**Erasmus+ ONLINE - The first transnational meeting report**

**Mezdra, Bulgaria: 23 - 26 July, 2021**

**The objectives** of the first transnational meeting in Bulgaria:

* Getting to know each other by each country giving a presentation about their country/town, school, and the educational system of their country;
* Getting to know the school in Mezdra;
* Participating teachers need to discuss the project objectives for the meeting and activities for the following short-term exchanges of groups of students in Bulgaria;
* Checking tasks that were supposed to be done by this meeting;
* Discussing evaluation and dissemination activities;
* Planning the Bulgarian mobility;
* Visiting and learning about cultural heritage, traditions and customs in Bulgaria to gain intercultural understanding;
* Getting to know the local culture by means of thematic visits; understanding the elements of Bulgarian cultural identity;
* Improvement of skills regarding communication in English, the language of the project.
* Improvement of ICT skills.

During the first transnational meeting, the **activities** have been continuously connected to the objectives of the project as follows:

**The first day** of the meeting **(23 July, 2021)** started with the visit of the school where we were welcomed by Mariela Goranova, the headteacher of the school ‘Ivan Vazov’. We started the meeting getting to know each other, then with presenting our schools, towns/regions and countries. In the afternoon we were met by the local authorities at the municipality building where we all presented our project and the objectives of the project. Then we got to know and experience the town of Mezdra.

**The second day** of the meeting (**24 July, 2021**) started with the discussion of our tasks, obligations, administrative work, evaluation and dissemination. The host school organized a workshop on how to prepare promotional materials, like brochures and posters, and which apps we can use. We were also discussing and making a survey for project participants: “Attitude”; ”ICT equipment/Internet Safety”.

On **the third day** of the meeting (**25 July, 2021)** The project coordinators had a workshop during which they shared ideas on distant/online learning in each country (apps, platforms, tools) and agreed on how to improve their innovative teaching methods and materials giving examples of good practices. Later, we visited a local IT – “Vratsa Software Community” company where the manager presented his company and gave us new ideas on educational apps. We also agreed to have a meeting with students in October and exchange ideas.

In the afternoon we visited Plovdiv, the European capital of culture in 2019, where we had a guided tour of the city.

On **the fourth day** of the meeting (**26 July, 2021)** we had a work meeting to plan the time and deadlines, dissemination activities, evaluation and quality assessment and to plan the first mobility with students, a short-term exchange of groups of students in Bulgaria in October 2021 and to decide on the common rules we are to follow throughout the project duration.

**The results** of this transnational meeting is setting the objectives and tasks for the project and the first short-term exchanges of groups of students in Bulgaria and deadlines for all the tasks to be done by the meeting in Bulgaria. The meeting was efficient as all the upcoming tasks were agreed on and there was a smooth communication among the partners.

The success of this meeting resides in the wonderful organization and interesting programme made by the Bulgarian team. Communication in English all along the mobility as well as a good communication among all the participants in the meeting is another advantage on the list.

Photographs, videos, logos, posters, PPTs, travel impressions, newly acquired cultural information and good working atmosphere are other fruitful results of this project meeting.