



Education for a Sustainable Consumption:
a Global Challenge

INNOVATE
copy the past :)

Learning/teaching/training activities
Portugal, 19th – 25th February 2017

Good morning my dear **coordinators** (of the Erasmus / eTwinning project “ESC” – Education for a Sustainable Consumption” – a global challenge) **teachers** and **students** from France (where is France?), Hungary (Where is Hungary?), Italy (...), Romania (...), Spain (...), Turkey (...) and Portugal (...)

It is a big pleasure to receive this fantastic team in our school. Welcome everyone!

We started to work in this project in 2014 because we thought it was, and still is, of extreme importance to engage students in the creation of a more sustainable Europe. I will try to make a brief account of it and of the most recent events in Europe.

In January 2015 we had the first coordinator meeting in Portugal and some days before the world was shocked with the terrorist attack against Charlie Hebdo newspaper, in France. A lot of people adopted the slogan "Je suis Charlie" to defend the freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

Unfortunately, after this terrible event we came across other serious problems: other terrorist attacks in many places, war, refugees' crisis, difficulties in the European Union, the Brexit, and economic problems...the list could go on and on.

During this time we tried to **create** bridges between countries, **understand** the importance of diversity, and **promote** social inclusion since we truly believe **SCHOOL** must help students to have an active role in the building of a fair and peaceful world for the future.

Thus, the future of Europe and of the world depends on young people. **WE** hope that, these kinds of projects, will lend a hand to all of you and your friends in each school to develop civic competences, positive values and ideas to make a better and sustainable world. Good people will make a good Europe and a good world.

To build the future, you need good and **innovative/creative** workers. During your stay we will try to **innovate**. The challenge, for you, is to look at the past, **mix** the ideas from different countries and **project** the future.

For these **Learning, Teaching, Training** activities we have some conferences, workshops and visits for you to be familiar with some old professions in our county and some ideas about how work can promote sustainability.

On Monday, we will have a students' performance representing the old professions of the county, followed by a conference, to inspire your work in groups.

On Tuesday, we will visit some places to inspire your work, too.

On Wednesday and **Thursday**, we will need to work very, very hard. The students will be divided into work groups to create a **new company** around the topic, "**Innovate... Copy the Past**". Therefore, you need to use the ideas of old professions ... make an upgrade/improvement of the past without forgetting **SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION**.

On Thursday, at the end of the day, in each room, each group will present its **company**. One of **them** will be the **winner**.

On Friday, the 4 winners of each room will present their ideas before an **expertise group**. It would be great if you could put into practice your ideas. Don't forget... with your positive ideas you can change lives.

I would like to end, thanking you for coming and to, **particularly**, express my gratitude to all the **Portuguese students, teachers, school staff, host parents, town council, Tourism association (ATPL), Rotary Club, eTwinning, Erasmus +** and **all the people** that helped us to develop this project and for making this week so **special**.

I hope you have a **fantastic** stay and you **make** friends for life.

Enjoy our school! ☺

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