

MEETING IN PORTO



1ST MOBILITY IN PORTUGAL



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The "Ready for our lives" project is an Erasmus+ project under Key Action 2 - strategic partnership between schools and is supported by European Commission.

PROJECT WORK

After the transnational meeting in Karviná in December 2015 the teachers and students of all partner schools met at the first mobility of the **"Ready for our lives"** project.

The hosting school of this first meeting of both teachers and students was the secondary school "Agrupamento de Escolas Alexandre Herculano" from Porto. For our students it was already the fourth trip to Portugal. Several years ago we participated at a meeting in Braga and later on we were twice hosted by the partner school in Barreiro.

And what was the meeting like? Here is a narration by one of our participants, **Hanka**:

"The first day we spent at school. Even though we were under stress, we managed our presentation of a questionnaire which dealt with unemployment pretty well. We voted for a logo of our project. And for the first time we got a chance to see other people. Slowly but surely we became acquainted.

The next day in Portugal we had an excursion to the wine cellar Sanderman. We learnt about the production of wine and we saw how the wine is stored in large wooden barrels. Those who already were 18 years old could enjoy this tour more than the others. After lunch break we moved on to a brewery. The whole day was really exhausting, therefore we ended the day with a common dinner full of national dishes.

The weekend began and we visited the "Dukes of Braganza Palace". I liked the tour very much. The palace had beautifully decorated rooms. After that, we moved a few steps nearby and we headed for a castle. We passed through the walls and we enjoyed the view and the scenery. The day ended with a walk through the city.

My family day was unbelievably amazing. The day began in the most famous café near the beach. I had a traditional pudding donut sprinkled with icing sugar and a coffee.



On the beach we collected sea shells, played football and we visited a little church called „Praia do Senhor da Pedra“. After lunch we went to play mini golf. There were a lot of us and a lot of people from different countries. I really enjoyed this day.

The next day we all gathered at school. We had to wait for other presentations about unemployment and people also debated about discrimination against young people and vice versa against the elderly. In the afternoon we visited the company CEIIA.

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What did we do in Porto?



Our team for the first meeting in Porto consisted of 2 teachers - Martin Frolík and Věra Hellerová and 3 students - Denisa Piačková, Hana Hodulíková and Aneta Kneislová

At the meeting in Porto we

- showed our powerpoint presentation about unemployment in the Czech Republic
- presented our school to the partners
- showed our powerpoint presentation on age discrimination at the labour market
- presented our logos for the project
- prepared some national dishes for the evening of national cuisine
- visited three companies in Porto
- learned about Portuguese education system
- had a meeting with town representative
- learned about Portuguese culture and history
- found new friends from foreign countries
- practised our English



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DID YOU KNOW?

The Czech students have been already hosted in Antalya six times during previous Socrates, Comenius and Youth in Action projects.

In the cradle of the nation

Our project also includes learning about the history, culture and the way of life of the partner countries so our Portuguese friends arranged for all the participants a whole-day study and sightseeing tour to Guimaraes, a town just an hour drive from Porto, a town which is called The cradle of the nation.

On Saturday morning we gathered in front of the school and got on the bus that took us to that lovely town.

Our first stop was by the Dukes of Braganza Palace. We could see not only exteriors of this chateau but also the interiors. The students who were with us in Portugal eight years ago may remember this interesting place. This noble house was used as a residence, mainly in the 15th century until the death of Dona Constanca, the first Duchess of Braganza in 1480. Most pieces there date back to the 17th and 18th centuries. The Palace is now classified as a National Monument.

After the visit of the Dukes of Braganza Palace we proceeded to the Castle where we could walk on the castle walls and enjoy the atmosphere of Medieval times.

Later on we walked in the old town of Guimaraes, had lunch in the square and then moved to Couros area nearby.



Our visit to Guimaraes was very nice and we brought nice memories of the town. The history of the town looks quite interesting and also a bit different from our history.



