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SMALL TOWNS ... NEW CHALLENGES

The first transnational meeting of the Erasmus + Project “Small towns, new challenges” was held between 11th and 14th December 2018 in Sopuerta, Spain organized by Centro San Viator.

The Spanish delegation from C.E.I.P. Nuestra Señora De La Cabeza was composed by the teachers Miguel Angel Izquiero and Inmaculada Márquez López and the students María José Sánchez, Lara Vita and Juan Antonio Martínez.

The Italian delegation from Istituto Comprensivo Santo Stefano di Camastra was composed by teachers Rosalia Santa Cicero and Beatrice Tomasi Scianò and students Daria Ventura, Miraim Nobile and Veronica Muglia.

The Polish delegation from Szkoła Podstawowa im. ks. Prałata Józefa Bigusa was composed by the teachers Lidia Len and Katarzyna Winklas and the students Franchiszek Redzims, Michal Binek and Aleksander Betlejewski.

The Bulgarian delegation from Nachalno Uchilishte Yane Sandanski was composed by the teachers Georgi Trenchezv and Rayna Lachinova, and the students Valentina Hadzhieva, Blagoy Barutchievil and Boris Kotsakow.

The Portuguese delegation from Agrupamiento de Escolas De Alvide was composed by teachers Pedro Pimenta and Patricia Morais and the students Jade Lexandra Tavares Oliveira, Duarte Felix Antunes and Miguel Felipe Oliveira.

On Monday 10th December 2018, all the participants were welcomed by the host teachers and host families at the airport and were transferred to the hotel and the families respectively. On the departure day, the participating teams were also transferred to the airport by the host teachers and the host families.

On Tuesday 11th December 2018, all the participants were gathered at school for the opening ceremony. After the ceremony all countries presented their presentation videos and the lip dubs. After the presentations, teachers had their first coordination meeting and students got to know each other through different ice-breakers. We all had lunch together at the school canteen and after lunch, two different workshops took place: Etwinning and Google Tools. Spanish students guided a tour through the town of Sopuerta, visiting different places of cultural interest. In the evening a “Welcome dinner” was held for the teachers and the students spent their evening with their host families.

On Wednesday 12th December 2018, teachers hold a coordination meeting before the students arrived. After it they visited one of the farms of the area where they could share ideas on entrepreneurship in rural areas. We had lunch together at the school canteen and after it students and teachers had two workshops, alternating

the groups from the previous day: Etwinning and Google Tools. During that evening Spanish families organized a dinner at school for all teachers and students.

On Thursday 23rd December 2018, all the delegation was received by the major in the townhall of Sopuerta. After it students had a workshop about entrepreneurship and teachers had their coordination meeting. A guided boat trip was planned in the programme, but due to weather conditions, it had to be cancelled and all the delegation had a guided tour in the city of Bilbao.

On Friday 24th December 2018, we visited the Caves of Pozalagua in Carranza and visited and shared experiences with a entrepreneur who has created the company Carrantia (ecotourism). All teachers and students had lunch together in a restaurant in Villaverde. After students went with their host families and teachers had their last coordination and evaluation meeting. All the families, students and teachers gathered together at an adventure park to had the farewell ceremony of the project.

The delegations agreed on the following:

- The next transnational meeting are going to be held in the following dates:

BULGARY: 24 – 29 March 2019

POLAND: 20 – 25 May 2019

PORTUGAL: 21 – 26 October 2019

ITALY: 9 – 14 March 2020

SPAIN (ALMERÍA): 25- 30 May 2020

- The tasks and responsibilities are going to maintained as they appear in the application form:

CEIP Ntra. Sra. De la Cabeza. As the focal point it will be responsible for all administrative and organizational part of the project. It will coordinate performance of proposed activities, prepare the intermediate and final reports, collect all the work of the members.

Szkola Podstawowa of Poland will be the center that will coordinate and be responsible for the TICE. It will be responsible for eTwinning space will facilitate the use of Google to education, responsible for training in various ICT tools used in the project.

San Viator center of Spain will be responsible and coordinator of communication and dissemination, both internally between the partner institutions, establishing channels and better ways to carry out a smooth and continuous communication. It will also be responsible for preparing press releases (Spanish and English) on the various activities and meetings. It will coordinate the promotion and dissemination of the project.

Istituto Comprensivo Santo Stefano Italy will be responsible for coordinating the evaluation of activities, difficulties, implementation, impact; as well as evaluating the meetings, preparing a questionnaire to be passed at the end of each meeting. It will prepare a final evaluation report that addresses all aspects of the project.

Agrupamento of Escolas de Alvide of Portugal will be responsible for the educational commission, its main role will be to adapt the various activities to the age groups of each center and to develop teaching units related to project implementation in all schools and possible dissemination and export to other centers. It will also coordinate the presentations and participation in training activities at the local, provincial and national levels.

Jane Samdansky school will assume the role of coordinating student exchange meetings, establishing common activities; protocols to follow with the participating students with foster families, meetings with teachers, training activities.

- The formal way of communication will be by email and Whatsapp will just be used for the practical aspects before and during the meetings.

- The minimum number of persons that will go to each mobility will be 3 students and 2 teachers per country. If any of the countries wants to send more, it should be agreed with the hosting country.
- The coordinator of the Project, Miguel Ángel Izquierdo, will send us the link to the to the initial survey, students involved in the project will make it and all partners should send the results back by the 29th January 2019.
- All partners have to send the posters done by students to the other partners by post, and upload the videos to Etwinning.
- For the next meeting in Bulgaria all partners have to take the recipes to create the first final product (recipe book). We all agreed on the following structure:
 - 1-2 pages about the gastronomy of each country/region.
 - 18 to 20 recipes with 1 or 2 images both in English and the official language of the country.
 - 25 pages maximum.
- For the agenda of the next meetings we should specify the topics that are going to be addressed in each coordination meeting so everybody can prepare it in advance and take the necessary materials.
- All schools will continually carry on with local activities of the project according to the tasks.
- The proposal of Santo Stefano (Italy) is agreed as the official logo of the project.
- To carry out the evaluation of the mobilities, a survey in English in Google Forms is proposed, the link will be sent to all the coordinators so that they can complete this survey online.

Sopuerta, 14th December 2018