



“Learning to play and playing to learn”

2017-2019

ERASMUS+ - FIRST MEETING REPORT

The first Transnational Project Meeting of the Erasmus+ project took place in Quintanar del Rey (Spain) from 5 to 8 November 2017.

The team was composed by four members from Italy, country of the Applicant Organisation, six from Portugal, two from Hungary, three from Bulgaria, one from Greece and two coordinators from Spain plus many local teachers involved in classrooms. During the meeting everyone could appreciate a cooperative mood about making decisions and choices and feel a sense of constructive belonging to the group.

Works started on November the 6th in Quintanar del Rey with the welcome of CEIP Valdemembra students at the “Casa del la cultura” followed by the visit to the town Hall and the meeting with the town Major, to keep information about local population, culture and lifestyle. The Major, translated by one of the teachers, English speaker, was available to talk about different local arguments and to accept any related question.

The first work session at school was about the reading and the signing of the project contract and the vision of the multimedia introduction of each participant institution. The videos were very different among them, but all very interesting and well done: some were more focused on the institutions, others showed also the countries.

At the end of the session: lunch and touristic visit to the old village of Villanueva del la Jara.

On the 7th the team worked on the selection of the logo, the exchange of the countries picture books and the explanation of the Trans Europe Express Game. The logo was selected by secret vote and the winner logo was the Greek one. The team also worked about the project official blog presentation and the realization of the Facebook group. The team debated about the tasks reapportionment after Canarias Islands leaving.

This first work session was followed by a great festival in the school playground organised by local teachers and students and related to the presentation of the school Reading Plan presented as Reading Olympic Games. Then the project team was allowed to visit the classrooms and to interact with kindergarten children and primary school pupils. All students could appreciate the visit and try to speak English with the team.

During the second work session of the 7th, after a typical Spanish breakfast with “churros” made by the parents’ association, the team discussed and decided about: the exact dates of further meetings and trainings, the activities to carry on in November (workshop with parents and toy/game exhibition), the calendar realisation. For the calendar production the team agreed to share and make together an only sample where each country would have achieved two months.

At the end of the second session the team had lunch and a visit to the “Vitis Natura” winery. The two days project meeting ended with a dinner of the team in the “Europa Hotel”, in Albacete, during which the Headmaster of Valdemembra CEIP, Mr Raül Sánchez Vizcaino, delivered diplomas (attestations of participation) to each component of the team and gave thanks about the effectual work developed and the great days spent together. The contact person of the Applicant Organisation of the project, Mrs Adriana Panicali, as well thanked Spain for hospitality in the name of each participant and everyone for the good job.

