

Newsletter n°4 : News from Mediterranean
« I, you, we, Mediterranean Citizens »



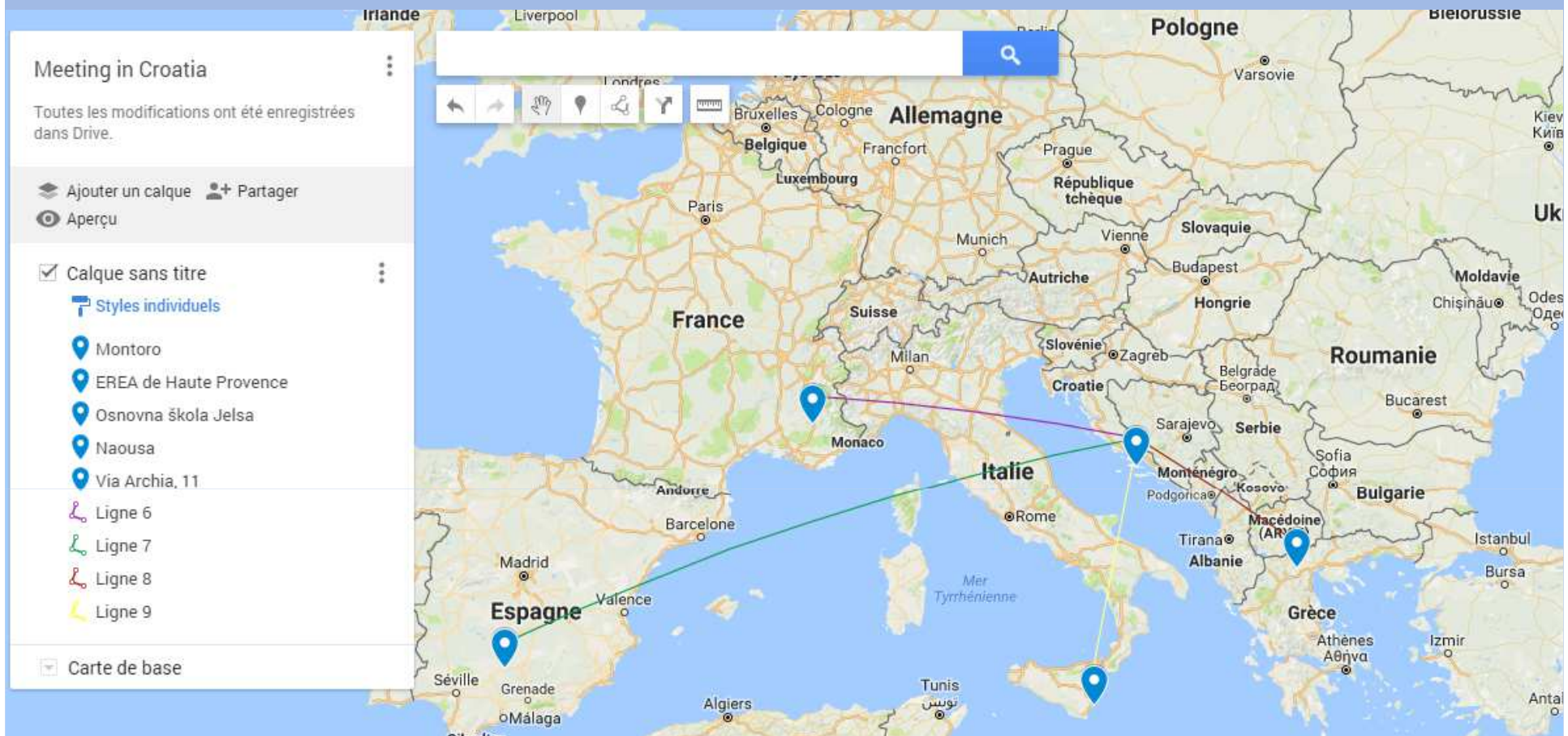
Mobility in Croatia :
12th - 18th September 2016



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12th September 2016

Arrival in Croatia



On September 12th, 2016, the totality of the European partners of the project « I, you, we, Mediterranean Citizens " found ourselves to Jelsa in the Hvar Island in Croatia for the third mixed exchange between pupils. Natalija, the Croatian coordinator and the families waited for us upon our arrival by boat. Italy was represented by professors Santina Scarso and Lidia Caggegi, and their headmaster Valeria Nicosia, Greece represented by professors Maria Ziouzia, Giorgios Biliouris and Evagelia Bisina, Spain represented by professors Juan Carlos Santiago Martinez, Carmen Maria Aguilera Sillero and Maria del Carmen Arroyo Rivera and France represented by Pascal Uberti and Létizia Allegrini.

