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We all treasure elements W.A.T.E.R and resources

Multilateral Comenius Project

France Impresions:

We found that Romanian people are very friendly, good dancers (for some of them!), smiling and very helpful people! Thank you for being all of that. Romania is a beautiful country with some beautiful things to see, like the Danube, Braila... All the sites which we visited were very interesting! The atmosphere with other nationalities was very nice! We want to thank our partners' families for being so welcoming! They were very nice with us, and we want to thank them for that! This project is really enriching and very useful! We are very happy to be here, it's a real pleasure for us to visit another country! We want to thank all the people who organised this project, our partners and all the people who were good with us! (even if it's difficult to be patient with us!!). We wish to keep in touch with them. We can't wait to welcome them in France.

Croatia Impresions: Tomislav Luka's and Matija's impressions

The time we spent in Romania was much better than we had ever imagined it would be. Before our trip we didn't know much about this wonderful country which hosted us. We spent our time practicing our English, making new international friendships and laughing. To sum up, we had one of the greatest times of our lives.

Greece Impresions: Sofia

I have never took part in this kind of project and I'm really happy that I had the opportunity to come to Romania, I really enjoyed this experience.

This week I learnt a lot about the Romanian culture and lifestyle and I also received a lot of interesting information. I think the chance to meet people from foreign countries helped me to improve my English.

I really like this country, I'm starting to feel very comfortable here like it would be my second home because the people that live in it are very hospitable, generous and friendly. I really loved the school and the buildings from the old center. I would really enjoy visiting Romania again because I think I will miss my partner, Adela, the good friends that I made here and my host family.

Comenius provided us a chance to meet new people and work in a multicultural environment, introducing to us the real meaning of European Union's values.

While waiting for our guests, we were all a bit insecure and nervous, but then we got to meet each other and everything went much better than we expected. We went in school and found out more about their countries, cities, schools and waters through Power Point presentations. Each school was interesting in its own way and very different one from another. Then we started working on the given tasks, combining various ways of dealing with assignments.

Other exciting parts of our project were the trips. The trip to Galati, when we visited the Aquarium and the Planetarium, was enjoyed by both Romanian and foreign students.

The boat ride was very impressive, too. Besides that, we got to play games and interact more with each other.

It comes without saying that we developed our language and social skills and started long lasting friendships.

To draw a conclusion, this project contributed not only to our general knowledge, but also to our personal development.

Interview

Reporter : Maria Fratila

Teacher : Yildirimli Ulku

Redactor: Stanciu Adriana

How were the children from Turkey chosen to participate in this project?

„ At the beginning, they were chosen by chance. I wanted only the students from the 10th grade to

apply to our project. Just 40 students applied and the 4 students brought to Romania were also chosen by chance.”

What did you like the most from what you have visited in Braila and which is the most important thing you have learnt during your visit here?

„The churches, the Danube and, of course, the school were the attractions I liked the most. In my opinion,

COUNTRY: PORTUGAL

NAME: ARMANDO FERNANDES

Teaches Maths

Q: What was your first impression of Romania?

A: I liked it. It was pretty nice.

Q: What differences did you notice between Romania and Portugal? Is anything different? People, places, waters?

A: At first, the roads here are bad. In Portugal, roads offer a smooth ride. Here you are being shaken all the time. The people..... I didn't talk to them very much. You see, it was a short time, I didn't have time to talk. But the teachers here are OK. The waters are the same as in Portugal.

Q: What do you think about our school?

A: The building is very old. But that's not a problem! I observed some classes and I saw that the teachers are good and the students are quiet. Teaching here is more theoretical than in Portugal. That's my opinion.

Portugal Impressions:

The travel was long and tiresome but we know that it is necessary to get to a country that is so far away from ours.

We have been very well welcomed in the school. It doesn't have the newest technology, but it's big and comfortable and it has all the things that we need to learn.

During the week, we've done really nice and interesting trips. They were well organized and the places that we went to were related with the theme of the project. The place that we liked the most was the saline of Tg. Ocna.

The friendships that we have made were the most important thing of the trip. We met really nice persons and we think that the relationships are the best part of the trip.

When I teach my students, I prefer more exercises.

Q: What do you think that could be improved in the country?

A: The roads. Also, the trams and buses could be newer.

Q: What impressed you?

A: The large fields full of crops. Also, here are plains. I didn't yet see any mountains. That's surprising, as in Portugal are many mountains.

Q: What do you think of the project organization here?

A: It was good. Both me and my students found the activities interesting.

Q: In Braila there are many old buildings. Also, the ship we were on is around 100 years old. What do you think about keeping and using old things?

A: I like that, because I like history. As long as the buildings are being renovated so they don't fall, it's very nice.

Greek Impressions:

This week we had a great time in Romania, Braila. We did many things like going in trips around Braila. We were so excited because we had never taken part in a project like this. We also met many children here from foreign countries. Our families are hospitable, very kind and polite. They have taken very good care of us. We feel like we are in our home in Greece. The host children are named Andrei and Radu. They are very friendly and they did everything for us.

So everyone can understand that this trip was a big start for a big project.