

KA229 'On the move for social inclusion' in Kirikkale, Turkey, from October 5th to 12th, 2019.

And finally, we arrived in Turkey! After a great early morning we took the plane that would take us to Munich at the Bilbao airport, and then fly from there to Ankara.



On this occasion we traveled a group of 5 students of 2nd Basic Vocational Training, with two teachers and our director.

After arriving in the afternoon, we spent our first day in Ankara, where we visited the fashionable area of the moment, Kizilay.



Our next morning we also spent visiting that area of Ankara and at noon they picked us up in a minibus to move us to the city where our hosts were waiting for us, Kirikkale, about 70 kilometers from Ankara. By the way, it should be stressed that we received a very warm welcome.



The truth is that it is a country that surprised us very pleasantly from the beginning and its people seemed very beautiful. How could it be otherwise, we were greeted with a delicious Turkish coffee.



On Monday we were received with all the honors by the management team, teaching staff and other staff of the Yildirim Beyazit Anadolu Lisesi Institute and then we visited the school facilities.



After the reception and the visit, the Turkish students delighted us with a program called 'Turkish Delight', in which different students of the school



interpreted songs and dances typical of Turkey, which encouraged the students of all the delegations, who continued to enjoy the students in harmony while the teachers



involved in the project worked on the different needs of the project. After this we went to eat at the nearby

Scientific Institute of Kirikkale and after lunch we returned to the center of the city to carry out a workshop of marble art, where students were able to put their skills into practice in this art. After the art demonstration that we were offered in this workshop, we went to an

orientation site to carry out the second of the workshops scheduled for this day.



Already on Tuesday we all met again at the institute and the different delegations presented the different audiovisual works that they had prepared on discrimination and after these presentations we proceeded to deliver the accreditation of participation in mobility, then take the bus



that moved us to Ankara, where we visited the mausoleum of Ataturk, father of the Turkish homeland, and the museum located there.



Then we went to the archaeological museum of the Anatolian Civilizations,

where we could appreciate the rich archeological legacy of the country.

The day was going on perfectly and, how could it be otherwise, our Turkish colleagues



impressed us again with the Farewell Dinner they offered at the Behzat restaurant in Ankara.



The week passed quickly and we still had many interesting things to do... We met again on Wednesday morning at the institute, where the students had a great time with sports, musical activities, etc. While the teachers held the necessary meetings related to the project to talk about dissemination,



impact and agree dates and activities for the following mobilities, after which we got on the buses to go to a wonderful place... Cappadocia! We ate at the Uranos underground restaurant in Nevsehir and then headed to visit the geological formations of the Chimney Valley of Cappadocia's fairies.



Then we visited the workshop of a potter craftsman, where students were able to observe and practice the art of pottery.



And after being speechless the previous day, on Thursday we headed to the old underground city of Özkonak, inhabited by the old Hittites and then we marveled again with the visit to the Göreme open-air museum, an environment full of churches and monasteries excavated in the rock and full of frescoes.



Both students and teachers enjoyed this spectacular environment so much that we would never have imagined that we would meet. The houses and the castle carved into the rock of Uçhisar, the



Pigeon Valley, an onyx factory in Uchisar and the panoramic views of the Cappadocia valleys from Ürgüp were other wonders that we could enjoy before heading back to Kirikkale where, once more, the next day would come the so emotional farewells of each mobility end, where it is appreciated that the students have not only shared a room in a house for a few days, but have created ties that will last in the memory and in the hearts of our students.



Thank you very much, Turkish friends, with all our heart...

...See you in Thessaloniki, Greece!