations, Prague. [www.smvvp Praha.cz](http://www.smvvp Praha.cz)

### **Saturday/Sunday 23.- 24.04.2022**

Arrival of the teachers and students from Portugal, Lithuania, Italy and Spain. Accommodation arranged at **Hotel Alexis, Bělehradská, Praha 2, ČR.**

### **Monday 25.04.2022**

Breakfast in hotel. All the guests should be ready at around 8:15, when they will be picked up by the Czech teacher (Mrs. K. Čumbová) who will accompany them to the meeting place. In order to save time, we will buy the public transport tickets for all of you for this day. You will then pay it back.

**9:00 – 11:00:** Welcome at Brožíkův Hall, Old Town Hall in the city centre of Prague.

- Official opening with a ceremonial non-alcohol toast.
- Speeches by the representatives of the Czech School.
- Introduction of individual partner group teams- Italy, Lithuania, Portugal and Spain.
- Introduction to the programme of the week.
- Video presentations of important objects in Prague.

**11:45 - 13:00:** Lunch at Malostranská beseda pub

- After lunch transfer by tram 22 to the Břevnov station and from there on foot to the National Literature Memorial.

**14:00** - Strahov Library (Theological Hall, Philosophical Hall + small exposition). The library of the Premonstratensian monastery in Strahov is one of the most valuable and best-preserved historical libraries - the collections number 200,000 volumes. The oldest part of today's library, the Baroque Theological Hall, was built in the years 1671–1674, the main classicist vaulted Philosophical Hall dates from 1794 and its height exceeds two floors of the building. The halls are dominated by ceiling frescoes by Siard Nosecký and Anton Maulbertsch.

- Guided tour in English, admission 300, - /student, teachers free of charge; payment of the entrance fee at the cash desk; Guide in English: 1500, - (guide services - issue an invoice)

**15:30** – Free afternoon/evening.

### **Tuesday 26.04.2022**

Breakfast in hotel

**9:30:** Meeting in front of the hotel and departure by bus to **KUTNA HORA** (a town in the Central Bohemian Region, a municipality with extended powers and an important urban conservation area, inscribed on the

UNESCO World Heritage List. Thanks to silver mining, it was one of the most important Czech royal cities in the Middle Ages.

**11:00** - Tour of the Cathedral of St. Barbara + Corpus Christi Chapel (three-tickets, price 230, -Kč. for every 20 students there can be 1 teacher free of charge). Tickets can be purchased at the box office of St. Barbara. It also applies to the entrance to Kostnice (Ossuary).

**12:30** - Lunch in a Pizzeria.

**14:00** - Tour of Kostnice (Ossuary) + Cathedral of the Assumption of Our lady and Saint John the Baptist. It is the oldest Cathedral in Central Europe (1320), rebuilt by Jan Blažej Santini in Baroque Gothic style (1709).

**15:30** – Departure to Prague

### **Wednesday 27.04.2022**

Breakfast in hotel

**8:30 – 11:30:** Start of the Erasmus+ meeting at ŠMVV Praha.

- presentations by **Czech, Italian, and Spanish students** on “Competence in cultural awareness & expression” + Kahoot on: My country + Cultural Quiz questions + Various other activities

**11:30 - 12:30** - Lunch in the school canteen

**13:30 - 16:00 - tour of Prague Castle.** The tour lasts about 2.5 hours, guided tour in English  
Admission 280,-Kč / students, 400,- Kč./teachers.

**16:00** – Free afternoon/evening.

### **Thursday 28.04.2022**

Breakfast in hotel

**9:00 – 12:00:** Start of the Erasmus+ meeting at ŠMVV Praha.

- presentations by **Lithuanian and Portuguese students** on “Competence in cultural awareness & expression” + Kahoot on: My country + Cultural Quiz questions.

- all students will complete a questionnaire on “Cultural Diversity Awareness”. Then there will be a round table discussion and debate on the given topic.

**12:00 - 13:00** - Lunch in the school canteen

**14:00 - A tour of Vyšehrad. Tour guide Mgr. Skokan.**

**16:00** – Free afternoon/evening.

**19:00** – Complimentary dinner at Steak House – teachers are cordially invited by the Czech team.

### **Friday 29.04.2022**

Breakfast in hotel

**9:00 - 12:00:** Final meeting at SMVV Praha,

- Presentation on SMVV Praha + A short video (H. Khan)

- Interviews with interested teachers in the Media Studio by our students.

