Opening Project Meeting

REPORT

We had the Opening Project Meeting in Budapest with the hosting of the three Hungarian schools between the 7th and 9th of November, 2012.

The first day was held in the coordinating institution: Weiss Manfréd Secondary School. Unfortunately, the Italian partners didn't manage to take part in it due to flight problems, but they arrived in the evening. All the other partners arrived and met each other in the morning. After the speech of the head teacher, József Kollár, we began introducing our schools to the partners. We could see nice power point presentations and videos about all participating schools. As a result, some partners decided to make some changes in their own presentations – we got some really good ideas from each other. Krisztina Keresztes, project coordinator, made a presentation focusing on the main points of the project. She drew attention to the most important parts, such as dates, keeping in touch, continuous evaluation, teamwork, dissemination, home programmes, etc. We were able to look through the mobilities and changed some dates.

The head teacher, Ágnes Vasné Botár opened the second project meeting, which took place in Keleti Károly Secondary School of Economics. We listened to the introduction of the school by Katalin Pintér, coordinator of the school, and then voted for the best logo plan. All partners had held a logo competition in their schools and had chosen the best three to present them in the meeting. All schools had one vote between 1 and 5 to all plans except for their own ones. This way we were able to pick our common logo which was made by students from the Czech Republic. There were 24 plans to choose from. Next, we talked about the future products and discussed ideas about the programmes to be organized. We also made a plan about how many students and teachers we are planning to involve in the mobilities. As for the website, some partners suggested that the coordinating school will rent it and the price will be calculated in the next conference fee. The T-shirts with the common logo will have to be produced for the next meeting as well.

The last project day was opened by Ildikó Tápai, head teacher of the German National Secondary Grammar School, in German language – since a lot of the partners can speak German as well – and after that we could listen to the interpretation from Mariann Dézsi, English language teacher and assistant coordinator of the school. After the introduction we walked to the student hostel of the school and had a look around to see where the foreign students will be able to live during their stay in Hungary. The next topic was discussing dissemination and the use of results. We also talked about how to integrate the project parts into ongoing activities. Finally, we modified the work programme. Unfortunately, our Czech partners had to leave earlier so they couldn't participate in the last meeting.

We also had some cultural programmes in the afternoons. We visited the Royal Palace of Gödöllő on a guided tour organized by Keleti Károly Secondary School of Economics and were introduced to the life of the Schwabian minority group in Soroksár thanks to the German National School. We had some culinary delights tasting some typical Hungarian specialties in the evenings.

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