



“Learning to play and playing to learn”

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ERASMUS+ - SECOND TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING REPORT

With the second transnational meeting in Bulgaria we are at the end of the first year and half way to the end of the project.

The meeting took place at the beginning of June, from the 6th to the 8th.

The international team was made up by six members from Italy, four members from Portugal, two members from Hungary, one member from Greece, four members from Spain and the whole Bulgarian teachers team with their headmistress Mrs. Petya Georgieva.

Works officially started on June the 6th in Slaveyche Kindergarten, in Kazanlak, where the typical Bulgarian welcoming dances and traditions took place: all the children were very friendly with the foreign teachers and they were very good at performing local songs and dances. The project team was allowed to visit the classroom and to interact with kindergarten children: the group gave them some gifts, stationery and school objects like small toys, puppets and drawings especially made by children from the partner countries. Then the transnational team went to watch sport games and talked about School Education in “Kulata” Primary School. In the afternoon, the first work session dealt with the presentation and the delivery of the *Trans Europe Express Game* from Portugal to Bulgaria and the team was shown some videos of the sport games held with children’s parents in the different partner countries.

The second day of the meeting was very intensive. In the morning, the foreign teachers were involved in sport games with the children and their parents at Slaveyche kindergarten, for the Bulgarian Sport Game Day. After a pleasant coffee break, the second work session began with sharing the Project questionnaire results and went on by discussing the instructions and the points to respect in order to write a Project mid-report following the steps of the Project plan: the usual cooperative mood about making decisions and the real feeling of belonging to the group granted a fast and easy work. A visit to the Rose Museum in Kazanlak was on schedule for the afternoon. There the partner teachers could appreciate the very ancient Bulgarian custom of the rose oil production which has endured till today and some other traditions like the manufacturing of violins, some of which were exhibited in the Museum. The day ended with a wonderful typical dinner in the open air, with a cultural program where all the guests could pleasantly enjoy the Bulgarian traditions and customs.

On the third and last day of the meeting, June 8th, the partner teachers were involved in an amazing ritual: the roses picking, in Razena village. The ritual was so fascinating and captivating: everyone was relaxed and emotionally engaged in something so special. The visit at the Rosarium completed that wonderful experience. In Razena Kindergarten, as well as in Slaveyche, the transnational team was invited to visit the school and talk with the children who were prepared to receive their foreign guests with nice musical and drama performances. In the afternoon, the official visit to the town Hall and the meeting with the Deputy Mayor of Kazanlak Municipality followed. The Deputy Mayor talked about the Bulgarian projects with external financing and about the humanitarian policy. She was available to give information about the local population, culture and lifestyle and she accepted related questions. At the end of the

meeting she officially delivered the certificates of attendance and the Italian Project coordinator thanked the Bulgarian team for the good hospitality. The second transnational meeting ended , as usual, with the official dinner in an elegant restaurant, called *Palace*, where all the guest teachers could say goodbye to each other after enjoying a very good meal accompanied by music and dances.