13th September 2016

Welcome in the City hall of Jelsa and visit of the city

On Tuesday morning, we were welcomed in the City hall of Jelsa for a reception of welcome, local authorities (mayor), the headmaster of the school, the Croatian coordinator, Natalija and the pupils showed us their hospitality through speeches, slide shows of presentations of their school and traditions. After a dance show traditional Croatian, a sweet salty buffet was offered us. A pleasure for the eyes and papillae. The beginning of this week already augured some heat of our hosts.



The Croatian pupils then presented us their city Jelsa through a cultural stroll. Jelsa town about 2000 inhabitants is situated on the Hvar Island in the region Dalmatian in Croatia. We were able to discover the beauty of these houses in white stones, its paved streets, its bell tower, its fort and its cultural and artistic wealth.



13th September 2016

Visit of the village of Vrboska



After noon, we visited fisherman's small village situated in 3km of Jelsa, Vrboska. Most town on the Hvar Island full of sun, is particular because of its geographical position hidden in the depth of the bay, for an intact wood of pines, for cultural curiosities which know about the style Gothic, that of the Renaissance and that of the baroque, and finally for the architecture of its tight alleys, islands in the center of the bay, all it connected with small bridges. It is even nicknamed " Little Venice ".

This beautiful day ended by the visit of the Museum of fishing which includes all the traditional equipments of fishing, the fishing nets of all the types, tools and the rests of the tools of the ex make for the work of the fish.

A workshop of marine knot was proposed to us. All our concentration, was necessary for us to make a success of the challenge!!!



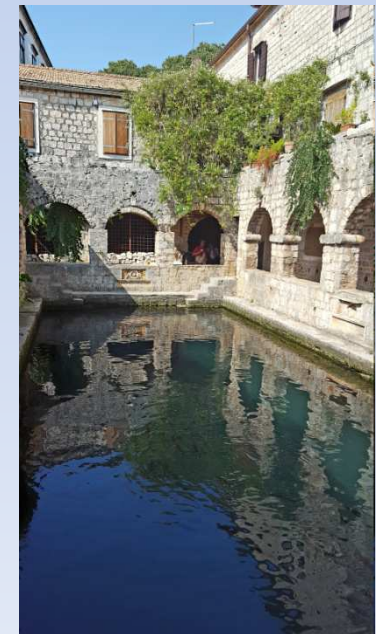
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Stari Grad

The second day was more a sportsman, all the pupils and professors dashed in the discovery of the plain of Stari Grad heritage of the UNESCO by bicycle. This plain is a cultural area which remained practically intact since its first colonization by Greeks come from the Aegean island of Paros in the IVth century before J.C. The original agricultural activity - based on the vine and the olive tree - of this fertile plain remained since the origins until today. The site is also a nature reserve. The landscape, which includes plots of land and ways bounded by dry-stone walls, as well as small stone constructions, testifies of the old system of agricultural organization in regular lots used by the Greeks.



First break in the city of Stari Grad, the oldest city in Croatia, of the same age as Aristote. The same year, 384 before Christ, when in Thrace was born this Greek very known philosopher, the Greeks of the island Paros of the Aegean Sea based a city on the Hvar Island, which they named Pharos. Numerous wine growers have their shop in the narrow street. We were received for a tasting of antique specialities (ham vineyard / figs and walnut), anchoix in the oil, the cake in the honey), a delight!!! Visit of the archaeological museum and here we are left ...



14th September 2016

The campaign of Hvar

After some kilometers of bike in the forest not far from the village of Vrboska, we were very warmly welcomed in the secondary house of the family of Viktoria, professor of cooking at the school of Jelsa. After a physical effort under a blazing sun, the barbecue and the raw vegetables made the happiness of the pupils and the professors.



