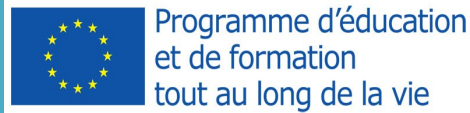


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Minutes of Comenius Project Meeting Sunday 6th - Thursday 10th 2013 Clermont-Ferrand, France.

- **All partners arrived on Sunday 6th.**
- **The meeting started on Monday 7th and ended Thursday 10th.**
- **As this was the first meeting we chose not to have pupils.**

Attending partners:

Mrs Enza Ferlisi and Mrs Emilia Santoro (ITALY)

Mrs.Funda OĞRAL, Mrs.Hayriye İNAN and Miss Pinar GÜLER (TURKEY)

Mrs. Katarzyna Bolesta-Siwiek and Mrs. Elzbieta Rakoczy (POLAND)

Mrs Anita Brumele and Mrs Ilze Leonova (LATVIA)

Mr Jan Pavlik and Mr Michal Lipovský (CZECH REPUBLIC)

Mrs Anne Garbès, Mrs Dalila Berrahal and Mr David Boudoire (FRANCE)

All partners gathered at the school on Monday 8:45 in the administrative building. They were welcomed by the school principal, Mr LANGLET, the vice-principal, Mr BES and the school accountant manager Mrs CHEVALIER as well as by the French coordinators. The principal made a welcome speech, presented the school and extended his wishes for a successful project.

Then the partners visited the school and were able to enter classrooms and meet students. The visit ended with a brief meeting with the school teachers in the teacher's room.

The meeting started at 10h15.

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Each partner said a few words about his/her school.

The coordinators presented the evaluators' remarks about the project which are very good and took note of the need for the project participants to insist on dissemination of the results regarding the project.

Then the coordinators made a thorough reading of the project and read an extract from the rationale part which sums up very well the very essence of our project : *"We do not see Europe as a cultural mixture but as a cultural puzzle where each piece is important and is connected to the others through links that have not yet been fully explored"* (quotation from the E.2. Rationale)

The partners made explicit the project description, the project objectives and the approaches to be taken in order to achieve the objectives.

Then we read the project calendar for the activities to be done during the two coming years.

All partners were able to present the slideshows/videos made by their students (Latvia had a parent make a beautiful video about ikšķiles). We were all gathered in a large classroom with students and staff. Each partner presented slideshows about « My country, my city, my school ». This was a wonderful moment of sharing and learning !

The partners also presented the lovely logos that their pupils made : the logo competition opened ! We all selected 10 logos which will be put online on the project website. Each partner school will vote for the best logo and this will be included in all our project documents, websites etc.

We all were appreciative of the hard work made by pupils involved in the project and we encourage them to keep their motivation alive.

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Then, the French partner presented the project website. David Boudoire, the IT teacher showed the website to all teachers. This website will be like a window for our puzzle.

The partners were invited for a reception at the city hall. They were warmly welcomed by Manuela Ferreira de Sousa.

Our meeting ended with a workshop which helped us organise for the coming meetings. There were general agreements on the mobilities, the tasks for each country and the activities to be done for the Turkey and Latvia meetings. We also all agreed that the hosting country would take in charge, during the meeting, all lunches –preferably at the school canteen- all the visits and one dinner at a local restaurant.

Sightseeing: The partners visited The Puy de Dome, an ancient volcano that dominates the city and all the area ; they visited the city center with its churches, cathedral, tasted some Auvergne cheese, visited the caves of cheese maker Olivier Nivesse. They stopped at a bakery where they tasted delicious cakes and were invited to make chocolate coating with the Maître Pâtissier Chocolatier Martial Ray. Then, after the city hall reception, all went to a restaurant to have dinner altogether. We all visited the museum « L'Aventure Michelin » a museum dedicated to the internationally renowned tyres company which has its headquarters in the city of Clermont-Ferrand.

A farewell ceremony was organised to give all partners certificates of attendance and a present that is typical of the Clermont-Ferrand region ; all partners were offered knives traditionally made in Thiers, a city near Clermont-Ferrand and each partner had his first name engraved on the knife. Each partner had to give a coin in exchange for the knife so that our friendship remains intact forever!!

Meeting closed