- teacher’s meeting,

- conclusion ceremony: presentation of certificates and photography;

**12:00 – 13:00:** Lunch at school.

**13:00** – Free afternoon/evening.

## ACTIVITIES

### Monday 25.04.2022

All schools before the start of the meeting organized various preparation activities at their schools. The Czech school informed about the programme of the meeting as well as spelling out all the activities. The opening ceremony took place in the **Brožík Assembly Hall** of the Old Town Hall in the city centre of Prague. The beautiful hall is remarkable due its size because it occupies an area as high as two story's and the floorplan of an entire house. The room originated in 1879. It was given its current appearance in the late art nouveau style by the architect Josef Chochol in 1910. The Prague Council was based there until the end of the Second World War, but today the hall is used by the Lord Mayor for official events. The hall bears the name of the painter Václav Brožík, the author of the large sized oil paintings which are exposed there.

All the teachers and students were welcomed by the Czech School Principal, Mgr. V. Michalíková. In her speech she thanked the participants for participating in the meeting and outlined the tasks and objectives of the project on Cultural awareness and expression. She wished everyone all the best and the time spent during the meeting to be useful and beneficial as well as to learn new interesting things and to enjoy the meeting during their stay in Prague.

Mr. H. Khan then asked all the students to introduce themselves, followed by speeches of teachers and coordinators from the participating countries. Later the schedule of our meeting for the whole week was introduced with video presentations of important objects in Prague.

All the teachers and students were then invited for a ceremonial non-alcohol toast.

After lunch at Malostranská beseda pub, we went to visit the Strahov Library. With an English-speaking guide, we had a tour of the beautiful Baroque interiors of **Strahov Monastery Library**.

It was a special event during which, unlike ordinary visitors to the library, we got into the interiors of both baroque halls - Philosophical and Theological. We were able to admire the breathtaking frescoes and historic furnishings of these magnificent spaces. The Strahov Library is rightly ranked among the ten most beautiful libraries in the world. Its beauty and genius loci amaze every visitor.

The historical part of the library contains over 200,000 volumes, of which over 3,000 manuscripts and 1,500 originals, are stored in a special depository. The oldest part of today's library, the Baroque Theological Hall, was built in the years 1671–1674, the main classicist vaulted Philosophical Hall dates from 1794 and its height exceeds two floors of the building. The halls are dominated by ceiling frescoes by Siard Nosecký and Anton Maulbertsch. We spent about an hour and a half in both the halls, took some nice pictures and left the library with completely unique experience.

### Tuesday 26.04.2022

An integral part of the Erasmus+ project meeting is to explore the surroundings, visit some monuments and sights, learn about the culture, traditions and customs of that country. So, all the participants on this day made a trip to **KUTNA HORA** by bus. It is a city which is frequently visited by the tourists and is located about an hour's drive from Prague.

Kutná Hora, as the name suggests, is associated with the forging of silver. Already in 1142, the first Cistercian monastery in Bohemia was founded in nearby Sedlec, and at the end of the 13th century, the original mining settlement of Cuthna antiqua - Stará Kutna, was established, which soon became a rich royal town. In 1300, King Wenceslas II. it issues the upper code "Ius regale montanorum" and initiates coin reform the same year. A century later, another king, Wenceslas IV, issues the Kutná Hora Decree, which changes the ratio of votes at the University of Prague in favor of the Czechs. Kutná Hora is rightly considered the treasury of the country, its wealth gave strength to the expansion of the Czech kingdom. Uniqueness and history, all this was behind the inscription of Kutná Hora on the UNESCO List in 1995.

With an English-speaking tour guide, we first went into **The Church of St. Barbara**, a jewel of late Gothic and one of the four cathedral buildings in Central Bohemia, is, together with the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. John the Baptist and the historical center of Kutná Hora, inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. The splendour of this building still testifies to the fame and fortune of the silver Kutná Hora and the deep piety of its creators. The church is dedicated to the Virgin Barbara, an early Christian martyr. The Church of St. Barbara is a varied gallery, especially of rare Gothic frescoes and stone art, but all generations have left their mark here. The current appearance of the church dates from the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries, when extensive reorganisation and a complete restoration of the church took place. The main nave is dominated by a Renaissance pulpit with Baroque panelling. The learned and pious Jesuits furnished the church with a number of Baroque altars, statues and paintings. At the beginning of the 20th century, the generous donors of the neo-Gothic Restoration had a large part of the windows decorated with stained glass windows, on which the painter František Urban depicted a number of purely Christian motifs, as well as important events of his time. This tradition was continued in 2014 by the last work of art: stained glass with the motif of St. Agnes Přemyslovna, which decorated the last clear window in the south nave of the church.

