During October students, teachers and families of “Agrupamento de escolas de Alvide” in Cascais (Portugal) host other students and teachers from Almería, Poland, Italy, Bulgary and Sopuerta in their houses and at the school to continue with the project “Small towns… New challenges” and share their progress in the company design and implementation; and book selling.

As in the other meetings, students and teachers from different European schools could share experiences, ideas and cultural customs. One of the main objectives of this meeting was talking about the progresses carried out during last school year and comment book selling strategies and plans.

This project wants to raise awareness between students about undertaking and being an entrepreneur, that’s why they have created a recipe book and now is students’ moment to create selling strategies. They are creating mini-companies by developing their own organization chart, regulation or marketing plan.

During a week, students and teacher participated in activities and trips related to undertaking and cultural heritage. On the first day, students took part in a workshop related to Portuguese folklore songs and then we all had the opportunity to visit “Quinta do Pisão”, a pedagogical farm business and participate in a gymkhana.

Second day activities had place in Cascais, because we had to sell the recipe book and homemade products at the town market and we visited one of the nearby museums to learn more about Cascais and its people. We all agreed that this town is a really enchanting place, with a beautiful coast and breathtaking views. Last but not least, students, teachers and families had a special cocktail, all prepared by Portuguese host families. Everything was delicious.

On Thursday we acted like real tourists when we took a sightseeing double-decker bus and visited Belém and Lisbon in a day. Finally, we went to Lisbon’s Oceanarium and learned new things about our planet’s animals’ way of living and their habitat.

During last day, students and teachers had a very busy agenda full of workshops, meetings and a cultural visit. In the afternoon we went to Mafra to visit its Convent and Palace, which is the biggest building of Europe. It was a very interesting visit, one of the best ways to finish the meeting.