

MEETING IN KARVINÁ



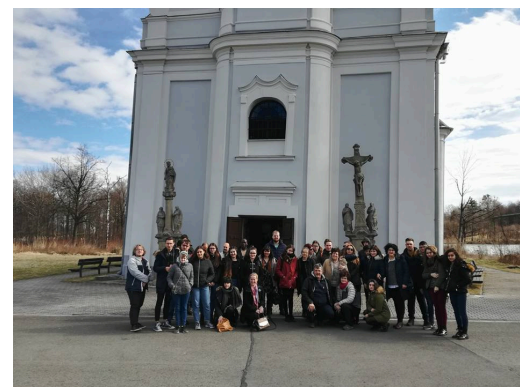
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DID YOU KNOW?

The "Ready for our lives" has just come to its end. We did over 200 mobilities during the three years of the project. Wonderful!

WELCOME TO KARVINÁ !

The last school to host the students and teachers of the partner schools was **Obchodní akademie in Karviná**. It was our turn to prepare the programme and invite our friends from Portugal, Lithuania, Latvia, Italy, Slovenia and Turkey to the Czech Republic! The main topics of the meeting were "other aspects of entrepreneurship" and "equal opportunities for men and women."

On Thursday 8th March the programme started in the Regional library in Karviná. After welcome speech the Czech students presented the school and the system of education in the country. Then our partners showed their presentations so that everybody could learn more about Porto, Nicosia, Antalya, Koper, Riga and Kedainiai. And we could also see the film from the 6th meeting in Riga and refresh our memories. In the afternoon the students presented their results of the questionnaire on other aspects of entrepreneurship. The next point in our programme was "National cuisine", one of the most popular activities of the project! As usual all of us prepared tables with some traditional sweets, meals, snacks or drinks and decorated them with flags.

For Friday we planned the first excursion, to Marlenka, a company that produces sweets. We could not only see how the company works but also taste their goodies! In the afternoon then we continued with our work at school and we dealt with the topic of equal opportunities for men and women at the labour market. Some schools showed a role-play, the others powerpoint presentations.

Weekend is here! It is time to learn more about the host country, the Czech Republic! On Saturday the host families prepared the programme for foreign students and on Sunday we went for a trip and excursions. First we stopped at an eco-farm in **Hážovice** and then in a firm that produces scented candles. More about traditions and culture in the region we could see in **Rožnov**

pod Radhoštěm, in its famous Museum in nature. The foreign participants were on a guided tour through the Wooden village while the Czech students visited the place on their own.



The Czech team for the meeting in Karviná consisted of the students who participated in six previous mobilities in Portugal, Turkey, Slovenia, Lithuania, Italy and Latvia.

At the meeting in Karviná we

- showed our powerpoint presentation on other aspects of entrepreneurship
- showed our role-plays on man x woman
- presented our town and school to the others
- prepared some national dishes for the table of national cuisine
- visited Marlenka, Zerlina, and Unipar
- presented the Czech education system
- had a meeting with a town representative
- presented our culture and history
- visited Science and Technology centre
- learned more about equal opportunities in firms
- found new friends from foreign countries
- practised our English
- had a farewell meeting

OTHER ASPECTS OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP



The last questionnaire answered by the students of all seven partner schools. This time the students answered questions on other aspects of running business, e.g. if it is important to run an environmentally friendly business, which industry the students would like to run their business in etc. However, the questions also focused on challenges and initiatives.

For our meeting we decided to focus on some branches of entrepreneurship which are not so common for students who think of starting their business - running an ecological farm, production of scented candles or production of sweets. And we worked not only on questionnaires but we visited the companies working in these areas of business to see everything on our own eyes. First Marlenka in Frýdek Místek and then Unipar and eco-farm Zerlina in Valachia.

EXCURSION TO AN ECOLOGICAL FARM

Ecological entrepreneurship and running an ecological farm - these were objectives of our excursion to the Zerlina eco-farm in a small village of Hážovice near Rožnov pod Radhoštěm. First we were guided round the farm, then we watched milking goats, saw places where they keep them and breed them, we listened to narrations about a year at a farm and later we could also taste various kinds of cheese they produce at the farm, drink fresh goat milk and buy some of their products. As we are partners from different parts of Europe, agriculture and ecology also differs and this is the most important thing - to learn about similarities and differences between our countries.