Workshop « croatian traditional pastry » :

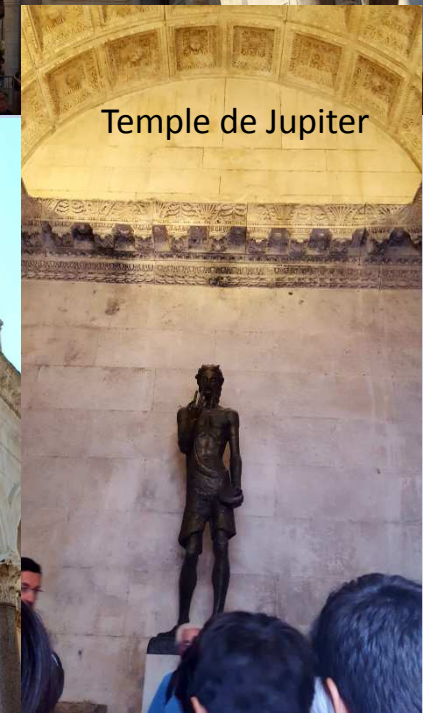
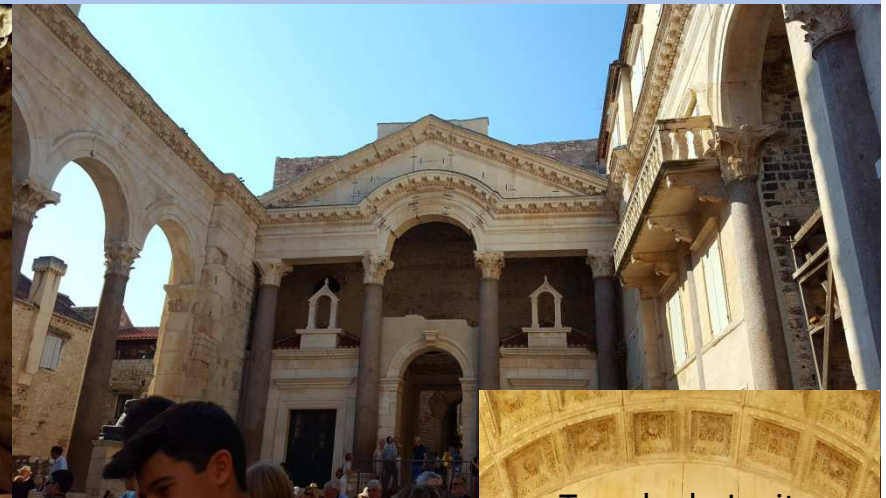
Viktoria proposed to the pupils an activity of decoration of small Croatian traditional cakes. Their shape in star reminded our mascot of the project " Medy ", by means of a mixture of egg whites beaten until stiff and sugar and of a stilet made with branches of vineyards and pins, the imagination of our pupils was requested.



15th September 2016

Explore the impressive

On Thursday was a long and beautiful day, departure at 7:00 am to Stari Grad in the harbor station direction Split, the second city the most inhabited in Croatia. The city of Split became established inside, then around the immense palace of the Roman emperor Diocletian, built between 294 and 305, which extended over a surface of 39 000 m². The emperor was native of the city of Salone (situated on the heights of Split). In 1420 Split was integrated into the Republic of Venice, until its disappearance in 1797. The city is registered on the list of the world heritage by the UNESCO today. One guides allowed us to discover this beautiful city.



Workshop “creation of Dalmatian jewels”:

After the visit of the city, a little break to the museum of history of Split with an activity of antique creation of jewels with wire, pearls, iron filings, ... Another beautiful memory

15th September 2016

The Roman metropolis of Salona



Afternoon, after a break in Split, we went in the Roman city of Salona. This metropolis, at first modest port of an Illyrian local tribe then a Greek colony, takes its importance in 48 when Julius Caesar installs Roman veterans there. The city becomes by its continuation the capital of Dalmatia and stays a very important city until its devastation by the Slavs in 630. The city had a form of trapeze, extended over 1600 meters and was able to welcome 60 000 people in its peak.



In the evening, we were able to discover the streets of Split at nightfall and to appreciate the Croatian gastronomy.

At any time, in Split, we expect to see appearing ... Diocletian

16th September 2016

City of Hvar

On Friday morning, we left visiting the city the most inhabited in the island, Hvar. Pupils in traditional clothes, waited for us on the biggest place of Dalmatia to count us the history of the city. Above our heads majestic "Spanish" said citadel overhangs this attractive port. Guide made us discover the architectural particularities of the city connected to a multitude of foreign occupation: Venetian, Napoleon, ...



Cathedral square

Spanish citadel



16th September 2016

Pakleni islands

Afternoon, has still allowed us to discover a new facet of Croatia, we took a small boat to go on the islands Pakleni which face Hvar. The first stop, led to us on an island very saved by the tourism, wild and which contains the vestiges of Roman villa and reveals a bay which was exploited for its salt.



