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Report on the second project partners meeting in Almansa- Spain

15th-19th March, 2010

EU LLP Grundtvig Learning Partnership: LET'S MIX UP C&I “LET'S MIX UP: CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION IN ADULT EDUCATION”

The second LET'S MIX UP C&I project partners meeting was held in Almansa in María Moliner Language School, from 15th – 19th March 2010.

All the five participating institutions were present through their coordinators and representatives:

1. PARK KULTUROWY FORTYFIKACJI MIEJSKICH “TWIERDZA GDAŃSK” –

Poland – Gdańsk – project coordinator:

- ☿ Arleta Pławska
- ☿ Przemysław Guzow
- ☿ Lucyna Rokitiańska

2. LIETUVOS JAUNŪJŲ MOKSLININKŲ SAJUNGA – Lithuania – Vilnius:

- ☿ Reda Grigutyte
- ☿ Tomas Žalandauskas
- ☿ Justinas Baužys

3. ESCUELA OFICIAL DE IDIOMAS MARÍA MOLINER –
Spain – Almansa:

- ✂ Juan Gil Saucedo
- ✂ Hilario Martínez García
- ✂ Anne Mellon Ágeda
- ✂ Adriana Sánchez Valero

4. E.RI.FO. ENTE PER LA RICERCA E FORMAZIONE – Italy
– Rome

- ✂ Giovanna D'Alessandro
- ✂ Eleonora Perotti
- ✂ Angelo Scandurra

5. CULTURE CIRCLE KULTURBÜRO WIEN, Austria –
Vienna

- ✂ Monika Brunner
- ✂ Louise Kienzl

The 5-day-meeting was carried out as follows :

-Monday , March 15th, 2010.

The Polish and Lithuanian partners arrived and checked in at Hotel Blu, Almansa, in the afternoon. At 17.30 they were picked up by the host institution representative, Juan Gil Saucedo, and went for a walk in the town.

They stopped for a drink in a café in the town centre and at 19.30 they got to the host institution, María Moliner Language School, to attend an English lesson as guests. This was an informal introduction to the school and its staff.

At 21.30 the partners came back to the school from the hotel to meet the local partner and together they went to have dinner at a typical bar, “Las Cazuelas”.

The partners from Austria arrived from Bratislava airport at 23.30 and checked in at the hotel at about 01.30 in the morning.

-Tuesday, March 16th, 2010

At 9.15 the participants left from the hotel on a minibus to visit Valencia. The local coordinator handed out folders with materials together with a bag containing touristic leaflets about Valencia and the region Almansa belongs to.

At 10.30 the partners got to the City of Arts and Sciences and visited the “Príncipe Felipe” Science Museum. The Lithuanian partners also visited the aquarium, the “Oceanografic”, and at 15.00 the bus picked everybody up to go to Malvarrosa Beach in order to have lunch in “Neptuno” restaurant.

There everybody had typical Mediterranean dishes, like the famous “paella”, and after lunch they went for a quick walk in the sand.

At 17.00 the partners from Italy joined the group on the beach and the minibus left to visit the city centre. After a trip downtown the bus managed to leave the participants near the “Fallas”, at about 18.00. And they had time to walk around the city center and enjoy the parades and the cardboard figures called “Fallas”. They also saw some of the main buildings like the Town Hall, the Post Office, and the “Lonja”. At 20.15 The minibus left from Valencia and 22.00 some of the partners had dinner at the hotel. The Spanish representative had to go to the local tv station for an interview about the school performance for the next day.

-Wednesday, March 17th, 2010

At 10.00 all partners met at the school and the Spanish representative guided them to the Teachers Training and Resource Centre, where the first project meeting took place.

First the Spanish project coordinator introduced the center and explained the contents of the portfolio: two brochures, the meeting schedule, the meeting agenda, the play script, a town map, a mini calendar, the evaluation form, two photocopies with basic Spanish expressions and their English translation, and a draft copy of the certificate for the partners to check for mistakes.

The representative asked if the partners had any suggestions or comments to make on the project and everybody agreed that the objectives, tasks, products and results were clear.

