

The National Symposium „Environment and Sustainable Development”

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INTRODUCTION

Wednesday, the 22nd May 2019 was a special day for the „Dimitrie Bolintineanu” Technological High School. It was the day on which continuing a tradition that started in 2013, the National Symposium „Environment and Sustainable Development” was held.

ORGANIZATION AND ORGANIZERS

Having reached its 6th edition and this year a national scale, the Symposium is part of an educational project entitled "More Green For Your Health".

It aims to promote a greener, safer, healthier planet as well as the concept of sustainable development..

The heart of this Symposium are its organizers, namely Enache Mihaela - principal of the high school, Marin Romica - Geography and ITC teacher and Principal of the Cartojani Secondary School, Dae Vasilica, Teacher of Economics, Beldiman Iulian - Deputy Principal and Teacher of Technical Subjects, and Andras Ildiko, School Inspector for Permanent Education. These are the people who through dedication and and commitment, have continued a wonderful tradition that brings together love for nature, active approach to environmental issues and education for sustainable development.

Teachers and students from all over the country are invited to raise awareness on the issues affecting the environment and our planet and to propose solutions. Their vision is illustrated through artefacts manufactured from recyclable material, through presentations and papers which are displayed and delivered before an audience formed of teachers, students, authorities from the local community such as the Town Hall, the Forest Range of Bolintin Vale, and from educational institutions: CCD Giurgiu (House of Teaching Staff of Giurgiu),, the National Agency for Environment Protection of Giurgiu.

PARTICIPANTS

- ▶ This year there were over 320 subscriptions, of which over 200 were students from all levels of education: primary, lower and upper secondary, and from all over the country.
- ▶ The large number of participants is explained by the shared concern for sustainability of both the authorities and the educational communities from all over the country.

SYMPOSIUM SECTIONS

- ▶ The Symposium is organized into three sections, A, B, C.

	<p>„Think globally, act locally” – cross-curricular approaches with a view to developing education for sustainable development</p> <p>Participants (teachers and students) subscribe with essays, projects, papers accompanied by presentations.</p>
	<p>Contest „Different ways of recycling”. Participants (students) are invited to present manufactured works on the topic of recycling which are exhibited in the high school. A jury assesses and give points.</p>
	<p>Teachers and students are invited to participate with projects, extracurricular activities and examples of good practices applied in schools.</p>

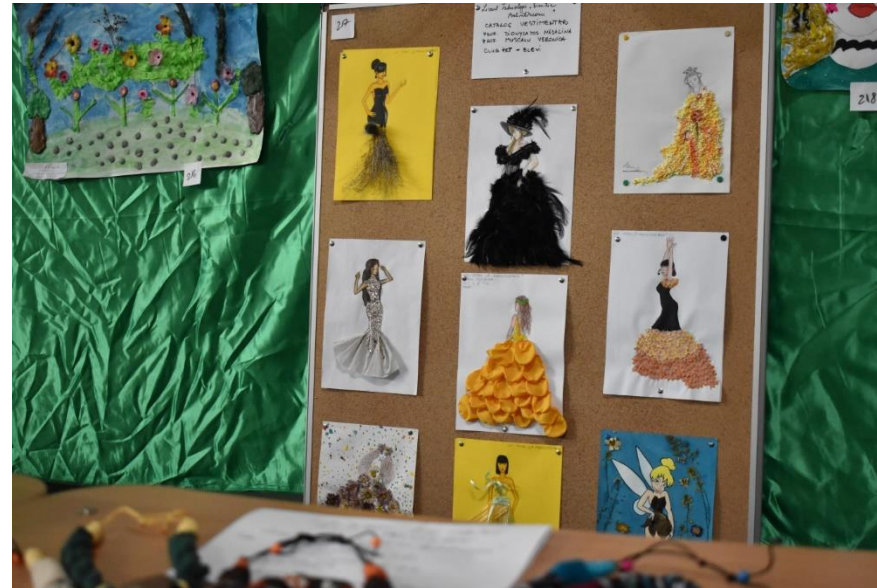
One of the greatest attractions of this Symposium was undoubtedly the B section which was a manifestation of creativity and imagination at its peak. The students also proved the ability to work in teams and a good mastering of digital skills.