The second stop, revealed us an island approved by a large majority for its beach. The pupils and the teachers were able to take advantage of this spare time to swim in a transparent and turquoise blue water. A beautiful moment of conviviality and relaxation.



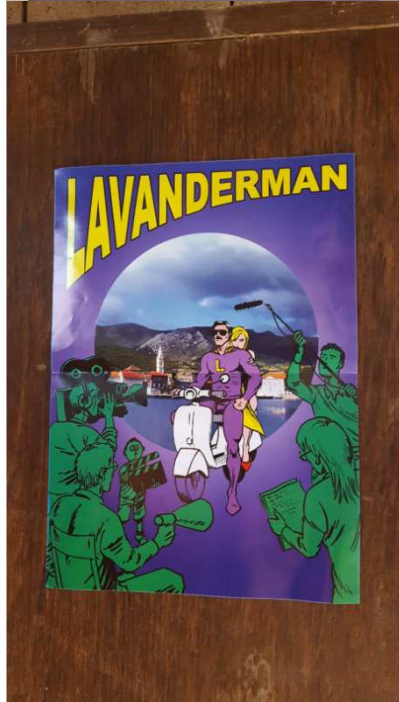
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The cave of Humac

The last day, we made a small hike to go to the Cave of Grabac, cradle of the culture and the civilization of Hvar, the most important prehistoric discovery of neolithic period, 5000 - 4000 years before JC. It's has 239 m of height and represented the place of worship of the neolithic inhabitant. The cave consists of stalactites and stalagmites. Dumping in the successful Neolithic!



On the way back, we visited a distillery of lavender and sage and we were surprised discovering a comic strip of the name of "Lavandermen". The stroll ended in the village of the Middle Ages of Humac, as fixed in time.



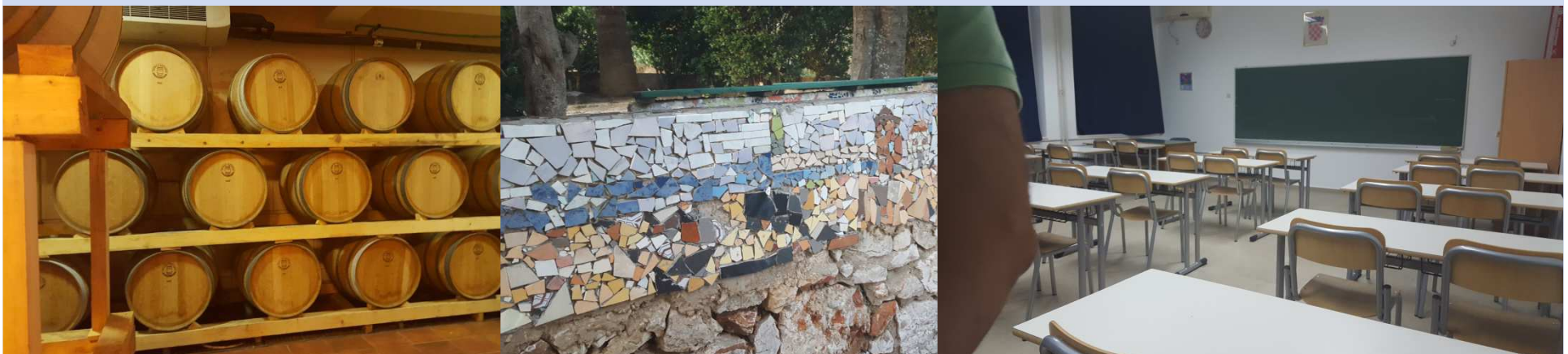
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Inn of the village of Humac

Before the lunch, we stopped in an inn situated in the village of Humac, the pupils were able to participate in their last workshop which concerned the lavender. The preparation of decorated bag of lavender was made in the shade of almond trees in a simply magnificent frame.



The students are then entered their home and were able to take advantage of their European correspondents quite one after noon. The professors ate in the inn and realized a meeting to plan and discuss activities of the year. On the way of Jelsa, we had the opportunity to visit a renowned wine cellar of the island. At the end of after noon before the party planned at the beginning of the evening, we visited the school of Jelsa.



17th September 2016

Party of departure in the City hall of Jelsa

At 8:00 pm, all the parents, the pupils and the teachers had produce you to the City hall of Jelsa for a party of departure. The theme of the evening was dances and traditional musics. The Italian, Greek and Spanish partners had prepared the songs and the typical dances of their regions. He was very moving to see these young pupils applying to reproduce steps and words of their ancestors.