GUIMARAES



Guimaraes is called the cradle of the nation as the first Portuguese king Alfons I was born here. The town has about 55,00 inhabitants and the centre of the town is on UNESCO list

LOGO COMPETITION



Our students created 4 logos. Their authors were **Dominika Václavíková, Denisa Piačková, Hana Hodulíková and Dominik Ivan.**



THE LOGO OF THE PROJECT COMES FROM TURKEY

At the beginning of the meeting in Portugal the participating students and teachers voted for the best logo of the the project. Each partner school sent 5 logos to the Portuguese school and the competition was launched. In the first round five best logos were chosen and in the second round the winner was found. Our project now has its own logo and our congratulations go to the Turkish partner school. We voted for it, too.





EXCURSIONS

At all our meetings we will visit various companies and we will learn more about the labour market in the partner countries. The Portuguese teachers prepared for us three interesting excursions. The first one led us to **Sandeman** wine cellars where we learned about how wine is grown and produced. The second company was a **Sogrape** brewery - we changed wine for beer production. The last visit to **CEIIA** was probably the most interesting as we could see something different from what we know from our everyday lives. There we were amazed with new models of bicycles, electric cars etc. All three excursions were really very very interesting and we will be looking forward to visiting other firms in Turkey in April.

(by Martin Frolík)

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We suddenly found ourselves in the future. It's incredible on what these people now work. Moreover, a lot of young people from different countries work in this society. Just one word - amazing!

The last day in Porto was finished with a visit of a town hall and with a dinner only for us young people.

Now I only can remember the memories I made with the awesome people I met there and think of that beautifully spent week in Portugal".

(by Hana Hodulíková)



NEXT STEPS IN THE PROJECT

After the transnational meeting in Karviná and the first mobility to Portugal we will continue in our project work. The students will answer the next questionnaire and we will work out the results, they will also prepare a new presentation of the school, two role-plays and will deal with the issue of racism at the labour market.

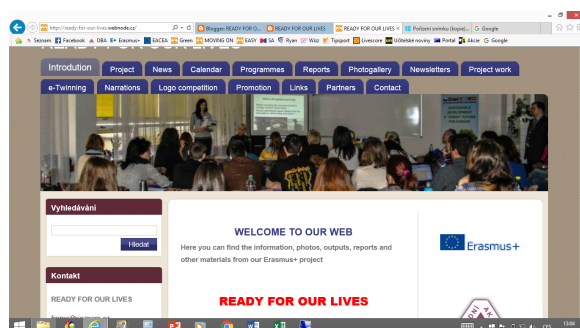
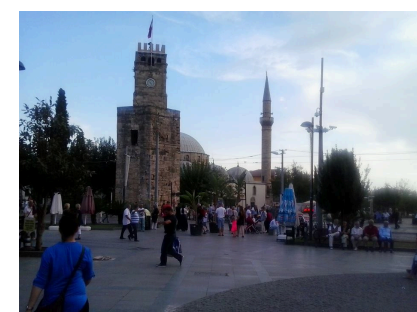
We have already updated our webpage and new pages on eTwinning have been opened. Our team was enlarged, new students joined it and our work thus may be richer.

After the meeting in Porto all our participants, **Denisa, Hanka and Aneta** wrote their narrations about the week they spent in Porto and they shared their experience with other students through the project website, facebook group and also their own facebook profiles.

Now it is time to focus on the second meeting in Turkey and get ready for the activities that will be prepared by the Turkish hosting team. Time is running fast, see you soon again!

ANTALYA

The next meeting is going to be held in Antalya, in **Turkey** from **April 7th to 12th**. Our team is already complete - the teachers Martin Frolík and Jiří Janík and the students of the first form Radka Debnárová, Lukáš Lukš and Alexandr Bílek. We will travel from Vienna via Istanbul on April 6th and will return a week later, on Wednesday 13th.



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