Monika Brunner suggested creating a website for the project, but Arleta Plawska explained that the final product was just the common DVD, or European Creativity e-Handbook, as it was stated in the application forms and the contracts with the National Agencies.

As there were no new proposals or difficulties to discuss, the participants decided to agree on the dates for the following mobilities, and also one of the Italian partners suggested changing two of them.

As a result of this talk it was agreed that the last mobility will be to Vilnius, in May 2011, from 4th/5th to the 7th/8th, and the one at the end of 2010 will be to Rome, from 8th to the 11th of December. For the next mobility, to Vienna, the dates that were agreed on were 13th/14th to 17th July 2010.

Monika Brunner also explained that the activities in Vienna will involve music, cultural heritage and art. She also mentioned that the prices of the hotels will be more expensive than in Poland or Spain.

Juan Gil also mentioned that Arleta Plawska had talked to him about improving the project partners' websites by including links to the partners' institutions, and everybody agreed it was a good idea.

It was also mentioned that the final DVD should include all the different materials and products produced by the different partners, like the different documents and brochures and leaflets.

After that the Spanish coordinator talked about the video project in María Moliner Language School. He explained how a competition for best script was held, and after it, some groups of students started to work on different scenes for the video. He also explained that the most important part of the video was the play they were going to see that evening. After the coffee break Juan Gil did a powerpoint presentation on Spanish culture and language, with some interactive linguistic practice among the participants.

At 12.30 the partners left for “Bodegas Piqueras”, a wine factory located in the industrial estate. There they went on a tour of the facilities, and the process of wine making was explained. Finally a wine tasting took place in which the partners were able to buy Spanish wine at a good price. 3 teachers joined the group and took their partners in their cars. From there they went to “Casa Jaime” restaurant to have lunch, and afterwards they went back to the hotel.

At 17.00 they went to the Language School for a powerpoint presentation on the institution and its curriculum. But first they were shown the different school facilities.

At 18.00 a welcome snack was offered in a classroom where most of the school teachers and the Grundtvig partners were able to meet.

At 19.00 the partners were led to the “11 March Centre”, the place where the performance by the English students in the Language School took place. The short play based on a historical event, the Battle of Almansa, was entitled “The Dream of Carlos II”, and it described a hypothetical situation that could have been true.

In it the king of Spain has a premonitory dream about the battle that will take place a few years later, due to the political divide in Europe regarding the best heir to the Spanish throne. Different characters in the court, including the queen, the royal doctor, the royal Confessor, and a Cardinal try convince the king to choose the heir they find most suitable, the Borbon successor, on one side, and the Austrian successor, on the other side.

After the performance the students who made it possible joined the partners for dinner at “El Hogar del Productor” for dinner.

-Thursday, March 18th, 2010

At 10.00 the partners met at the Teachers’ Training and Resource Center, in the computer room. There they viewed the 5- minute video from Poland and agreed that it was perfect, though the other videos wouldn’t be so professional. Finally everybody filled in the evaluation forms and gave the Spanish representative the touristic leaflets and brochures he had asked them to bring to Spain for the school library. He also received some presents from some partners and was congratulated on the successful mobility.

At 11.30 a guided tour of the castle began, after a brief interview by the local TV station.

The Spanish host worked with the guide translating all the explanations into English.

At 12.30 the partners visited the Research Center for the Battle of Almansa, where they were explained the re-enactment of the battle that happened in the 300 anniversary, in 2007.

Right after they finished watching the presentation video they were driven to the historic battleground by some of the school teachers. And there the manager of the Research Center explained how the battle came to be and how it developed, together with its consequences.

At 14.00 the participants had lunch at “Los Cuchillos” restaurant. After that the Lithuanian partners and Monika Brunner went to the industrial estate to some footwear shops and factories, with the Spanish representative. At 18.00 all the partners went shopping in the town center escorted by two students who had taken part in the school play.

At 21.30 There was a farewell dinner at “La Alacena” restaurant. Some teachers from the Language School joined the group. After dinner some partners went to a pub to a concert by a local soul band.

-Friday, March 19th 2010

The partners left Almansa at different times.