After lunch at a local Pizzeria, we took the bus and went to Sedlec near Kutná Hora. There we visited on our own, A unique UNESCO monument - **the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. John the Baptist**. It is the convent church of the former oldest Cistercian abbey in Bohemia (founded in 1142). Together with the Sedlec ossuary, this church forms a complete complex of the oldest part of Kutná Hora. The cathedral was built between 1290 and 1320 and combines northern French Gothic cathedral architecture with German elements. In the church we can find rare artistic monuments, such as paintings by P. Brandl, M. L. Willmann, J. K. Liška, etc. The cathedral has an accessible first attic, through which it is possible to walk up to the choir of the western facade. The church treasury hides one of the rarest gems of Central Europe - the original SEDLECKÉ MONSTRANCE. According to the latest findings, it is one of the oldest preserved Gothic monstrance in the world.

About 200 meters away from the Cathedral, we went to see the **Ossuary**, that is decorated with the bones of about 40,000 people. The ossuary is an underground chapel of the All-Saints Cemetery Church, which was originally part of the Cistercian abbey in Sedlec, founded in 1142 by Mr. Miroslav of Markvartice. The church was built in the 14th century as a Kerner - it consists of two chapels built on top of each other - and according to the latest surveys, together with other building components of the abbey, it tried to approach its Jerusalem designs.

After a long day tour of this historical city, we came back to Prague in late afternoon.

### **Wednesday 27.04.2022**

At about 8:30 all the students and teachers were welcomed at the Czech School - ŠMVV Praha, where we took a group photo in front of our school. Then we gathered in the Conference Hall, where we started with our project presentations. The topic/theme was "Competence in cultural awareness and expression". As per programme:

- **The Czech students** had the following presentations.
  - 1) UNESCO cultural and historical heritage sites in the Czech Republic
  - 2) What is Culture? Types, Characteristics, Elements of Culture? Holidays in the Czech Republic, etc. + A video film
  - 3) What is Culture? What are some of the Cultural habits and traditions in the Czech Republic? + A video film.
  - 4) Kahoot Quiz on Culture
- **The Italian students** had the following presentations.
  - 1) Culture and Traditions in Italy.
  - 2) UNESCO cultural and historical heritage sites in Italy + A video film
  - 3) Kahoot Quiz on Culture

● **The Spanish students** had the following presentations.

- 1) UNESCO cultural and historical heritage sites in Spain + A video film
- 2) Culture, Customs and Traditions in Spain.
- 3) Kahoot Quiz on Culture

It must be emphasized that all the presentations were very well prepared, presented and students actively took part in Kahoot Quiz Tests. Needless to say, that it is almost impossible to pen down all the great things about the richness in culture and heritage of the above-mentioned countries.

In the afternoon, after lunch in the school canteen, we all went by tram to Dějvická. There with an English-speaking guide we visited the magnificent **Prague Castle** which according to the Guinness Book of Records, is the largest continuous castle complex in the world. It has been an important symbol of the Czech state for more than a thousand years. It was founded in the 9th century and became the seat of Czech rulers and later presidents. The castle is made up of historical palaces, offices, church and fortification buildings, gardens and picturesque spots. It covers an area of 45 hectares. The panoramic view of Prague Castle is a spectacular one.

First, we went inside the **Cathedral of St. Vitus** and the guide told us stories about kings, emperors, great historical figures and the history of the cathedral itself. Five Saints and many Czech princes, kings, archbishops and other important personalities are buried here. A large number of rare relics of saints and many other objects of incalculable value can be found in St. Vitus's temple jewels. At the forefront is the St. Wenceslas Crown, which is the sovereign symbol of the ruling power of the Czech kings. After many years, the St. Vitus' treasure returned to the Chapel of the Holy Cross. In the new permanent exhibition, we saw for example, the golden reliquary cross, which was made by Charles IV. We also stumbled upon a door to the Coronation Room, where the Bohemian crown jewels are being stored. The chapel is exceptional in itself - it is decorated with more than 1,300 semi-precious stones. Other sights of St. Vitus Cathedral include a neo-Gothic altar by Petr Parléř and a golden portal with bronze embossing's and a mosaic depicting scenes of the Last Judgment. Stained glass windows by Alfons Mucha and Max Švabinský are also masterpieces.

Breath-taking are not only the dimensions of the cathedral - the main nave is 124 m long and 60 m wide, 33 m high, but also the dimensions and weight of 7 church bells.

The largest of them, Sigismund, dates from the 16th century and, with its weight of 17 tons, it is the largest bell in our country. When ringing, 4 people must ring the bell manually.