EXXCURSION TO MARLENKA



And we prepared for the participants another excursion, this time the field of entrepreneurship was food industry. The Marlenka company is special as the owner of the company is of Armenian origin and his life story is really interesting - and connected with our another topic of immigration at the labour market. Now the participants of the meeting could learn about the history of the company, its hard times at the beginning and most of all about the conditions and regulations in the food industry. And of course they could also taste the sweets that Marlenka produces. Yummy!



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DID YOU KNOW?

Karviná has quite rich history that dates back to 1268.
At present Karviná has about 53,000 inhabitants.

Such a big international project allows the partners to improve the cooperation not only with foreign partners, but also local authorities. On Monday we went to the Chateau in Karviná where the deputy Lord mayor welcomed us and we could present him our project. The headmistress, the coordinator and one of the students then also had an interview for the local TV so we could share our experience with public, too. After the official meeting we were guided through the rooms and halls of the chateau and our partners could learn something about the history of Karviná.



VISIT TO THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

Each of the partners wanted to show their friends something special. We decided to take them to Ostrava to the Science and technology centre. We started our tour with a 3D film in the cinema and then everybody could spend their time at various expositions, such as The World of Civilization, the World of Science and Discoveries, the World of Nature etc. The teachers then had some coffee at the Gong café at the top of one of the towers of the former steelwork company and the students spent their time together in the centre of the town.

