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**8-11 December 2016, Colegiul Energetic, Râmnicu Vâlcea, Romania**

## **REPORT OF THE MEETING**



The first meeting of the project took place in Râmnicu Vâlcea, Romania between the 8<sup>th</sup> of December and the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, 2016 at COLEGIUL ENERGETIC.

The participants of the meeting were 4 teachers from Turkey, 5 teachers from Portugal, 3 teachers from Italy, 4 teachers from Greece, and over 10 teachers from Romania.



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The main goal of the meeting was the organization of the project.

### ***The 8<sup>th</sup> of December***

The project partners from Turkey, Italy, Portugal and Greece arrived at Râmnicu Vâlcea and they were welcomed by the Romanian team. The teachers participated to an informal dinner, where they had the chance to make new friends.

### ***The 9<sup>th</sup> of December***

The participants of the project were welcomed by the Headmaster of Colegiul Energetic, teachers, students and local representatives. In the introduction, the hosts welcomed the guests and the Romanian students made a presentation about Romania, Râmnicu Vâlcea town, Colegiul Energetic and informed the participants on the meeting program.

The groups of teachers from each country shared presentations of their countries, cities, schools and educational systems. All teams impressed the audience.

After the introduction of each country, the work session started. Each team of teachers shared their expectations about the meeting and about the future activities of the project, posting all the information on a panel. The work session included:

- Organization of the project – goals of the project, tasks for each school;
- The Italian team pointed out the importance of the E-Twinning space and proposed to modify its content;



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- The Turkish team decided to coordinate the webpage of the project;
- Dissemination plan.

Before lunch, the teachers were invited to participate on a lesson about Romanian traditions. They were welcomed by the students with bread and salt and Christmas carols. The students also offered gifts made by them – origami ornaments and they were rewarded with carols.

The work session continued at Vâlcea County Library with a presentation, made by the history teacher Ovidiu Tănase, about refugees in Romanian history and about the nowadays refugee crisis.

Following the rules defined by the Turkish team, the LOGO and SLOGAN contest took place. Each team from each country exposed 3 logos and 3 slogans and teachers from each country voted for the best logo and the best slogan. It was a difficult choice, because all the logos and slogans were very good and expressive.

The work session continued with discussions about:

- Mobilities – confirmation of the destinations and periods;
- Financial aspects;
- Planning next meeting;
- Debates;
- Reflection of the meeting.

In the evening, the students and teachers from Liceul de Arte "Victor Giuleanu", in partnership with Colegiul Energetic organized a concert and a painting exhibition (about refugees). The participants appreciated students' performance and enjoyed the activity.



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The day ended with a relaxing dinner, where the participants got the chance to improve their English skills and to find out more about the educational systems and cultural aspects from all the countries.

### ***The 10<sup>th</sup> of December, 2016***

The day started with a work session at Valcea County Library.

Mrs Oana Bădoiu presented the collaboration and partnership between Colegiul Energetic and World Vision, concerning the refugees - the project "Helping Refugees", the assistance centers for refugees from Romania and its role in helping refugees in health, education, social aspects.

The work session continued with discussions about financial issues and about Mobility Tool.

The participants visited Sibiu, a cultural city from Romania. The purpose of this visit was to acknowledge the participants with information on Romanian culture and values. The activity was also to discover the historical part of the city.

After getting back to Râmnicu Vâlcea, all participants had to fill in an evaluation form, regarding the activities performed during this reunion.

In conclusion, the meeting met its goals; the activities were held in a relaxing atmosphere, where everybody enjoyed the time spent together, learning and sharing precious information.