

Report of the Comenius-Meeting
Different Stories-Same Values
Project Meeting: Essen, Germany
Monday, April 22, 2013, Tuesday, April 30, 2013

The Greek delegation arrived in Essen on Monday, April 22 and left Essen on Saturday, April 27, 2013. The delegation consisted of three teachers: Ms Elena Moumouri, Ms Renia Chatzigeorgiou, Mr Ioannis Bacharakis and twelve students: Maria Lazou, Dimitra Kougourigkou, Konstantina Karvela, Isidoros Kogioumtzis, Georgios Katrakazas, Dimitrios Kopatsaris, Maria Papadopoulou, Ioanna Emmanouilidou, Elisavet Ioannidou, Nikolaos Karanikiotis, Dimitrios Tiktopoulos and Niki Dimitriadou.

The Italian delegation consisted of two teachers: Ms Anna Maria Sicilia and Ms Karina Belzer and eight students: Giulia Semeraro, Simona Potenza, Alessandra Baccaro, Valentina Vasta, Simona Guarini, Domenico Lacerenza and Gianpiero Vignola.

The Swedish delegation arrived in Essen on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 and left Essen on Sunday, April 28, 2013. The delegation consisted of two teachers: Mr Ilias Agathangelidis and Ms Margot Eriksson and three students: Muhammed Rahimzagan, Aji Taal and Jessica Repina.

At the beginning of the project meeting between April 23 and April 30, 2013 a paper chase about important spots in Essen was organised by teachers and students. That way the guests were shown the city by their hosts and both guests and hosts got to know each other better. Later the students presented films about the various project meetings which helped to show the personal experience during this project.

The main focus during this meeting was on stereotypes of European countries. The students had prepared some ideas about national stereotypes before coming to Essen. After some ice-breaking activities to get to know each other better, they prepared, rehearsed and performed theatrical scenes about European stereotypes that may exist in the four participating countries. The scenes were developed by the students themselves, guided, counselled and coached by a professional drama teacher. Discussions about the validity of national stereotypes developed during the rehearsals of the scenes and increased the students' awareness of the necessity of reflecting on those prejudices.

Free climbing, bouldering and abseiling helped to promote mutual confidence and trust among the students. These experiences were enhanced by a culture and language competition where the students had to apply their recently gained knowledge about the languages of the partner countries.

Finally, students and teachers went on a day trip across the area to understand the heritage of the Ruhr Area and its resulting possibilities as well as its shortcomings better.

A farewell party was held to celebrate two years of growing cooperation and friendship.

The Italian delegation will spend time with the families; go on excursions to Dusseldorf and Cologne.

The visit of the delegations deepened the friendly relationship among students, teachers and parents. Both teachers and students improved communicative skills in English and the languages of the participating countries. This enriched their knowledge of different cultures and improved their educational possibilities; they developed their skills of using It-technologies.

At the end of the meeting arrangements were made for the final report which is due by September 30, 2013. By August 20, a Skype conference among the members will be held to make sure that the obligations for the final report will be observed. All the delegations will collect all the work they prepared during the meetings and upload them on EST and the website of the project.

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