



C1 mobility report
FOOTFALLSofNATURE Erasmus+ project meeting
Short term exchange of group of students
Held on 4 – 8 November 2019

In TOKI AVRUPA KONUTLARI ILKOKULU GAZIOSMANPASA
ISTANBUL, Turkey

The first mobility was organized to provide teachers and students with a clear understanding of new teaching and learning approaches and campaigns on how to save our environment. The objectives were creating a replica of a botanical garden in the schoolyard; organizing a best garden/balcony contest by integrating the families in order to spread the project on a larger area; observing numerous steps of plant growing by seed germination. The school has gardening lessons so they prepared a suitable land to plant and create botanic garden. All partners brought various seeds and planted them together in the school garden. It also included finding slogans and creating photo album.

The participants visited İstaç Recycling Factory, where they made observations and learned about recycling process. They attended financial literacy seminar, which dealt with the topic of economical aspects of proper waste management. Also the Black Sea coast cleaning activity was organised to make students aware of their responsibility for environment.

Moreover, the project logo was discussed and chosen. The participants compared the results of preliminary survey and prepared a common report.

Students and teachers attended host school's lessons and coding classes to find solutions to environmental problems through technology.

Turkish and Italian schools were represented by 2 teachers and 4 students, Macedonian - 3 teachers and 5 students, and Polish - 2 teachers and 5 students for a 5-day training course. During these days partners knew each other better as well they learned more about their countries, cities, educational systems and cultures of others. The project took 7 days; 2 days were allocated for transportation, 5 days were for workshops and visits to cultural and historical places.

The activities were prepared to suit curricula of participating students. It included topics and skills from the field of Biology, Geography and foreign languages.

All participants truly benefited from the planned activities by acquiring knowledge and developing new struggling methods to save our nature, especially related to gardening and seed growing. With the help of financial literacy seminar by bankers the participants are more aware of economical aspects of saving and wasting.

The involved participants benefited by:

- Acquainting the students with the environmental problems of the society and contributing to the precautions
- Improving garden and balcony decoration skills
- Teaching the germination and development stages of plants by first-hand experience

Forming a liveable environment with the awareness of an active individual

- Improving organizational skills and managing international mobility (hosting, travelling)
- Strengthening their self-assurance
- Building long-term collaboration
- Developing their language skills thanks to the presentations, face-to-face communication and cultural trips and activities
- Widening tolerance, respect and mutual understanding as a European citizen
- Improving their communication and interpersonal skills
- Being familiar with Turkish culture, customs and traditions
- Exchanging good practices and manipulating, analysing and synthesizing the data
- Comparing similarities and differences in many aspects (education system/religion/lifestyle/cuisine etc.) to develop cultural awareness and intercultural dialogue
- Attending and observing the classes of the host country and applying the relevant issues into their curriculum
- Since English will be used as a common language throughout the project, the students have improved their language and communication skills, are more motivated for learning.