

DECISIONS MADE AT THE ERASMUS KA2 MEETING IN BILBAO (8-11 OCTOBER)

Small Towns in Europe: Sharing Innovative Practices

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Action 1. Poland

Topic: Local tourism

Time: 01-04 December 2015.

The first meeting planned for the programme took part in Elbląg, Poland. The host for 8 delegations was III Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Jana Pawła II. 50 students and 17 teachers from 9 countries took part in it.

Activities: In order to prepare well all participants Polish team visited several times their “small town” – Frombork (20 km north-east of Elbląg) to collect documentation for SWOT analysis and it was sent to other schools to be discussed. Students and teachers prepared their ideas in form of oral or electronic presentations. They were consulted with the Poles via the Internet.

On 1st December delegations arrived to Elbląg, where the students met their Polish hosts and the teachers were accommodated in one of the hotels. During the first evening meeting the proposed programme was discussed as well as several ideas connected with local tourism.

On 2nd December students and teachers had a chance to take part in some lessons with their Polish partners and talk about local system of education. After the official meeting in school's aula a brief information about Frombork was presented by members of the Polish delegation and after several questions students from 8 countries presented their ideas how the community of Frombork can be helped in the area of tourism. Numerous ideas seemed to be very interesting and applicable in the town without financial or organizational efforts.

After presentations the team travelled to the Old Town to do some sightseeing and meet deputy president of Elbląg.

On 3rd December students and teachers travelled to Frombork to compare their previous ideas and thoughts with reality. We were hosted by local catholic parish and supported by students from local Secondary School. During the walk students divided into 5 task teams

visited the Cathedral Hill with its fortifications, museum, observatory, cathedral (with the tomb of Nicolaus Copernicus), a harbor, town centre, playgrounds, tourists infrastructure. They talked to local citizens, took notes and pictures, trying to match their ideas to particular places. Then they met in the school to discuss and prepare their conclusion. The teachers were supporting them with advice and language. It was great pleasure to observe their involvement and brisk work.

Later we meet with representatives of local community and authorities. The results were presented in English and translated into Polish by III LO's students. Then the ideas were commented by the locals – several were described as really worth further adaptation and implementation.

The last part of the stay in Frombork was special and incredible organ concert in the cathedral.

On 4th December the team took part in educational trip to Toruń – a place of birth of Nicolaus Copernicus and well known tourist destination. Our additional task was to observe tourist facilities in that big city and think about possible usage of them in Frombork. Toruń is an interesting option for foreign tourists who come to Poland and “discover” this picturesque land.

In the evening, in Elbląg the programme was recapitulated and some modifications to further meetings were discussed. Programme brochures were handed by our coordinator from Austria.

On 5th December eight delegations flew home.

The Polish team was complemented for perfect organization of the meeting, great hospitality, well prepared programme and its conducting. Students and teacher from 9 countries were to work hard, in creative way in order to achieve the goal. The ideas were collected in form of a letter and sent to the Town Hall in Frombork with some comments to be used in practice. The promised us to inform us which of them will be implemented.

The programme was noticed by local television station, by the Internet portals and a radio station.