Section B "Different Ways of Recycling"



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Section B - "Different Ways of Recycling" Enthusiasm and Creativity.....



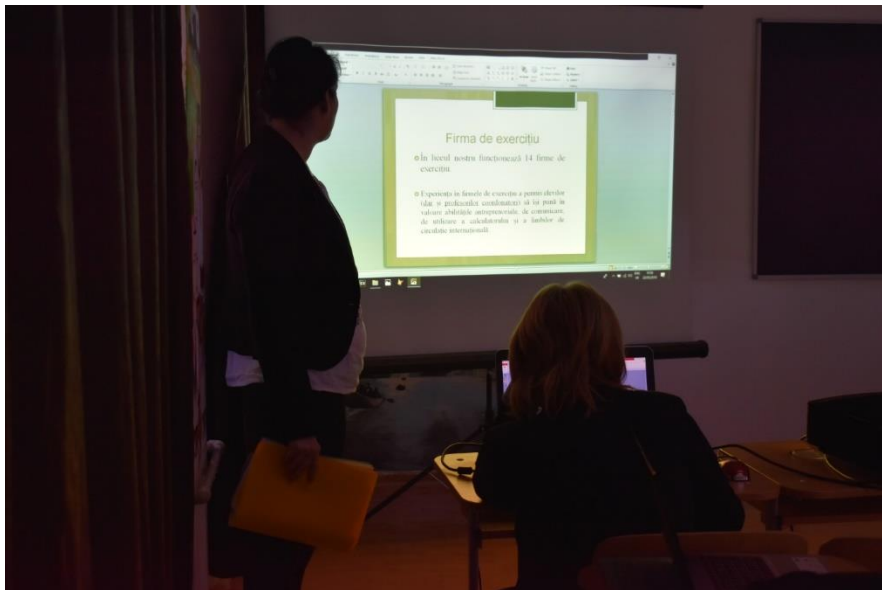
The YELL Project Team Present at the Symposium

- ▶ The YELL project team used this opportunity to participate with two papers that were also an occasion for disseminating the Italian and Norway mobilities, with stress on the workshop on sustainability organized by the Norwegian school.

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- ▶ Silvia Galis, our Yell project coordinator, participated with a ppt entitled "The Mini Company - A Model of Sustainability" in which she emphasized the role of the mini company in the sustainable development of both students and teachers.

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Mihaela Enache, our High School Principal, and Silvia Cirstea, members of the Yell project team participated with a presentation on the "Valorizing Erasmus+ Projects in Education for Sustainable Development", showing how Erasmus+ Projects can support students and enhance their skills so that they can become good professionals and active individuals in their communities.

Silvia Enache, also a member of the YELL project team, participated in the A section with a very interesting paper entitled "Legislation on monitoring air pollution in Romania" and in the B section contest with an extremely innovative idea: jewelry from recycled clothes - an older idea that was presented at the previous edition of 2018 in the form of an article entitled "Recycling clothes – an issue of environmental and social responsibility". This year, pupils from the mini-company LOGISTICS LAND led by Adelina Enache participated in the B section and were awarded an honorable mention for their contribution.

PRIZES

- ▶ Prizes won by the participants:
- ▶ 1st prize - "The Garden, a world of health" - objects made of recyclable materials
- ▶ 2nd prize - Origami models - examples of paper recycling
- ▶ Special prize: ECOTOPIA - CITY OF THE FUTURE - pictures, Power Point presentation and scale model
- ▶ Honorable mention: Puppet Theatre - scale model

CONCLUSION

As you can see, Sustainable Development is present in our school life and activities and there is an acute awareness among our students and teachers of its importance for our present and future generations, and of the need to fully integrate it in the school's curricula.

With the interesting activities from the Norwegian workshop on Sustainability in mind, we thought of sharing with you some of the moments from this Symposium.