

Visit in Greece, the second Mobility

Just after the Easter holidays, all the partners had the chance to travel to Greece for the second visit of the project, in May 2022. The 3rd Primary School of Drama hosted 22 teachers from five countries from 2nd to 7th May. It was so nice to see each other again so soon after the first visit to Norway!

On Monday, we had our teachers' meeting at school. All the visiting teachers were welcomed by the school Headmaster and they talked about the progress of the project since the last meeting in Nesparken, Norway. They were also given some practical information and details on the program of the visit.

Then, all the guests and the teachers from Greece went to Kavala and had a walk around the old city and a guided tour by John, one of the Greek teachers, who offered to talk to our guests about the history of the city.

Since the weather was excellent and the beach was nearby, the guest teachers enjoyed sunbathing and swimming in the sea before the barbeque party that the school Headmaster, Simos had arranged in his summer cottage. There, everybody tasted traditional Greek food and listened to Greek music in the garden with the great view of the sea.



On Tuesday, the visiting teachers were at school again but this time they met our students in the classrooms and answered their questions. They also observed teaching at different levels and learned about Greek teaching methods. After a tour of the school, they all went to the schoolyard to watch a game on clean and affordable energy, organized by the English and the Physical Education teachers and a traditional dance(syrtaki) performed by the 6th Grade pupils.

After the lunch which was offered at school, all the teachers visited one of Drama's wineries, "Wine Art", where they were given a guided tour and saw the procedure of wine making. Then, they were driven to Aggitis cave, one of the largest and most spectacular river caves. It was so impressive to see the large hydraulic wheel which covered the water and irrigation needs of the region from the Ottoman era. We all talked about our discoveries during dinner at one of the local restaurants in St. Barbara springs.





We all had an early day on Wednesday because the journey to Thissavros Hydroelectric Plant was a long one but worth visiting! Mr. Fotou had lots of interesting things to tell us about the highest and largest earth dam in volume built in Greece so far. Actually, we all realized the importance of the Nestos hydro group to the area, since we were informed that it offers not only power generation but also irrigation of fertile land and improvement of the forest and mineral local resources.

Our visit to the Environmental Education Centre in Paranesti was equally informative because we found out about the educational projects offered to pupils throughout the year. Unfortunately, our open air activities had to be cancelled but we still made the most of the time we spent by the river and returned in order to get ready for the dinner at school with the teaching staff.

Despite the sudden downpour, the dinner was prepared by all the teachers at 3rd Primary School and the tables were set indoors. Mr. Kravaritis was kind enough to join us with his guitar and managed to bring all the guests and the hosts to the “dance floor”. New friendships were made and talented singers showed up!



On Thursday, the visiting teachers taught the pupils at 3rd Primary School about the project and their school. It was very interesting for the Greek pupils and teachers and a perfect opportunity to practise their English. All the arts and crafts from the different countries were gathered for the art gallery of the project.

After teaching, we all walked from the school to the Town Hall, where the Mayor officially welcomed all the teachers from the Erasmus project and Dr. Kazana, professor in the Department of Forestry and Natural Environment made a presentation of the Bioclimatic Redesign of Drama's city centre. Then, we had lunch in the garden of a restaurant near the city centre.

In the afternoon, we walked around the old city of Drama and then we visited the Environmental Association of Drama, where John made a presentation about its environmental actions.



Friday was our last day together and we thought it would be a good idea to spend it at the archaeological site of Philippi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site after the final meeting at the hotel to talk about the project. Just before Philippi, we had a layover in the Baptistery of Saint Lydia, the place where Apostle Paul baptized the first Christian woman in Europe, Lydia and where the first baptismal ceremony was held in Europe. Adding to our religious input, the guide at Philippi talked to us about the most important archaeological site in Eastern Macedonia, with characteristic monuments of the Hellenistic, Roman and Early Christian periods.

The farewell party for the visit to Greece was held at a café bar near St. Barbara park where we all promised to maintain our memories till our next meeting in Lastra a Signa, Italy.