The tour with the guide continued with a visit to the **Old Royal Palace**. This palace was the seat of Bohemian princes and kings until the 16th century. It was built on the remains of the Romanesque Soběslav Palace. Most notable is the Gothic Vladislav Hall from the 16th century, the Vladislav Hall served particularly royal state purposes. It was the scene of coronation festivities and banquets, knights' tournaments and markets with artistic and luxurious goods. The Vladislav Hall still partly fulfils the state function: the elections of the president of the Czech Republic used to take place there and ceremonial gatherings connected with important days in the life of this country are held there still.

We then visited the **Basilica of St. Jiří**, where the Přemyslids are buried. This originally was the second church of Praha castle. Because of its rich history it was destroyed on numerous occasions (by a fire among other things), but it was rebuilt and expanded over and over again. There is impressive monumental Romanesque interior. In addition, the space is also used on a regular basis for exhibitions.

Our tour ended on the **Golden Lane**. During the expansion of the fortress, this area by the northern wall was vacated and used to build some modest houses. This is where the defenders of Praha castle were housed, among them servants, blacksmiths and the bowmen. These tiny houses were inhabited until the Second World War and throughout the centuries they made sure that their picturesque appearance wasn't altered. The famous writer Franz Kafka used to live in house number 22 from 1916 until 1917.

In the end we thanked the guide tour for taking the time and appreciating her for providing us with a lot of information about this wonderful castle.

## **Thursday 28.04.2022**

Today at 9:00 all the students and teachers once again met at the Conference Hall of ŠMVV Praha, where once again students started with our project presentations. As per programme:

● **The Lithuanian students** had the following presentations.

- 1) Competence in Cultural Awareness. It was a very detailed presentation, covering the history, culture, traditions, UNESCO sites, etc., with nice photos and video shots.
- 2) Kahoot Quiz on Culture

● **The Portuguese students** had the following presentations.

- 1) What is Culture? What are some of the Cultural customs and traditions in my country?  
+ A video film.
- 2) What are the most important UNESCO cultural and historical sites in my country?
- 3) Kahoot Quiz on Culture.

After a short break all the students completed a questionnaire on “Cultural Diversity Awareness”. There were 20 questions and the purpose was:

- To identify the attitudes and perspectives regarding cultural diversity.
- To help students become aware of and understand prejudices and biases.
- To help understand the potential consequences of approach to diversity in the workplace.

Then there was a debate and discussion and all the students actively took part in it.

As the Italian partners were to leave on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of April, so a short ceremony was organised and Certificates of Attendance were awarded to the Italian teachers and students.

After lunch in the School Canteen, there was a tour of **Vyšehrad**. The tour guide was Mgr. Michal Skokan, who is a colleague and teacher at SMVV Praha. Vyšehrad 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 and stunning view of the city (one of the most beautiful panoramas of old Europe), Mr Skokan informed 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. Walking down the hill, passing along the Vltava River bank, the tour came to an end at the Dancing House.

In the evening, teachers from Italy, Lithuania, Portugal and Spain were cordially invited by the Czech team to a complimentary dinner at a restaurant near our school.

## **Friday 29.04.2022**

**10:00 - 12:00:** Final meeting at SMVV Praha. First Mr. H. Khan, had a presentation on “The Czech School – ŠMVV Praha”, briefly outlining the history, important milestones, specializations offered to students, various activities that are carried out by the school, etc. + A video film from the School Graduation Ball. Two teachers were then invited in the Media Studio by our students for a short interview. Students in the meantime were allowed to visit lessons going on at that time at our school. Then teachers had a meeting where they discussed about the project and the final project going to take place in Portugal. The Portuguese teacher assured all of us that everything will be prepared in time and all partners will be informed well in advance.

In the end students and teachers from Lithuania, Spain and Portugal received Certificates of Attendance and the meeting came to an end. The whole week was a great experience and passed away smoothly.

## CONCLUSION

During the project meeting in Prague, Czech Republic all the participants were actively involved in all the activities proposed by the host team. All Learning, Teaching, Training Activities were successfully carried out. Students exploit their skills and abilities by presenting and creating ppts, videos, kahoots, etc on the topics of the project. They learnt to communicate, to improve their English language, to understand each other by making friendship and working together in mixed groups on activities aimed at exploiting team work.

Erasmus+ programme focuses on strengthening the potential of Youth for active participation in civil society, development of leadership skills, solidarity and understanding among cultures.

We now look forward to our next Short-term exchanges of groups of pupils meeting in Alenquer, Portugal from 16.05 – 20.05.2022.

### A few group photos from our mobility in Prague









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