This week was absolutely beautiful, the welcome of our very warm Croatian partners, the pupils once again have difficulty to leave this island so peaceful. They leave with memories height in there head and in there heart and so many Facebook ...

Impressions from France



EREA de Haute Provence
Bevons

The team of the EREA of Haute-Provence consisted of 6 pupils and 2 professors. This meeting to Jelsa was really a discovery for everybody and it at various levels.

The majority of our pupils had never visited another country. Our first objective was to open their consciences on other cultures in it the objective is more than reaches. Furthermore, our pupils who sometimes have difficulty in putting a lot into their learnings and in planning ahead, all returned with the desire to return on these magnificent Croatian islands and to share these moments with their circle of acquaintances. The communication was very difficult at the beginning with families, the necessity of learning English to communicate appeared as an obvious fact. They return in France with the desire of to learn and to put a lot into their work. In their return at the school, they shared their memories with the other students who look forward to sharing the same experience.

For the professors, this third exchange was great. The welcome of all partners was from warmer and more professional (families, pupils, professors, local authorities, guides, local companies.). Our Croatian partners applied to share with us their cultures through cultural visits (Greek and Roman archeological sites, visit of the cities of the island: Jelsa, Vrboska, Stari Grad, Hvar, islands Plakeni, Split), educationnal workshops in touch with the theme of the project, the Mediterranean Sea (antique gastronomy and Croatian, lavender, creation of jewels) and the sports strolls (discovered by the plain of Stari Grad in bike, visit of the cave of Humac).

Students impressions:

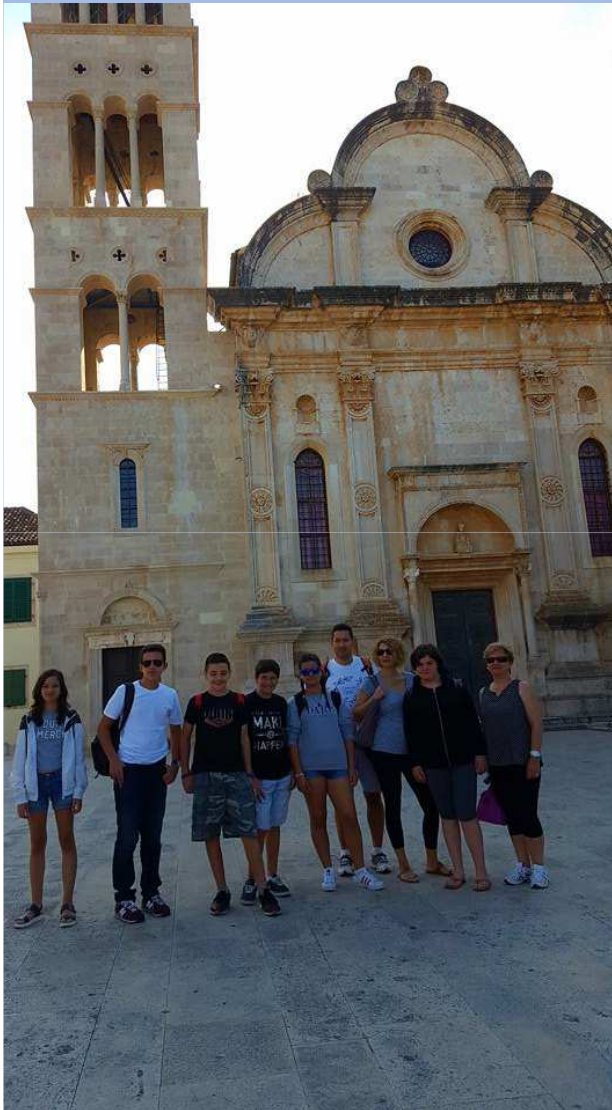
Kevyn and Remy: we still thank our family for their welcome and kindness, we spent great week.

Théo and Housni: we had never left outside France and it really be a beautiful discovery, we now want to learn better English to be able to make us understand and communicate with our partners.

Kevin and Florimond: we shall not forget all these good moments, this experience(experiment) was very rich for us.

Thank you again to Natalija and to her team who allowed to share with us every these good moment.

Impressions from Greece



Lappeio 1° Gymnasio
Naousa

George Biliouris: I was very impressed by the excellent organisation of the activities and the warm hospitality of the host families!