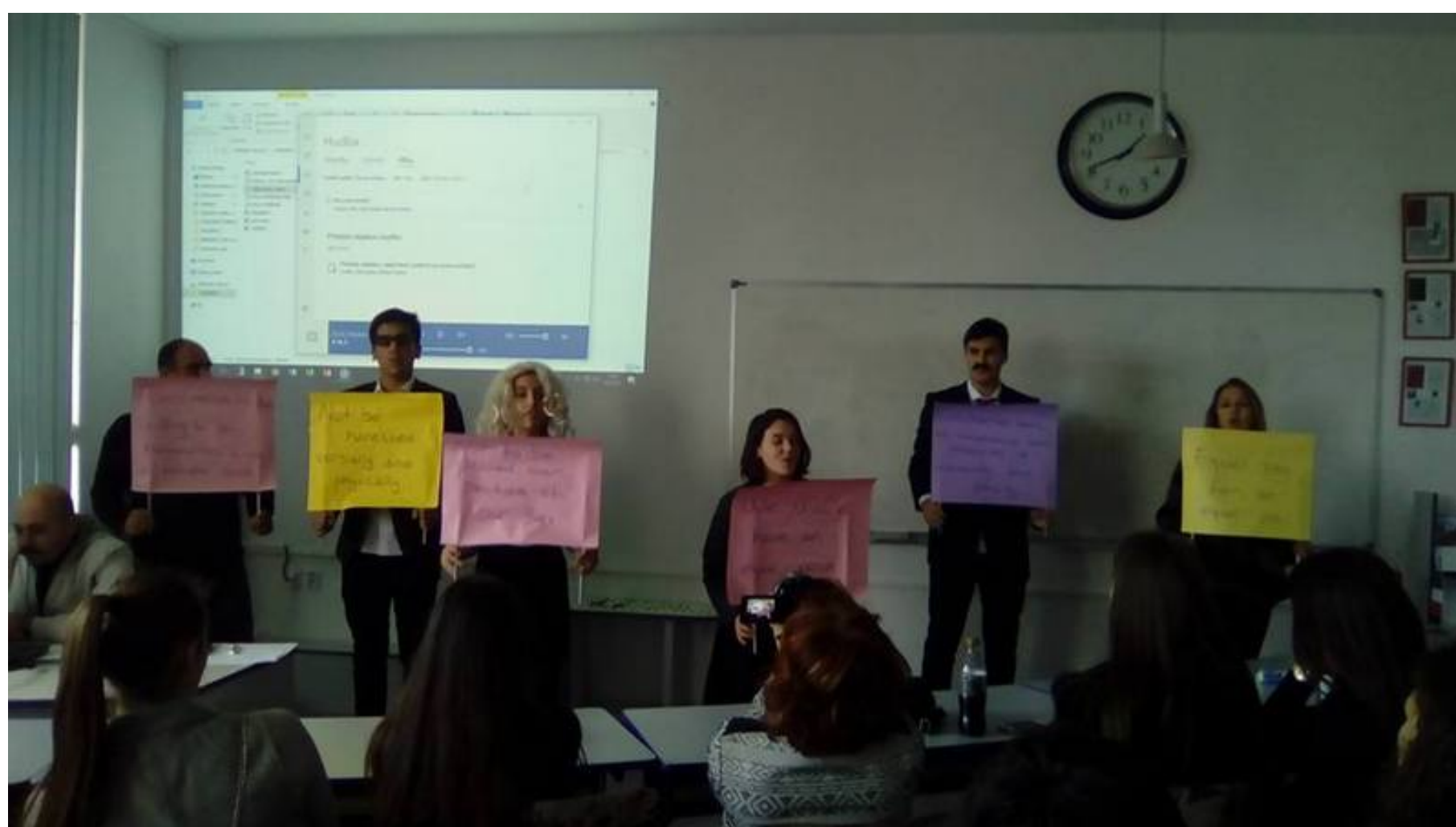


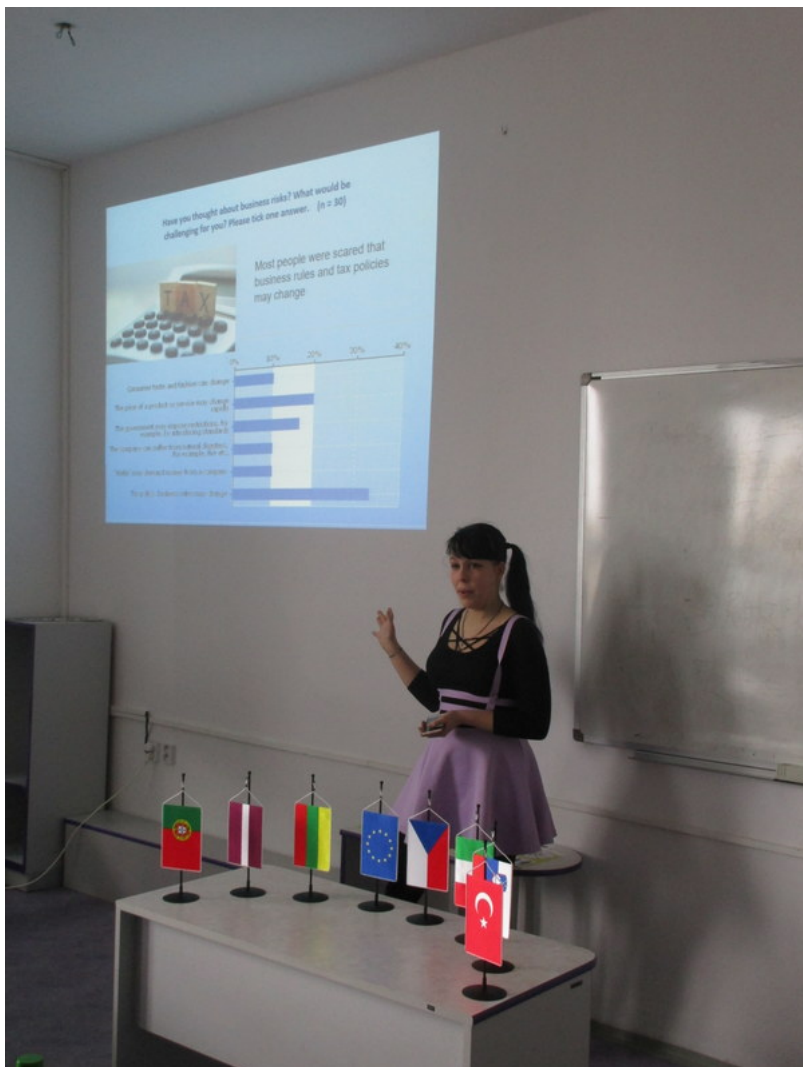
FAREWELL PARTY

The last project meeting of the whole 3-year project was approaching to the end. It was time to say good bye to our friends and sum up the time spent together on "Ready for our lives". The farewell dinner took place in a restaurant in Horní Suchá, a village between Karviná and Havířov. The cultural programme was enriched with a performance of a folk group Vonička that sang some songs and showed traditional dances. A short film with photos from all 7 meetings reminded us the good times and then the official ceremony with handing out certificates concluded the week in the Czech Republic. Our project will be definitely closed by transnational meeting in Porto in May.









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