



Report of the project meeting in Escola Secundária De Oliveira Do Bairro 2nd to 6th December 2008

The first transnational management meeting of the project was held at Escola Secundária c/ 3^o CEB de Oliveira do Bairro, Portugal from the 2nd to 6th December 2008, in collaboration with the associated partner Câmara Municipal de Oliveira do Bairro.

Representatives from all the nine partner schools from Bulgaria, Finland, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal, The Netherlands and Turkey attended the meeting.

The project meeting started with a welcome dinner in Estalagem de Sangalhos. The coordinator of the project - Mr. Alberto Cardoso welcomed participants. Welcome message/speech was delivered by the Deputy of the Town Hall - Mrs. Laura Pires and the Principal of ESOB - Mrs. Ana Monica. Teachers, staff, students, Parents’ representatives attended the dinner. Special guest was the former principal of ESOB – Mr. Henrique Santiago Tomas. The participants from different countries of Europe were entertained to the lovely musical performance of the FADO group “Andarilho”.

Project activities:

3rd December - morning session:

After the ice breaking activities between participants the coordinator – Mr. Alberto Cardoso demonstrated the design of the project web page “Migration needs integration”. The partners voted for the logo of the MINT project selecting between the five logo pictures created by German and Bulgarian students: Marcel Prehn, Kai Spangenberg, Krasimira Dincheva and Aleksander Andonov. Marcel’s logo idea was chosen to represent the project.

All partners presented their institutions, number and type of students; teachers; departments, main projects and their associated partners using Power Point presentations, video clips, photos and films. The participants got a clear view of schools’ profiles of “Mercator Berufscolleg”, Germany; “Elazig Anadolu Teknik Lisesi”, Turkey; “LUOVI vocational institution”, Finland; “Plunges Zemes ukio ir verslo mokykla”, Lithuania; “Istituto Professionale di Stato – Sandro Pertini”, Italy; IV Language School “Frederic Joliot-Curie”, Bulgaria; “Siguldas vakara vidusskola”, Latvia; “ Koning Willem I College”, The Netherlands.

Afternoon session:

After lunch at ESOB, the participants of meeting visited the ESOB School environment. Partners visited classrooms, computer labs, and labs of biology, chemistry, physics, school’s library, teacher’s room, Principal’s room, auditorium, school’s administration and other with the help of the hospitable Portuguese colleagues.

Two presentations were held after the visit.

Ms. Aldina Saraiva, a teacher of ESOB presented the four main schools in the region of the Oliveira do Bairro Community – their organization structure, Integration strategy and practice (diagnostic tests, language courses for immigrants, personal account)

Mr. Hans Leemakers from Koning Willem I College, The Netherlands presented the “PASHJA” project. Its goal is a support integration of a minority of students from Morocco and Turkey. PASHJA stands for: image forming; projects; school without racism;

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international internships; networking. Project activities include: workshops for students and faculty, multicultural events, assist at information events, organizing debates, promoting internships.

Mr. Andreas Brett from Mercator Berufsschule, Germany demonstrated a concept map of Module 1 of our current project – “Student’s Survey” (Questionnaire and Biographies). The key parts of the Survey are: interviews with 4 students; video clips by mobile phones, report on main facts/aspects, and suggestions for improvement. The partners discussed the presented survey’s mind map and the student’s participation in project works and meetings.

4th December - morning session:

Participants worked in four groups for creating content of the “interview questionnaire”

- First group: Bulgaria, Italy and Portugal
- Second group: Latvia and Lithuania
- Third group: Finland and Turkey
- Fourth group: Germany and The Netherlands

Afternoon session:

Each group presented its own ideas. Mr. Andreas Brett carried out a brain storming with all partners for defining the key aspects of the interviews’ content. All partners produced a joint “Interview questionnaire”.

The coordinator – Mr. Alberto Cardoso discussed and planned with partners the dates of the next project meetings: in Turkey from 18.03.09 and in Finland from 03.06.2009 and brought to a conclusion the project activities on the day.

The Principal of ESOB Ms. Ana Monika talked to partners about the famous contemporary Portuguese Fado singer Mariza and presented by video clips the divine Fado songs: “O Gente Da Minha Terra”, “Primavera” and others. All participants were impressed.

The hospitable partners from ESOB in collaboration with the associated partner Câmara Municipal de Oliveira do Bairro organised a very rich cultural program: Visiting an old Castle Montemor-o-Velho – national monument; Coimbra University – one of the world’s oldest and most illustrious; the city – Figueira da Foz at the Atlantic Ocean.

The participants of the meeting had an opportunity to go to a typical Wine cellar “Caves Aliança” in Oliveira do Bairro and learn how Sparkling Wine (Champagne wine) and spirits (Aguardente) are prepared. During the dinner in “Caves Aliança” a Portuguese folk group presented typical Aveiro region folk dances and songs. All partners were filled with admiration for the folk performance. The lunch in a typical restaurant with a nice view to the Atlantic Ocean “Teimoso” and the dinner in Sao Jacinto, Aveiro were opportunities to try traditional Portuguese fish specialties. The CEF – Table Service students from ESOB looked after all the partners in a caring and professionally manner throughout the meeting.

The first project meeting of “MINT” was successful and fruitful due to the excellent organisation of the host partners and to the involvement of all participants.