Evangelia Bisina: I had the best impressions of this trip! I was particularly happy with the coordinator and the other teachers who were always there to help and promptly answered to every question we had so we were at ease and didn't worry about anything. Moreover, the workshops and activities were various, interesting and every student could participate and had fun.

Maria Ziouzia: Besides the organisation and hospitality which surpassed our expectations I need to express my personal impressions of this dream-like week. The cultural heritage and tradition, the breath-taking natural landscapes, the smell of pine trees and of the Mediterranean herbs and trees, the pure, mediterranean flavours, the colour of the sea and the sunny weather all contributed to the full satisfaction of all my senses!

Finally, I would like to mention that the sports activities eventhough sometimes demanding (i.e off road cycling) made us fitter and pointed out how important sports should be in our daily routine. I felt a sense of well being at the end of each day.

Students: All six students were very pleased and excited to get new experiences of another country, a different way of life, language and make new friends.

They had a chance to try out new things and speak in english in authentic context.

One of our students(**Dimitris Tzepos**) said:

"This was the best week of my life! " The island reminds me a lot of some of our own Greek islands"

Another one(**Olympia Mantsiou**) told me: **"I don't want to leave this place!"**

Yannis Pilidis, Eleni Theodoiadou, Elisavet Kotziabasi and Petros Rallis

share the same views and chatting with their fellow students and teachers back home all agreed that the meeting met with the outmost success, it achieved its main goals and much more!

A big Thank you to the Croatian team (teachers, families, students, guides, external partners etc) for everything they did for us!

WORKING WEEK IN HVAR, CROATIA: impressions from Spain



Last September, six students and three Spanish teachers participated in the mobility visit to Hvar.

It was meant to be an exciting journey because of its difficulty in travelling and all the activities prepared: Bus from Montoro to Seville, flight from Seville to Split with a two-hour layover in Barcelona, arrival at Split airport and then bus to the hotel to spend the night in Split. Early wake up call to take the first ferry at 5:30 am to get to Stari Grad where we were picked up by families and teachers, who left us each in our place.

One aspect to note is the progression in crescendo with respect to relationships among students: from a few correct presentations, but full of embarrassment and shyness on the first day to a magnificent farewell party with warm participation of the entire educational community (families, students, teachers, city hall and even inhabitants of Jelsa passing by who were invited to take part too).

Another aspect to highlight is the diversity of places visited, the variety of activities-workshops and the amount of knowledge acquired by the students.

We have ridden bikes, hiked down to reach some caves and climbed to reach fortresses, gone on a cruise in the Adriatic with a swim in the sea included, visited ancient Roman cities, taken part in a workshop about decoration of typical cookies, tasted a variety of local dishes, learned to make sailor's knots and jewelery.



IES SANTOS ISASA Montoro



Impressions from Italy

About our visit to Croatia:

We came to Croatia with six students, two teachers, Lidia and Santina and our headmaster Valeria. We thought everything was very well organized. Pupils and we received a very horny welcome and our colleagues have worked hard to get to this beautiful week. It was a great success. There were lots of things to see and sometimes we would have liked to have more time to find even better this island.



11° I. C ARCHIA, Syracuse

Lidia: For me, it was my first mobility with students and I find that we have managed to work in a team. It might be taken a little more meeting time to organize the activities of this year. The students had fun and found this snippet of Croatia with pleasure. They will keep these memories for long.

Thank you again to all the Croatian team for the good times.

Impressions from Croatia



Srednja Skola, Jelsa

This was our meeting. It was time to feel the excitement of organizing such an important event. There were thousand things to think about and take care of, but we did it in sweet anticipation of having our partners on the island and showing them all the beauty of the place. The hosts were ready, the activities organized, the weather forecast to our liking – everything was ready to welcome our partners. There are no words to describe the feelings the coordinator experiences the day before the arrival. Magnificent. Finally, our friends arrived and it was such a pleasure to meet them again. We spent the next five days exploring the island and participating in interesting workshops. It was nice to see students having a great time, making new friends and learning about our history and culture.

Every day was unforgettable and every activity was special, but the most memorable part was the last evening. The farewell party exceeded all our expectations – students were happily performing their traditional dances and we had a unique opportunity to see some famous dances in live: flamenco, tarantella and sirtaki! After the official part the dancing continued in free style and positive energy spread to the streets outside. Nobody wanted it to end and I believe everyone made precious memories during the whole week. I would like to express my gratitude to my colleagues who helped to organise the meeting, especially Jelena, Božana and Viktorija, and to all host families who welcomed the students in their homes. Thank you.

Natalija Moškateo

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