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In the framework of the Erasmus+ project, KA2, *Strategic Partnerships / Exchanges of Good Practices, Inside out*, a meeting was held from 14th to 18th March 2022 in Czeladź, in Poland, more precisely the third short-term exchange of students. Several teachers and students from our school as well as from the hosting school, *Szkoła Podstawowa Marii Konopnickiej* (Czeladź, Poland), from *Mehmet Akif Ersoy İlkokulu* (Izmir, Turkey) and *Základná škola Andreja Sládkoviča* (Sliač, Slovakia) took part in this meeting. However, there were no participants from the partner schools *Dukdalf* (Leiden, the Netherlands) and *Banagher College Colaiste na Sionna* (Banagher, Ireland) due to COVID-19 restrictions.

On the first day, we were nicely granted a musical performance by a group of Polish students who sang several songs quite in tune. Charming! Then a Turkish student, wearing a traditional costume, carried out a dancing activity, which also enchanted everyone. Afterwards we were kindly welcomed by the headmistress, after which we got to know the school premises.

The activities of this third exchange began then to be carried out: previously, each country had to organize a song top ten, which, later, was shortened, covering only five songs. A brainstorm allowed all the multilingual groups to choose which was their favourite song to be recorded later in a professional studio. The most voted one was *Believer* by *Imagine Dragons*. Meanwhile, photos were taken so that they could be used in a clip that would be made later.

All the students and teachers attended several kinds of lessons so that they could come up with the similarities and differences between the Polish educational system and theirs.

On behalf of one of the project slogans “A healthy mind in a healthy body”, all the students played a volleyball match.

On the following day, we visited Cracow. We had a guided tour along this beautiful and ancient city, which was founded in the 13th century. It was the official capital of Poland until 1596. Quite astonishingly, its architectural richness is genuine: many of its buildings date back to past centuries due to the fact that, along World War II, it didn't go through severe bombardments and air raids, unlike, for example, Warsaw. The *Old Town* of Cracow, with its *Wawel Royal Castle*, was declared the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in the world, in 1978. Cracow is one of the leading centres of Polish academic, economic, cultural and artistic life.

On the next day, we were taken to *Kopalnia Kultury*, a professional studio, where the students were given the chance to record the song they had chosen two days before, *Believer* by *Imagine Dragons*. One of our students was chosen to sing it while it was being recorded. All the other students and teachers made up the chorus of it. In this same professional studio, everyone also sang *We are the world*, paying tribute to the Ukrainian people. Afterwards, we visited the gallery *Galeria Elektrownia* and then the *Freak Park*, in Będzin, where the students had the chance to get involved in a wide range of sporting activities.

On Friday, it was time to fly back home. This meeting had come to an end bringing along with it unforgettable lifelong memories. It goes without saying that, as usual, our students had a spotless behaviour as well as all the other foreign ones. It must be also added that we are very grateful to everyone that made this meeting be a success: not only all the students but all the teachers and families as well.