

HumanioraKindsheid Jesu is a general secondary school in Hasselt with approximately 1000 students from 14 till 18 years old and about 100 teachers in different subjects. As we are a general education school, we offer almost all possible courses, such as human sciences, economics, mathematics, sciences, classical languages (Latin and Greek). We also have an art department at school, specialized in classical, pop and rock music.

Since the 80s the HumanioraKindsheid Jesu has profiled itself as a school with a strong European dimension: in the course of the years we have taken part in various EU projects and exchanges. Tolerance and openness for cultural diversity have become more and more important cross curricular aims in our school, especially because we are located in the eastern part of Belgium, rather close to the German and Dutch border. Because of this location and because our history of immigration we are very aware of the importance of international contacts. We see it as one of our main aims to get our pupils into contact with the rich cultural, historical and language diversity of Europe. On the other side, since we have Flemish/ Dutch in Belgium as our native language, we are very convinced of the importance of an internationally spoken language as English. When the Flemish Minister of Education introduced the concept of 'free space' (autonomy for schools to plan a few hours a week in the curriculum in order to introduce cross curricular work and new educational methods), we seized the opportunity to integrate EU learning activities permanently into the curriculum: the pupils of the Human Sciences Department have a weekly workshop in their curriculum during the whole of the second semester. This is a cross cultural workshop, called seminar, involving 4 teachers (geography, human sciences and modern foreign languages). ICT is a compulsory subject for all students at our school and so the pupils can use their skills to contact the pupils of the other partner schools and to work on the projects' subjects.

HKJ has a team of teachers with a clear expertise in the European dimension. In their modern language department they have set up a similar cross linguistic EU workshop, integrated into the language lessons. In short, the European dimension in the school is well embedded in the curriculum. We have at school a specialized department for international relations, composed of teachers from almost all different departments, such as Mathematics and Sciences department as well as from the Language department and the Physical Education department. At the moment we have about twelve teachers active in this International Relations Department, a nice and active group of colleagues to organise the projects and exchanges. This team is led by two teachers who coordinate all the projects and put the other team members in the know. So in fact all the team members have most of the details and can serve as a back-up when necessary.

HKJ has taken part in several European projects so far: for example, one of them focused on identity, another on folk tales, another project dealt with health and lifestyles, on minority languages and our present project is about cultural heritage, called Paths of Europe. So we think our experience can be very positive for our partnership in which we can rely on a large, active and enthusiast group of teachers with a long tradition of international exchanges and different projects.

Present and previous projects

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