

COMENIUS SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

3rd MEETING MINUTES in Turkey- Kayseri (21st -27th April 2013)



**For Multilateral Partnerships
Approved in 2012**

General information

Partnership title : "NATURE AND ITS MAGIC SOUNDS"

Partner countries : Italy, Bulgaria ,Estonia, France (Agen and Guadalupe), Poland, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Hungary.

Attended Meeting : Third Meeting in Turkey (Kayseri 21st -27th April 2013)

Partnership type : Multilateral

Number of attendants in Kayseri (Turkey)

Country	Teachers	Students
Italy	2	5
Hungary	3	3
Estonia	2	5
Sweden	2	8
Spain	2	4

Total

11

25

Sunday 21/04/2013

Arrival of all the participants

The Headmaster and Turkish colleagues waited for the partners at the airport in Kayseri. Teachers were picked up and driven to the Hotel CITY ONE.

Also the Turkish host families were at the airport to welcome the students who met their Turkish guests and returned home together.

20:30 Welcome Dinner

All teachers were invited for dinner at Konak Restaurant, a typical Turkish Restaurant.

The Headmaster and Turkish colleagues immediately showed to us their joy in welcoming us very warmly.

Monday 22/04/2013

During the time we were in Kayseri, everyday a special service minibus picked up us from the Hotel and taken us to the school. After the Comenius activities we have been taken back to the Hotel. Our students have been taken to the school by the host Turkish families .

08:45

The minibus picked up us at the Hotel and taken us to the school.

09:00

Official Welcome in Fatma Mustafa Hasçalık Secondary School by the Headmaster, Mr. ISMET KARACA.

At the school entrance, we were greeted by some Turkish students who have paid into our hands a good perfume (like their custom) and offered chocolates.

We admired billboards and posters of welcome made by Turkish students.

We enjoyed Turkish tea on a large terrace from which we could admire a beautiful landscape with snow capped mountains.

10:00

Project work

The Italian, Estonian and Hungarian students presented in English language their works in power point titled:

" Pollution of air, water and soil".

Each work was made up of 15 slides.

After the presentation, exchange of gifts between all partners.

The Italian Headmistress sent to his colleague Mr.KARACA a plaque in memory of the collaboration between the two countries in this project.

11:00

Coffee/Tea Break

11:30

Official welcome by the Mayor of Talas Mr.RIFAT YILDIRIM.

He gave us very interesting information about the history of Kayseri and Talas (district of Kayseri).

Adriana, the project coordinator asked if in the area are adopted strategies against pollution noting that the presence of mountains and forests in the district, in addition to the will of man, help to achieve purity and freshness of the air.

After the meeting, the Mayor gave all the partners a framework with floral paintings in which there is also a watch.

The gift was greatly appreciated by all of us and it's truly a beautiful memory.

12:30

Lunch at a very elegant restaurant decorated in traditional oriental style that, in the past, was a home of very rich people and then converted into a restaurant. Today, it belongs to the Turkish government.

Mr. NABI AUCI, Minister of Education, welcomed us in the restaurant.

He talked to us in a very friendly way and invited us to refute negative information on Turkey dictated by unfounded and unfair prejudice.

Adriana, the project coordinator informed him that she attended several meetings in Turkey and had the chance to know the Turkish people who have always proven to be very hospitable and kind. She always brought home good memories about the experiences in Turkey.

It was also broached the subject on the possible revenue of Turkey in the European Union and the dialogue was very interesting.

After lunch, we visited the other rooms in the house full of furniture, carpets and antique utensils.

14:00

Walking tour of Talas full of new neighborhoods in developing countries where there are many new buildings rather high and, so, full of flats.

15:00

Tea in a typical Turkish place where it was possible take pictures of details about sofas, tables and pottery found on the walls. So many colors, so vividly!

16:00

We went by minibuses to Sarnıçlı Underground Inn (city).
Historical Konak (Historical Mansions) .

One of the characteristics of Cappadocia is having plenty of underground cities. It's known that there are more than a hundred of underground settlements in the region and many of them are not open for visits. The underground cities, which are guessed to be used since the Bronze Age, used to be a settlement mostly in Byzantine period, doubtless. In this period, increasing invasions forced local residents to build underground cities for protection and religious purposes.

17:00

Teachers and students went back to school.

In the schoolyard, Turkish students were rehearsing for the event of the next day: " Children's Day ".

Snack with delicious Turkish sweets.

18:00

Teachers went to the hotel by minibus.

Students went home with their Turkish hosts.

20:00

Free time for dinner



Tuesday 23/04/2013

09:00

Departure from the hotel by minibus to attend the event "*Children's day*" in a very large sports center that can accommodate many people.

We attended the Celebration program (poems, songs, dance shows, traditional dances etc.) and we had a lot of fun with our students.

In the meantime, Adriana and Simon, the Spanish colleague, were interviewed by television on their impressions and feelings about the event.

In the interview has been highlighted the pleasant surprise and the admiration for the choreography, the costumes, the organization and, above all, the great participation of many students and their families. There has been much congratulations to the teachers and all the staff who engaged in this great event full of folklore.

At the end of the event, all partners were invited to dance together the traditional Turkish dances.

It was really so nice to feel so united!

13:00

Lunch at Mirzaoğlu Restaurant.

14:30

Visit by minibuses to the Month Ali to admire a wonderful view of Talas from the highest point of the town and take photos.

15:00

Planting trees in the Fatma Mustafa Hasçalık's Forest area. Teachers and students of each delegation have planted a tree marked with their names in the school's forest as a natural gift to remember them.

17:00

Visit to a Horse Farm.

The students and teachers had the opportunity to ride horses. Adriana and Antonietta have had this experience with a lot of pleasure and fun.

In addition, it was possible to see and photograph the other animals of the farm where there was even a cuddly baby camel.

18:00

Break for a drink.

19:00

Teachers and students went back to school.

Teachers went to the hotel by minibus.

Students went home with their Turkish hosts.

20:30

Free time for dinner



Wednesday 24/04/2013

09:00

The minibus picked us at the Hotel and taken us to the school.

09:30

Meeting at school.

Continuation of the presentation of the works.

The Spanish, Swedish and Turkish students presented in English language their works in power point titled:

“ Pollution of air, water and soil”.

Each work was made up of 15 slides.

Although our Bulgarian, French and Polish colleagues didn't attend the meeting, they sent the works and Fatma, our Turkish colleague, presented them.

After the presentation the Swedish colleagues have given their gifts to the Headmaster, Mr Karaca and Turkish colleagues and gadgets to the other colleagues.

10:30

Break for a drink in the beautiful terrace.

Simon and Antonio offered tasty pastries, typical from Seville.

11:00

Project meeting

The partners have confirmed the decisions taken in France about the future works.

For the meeting in Poland from 2nd to 8th June 2013:

- students will present in English language a work in power point about “**Renewable and not renewable energies-Effects of radiations on human health**”.
- the work must be made of 15 numbered slides except the first one (presentation) and the last one (thanks for the attention);
- each partner will bring the results of the evaluation questionnaire about the Turkish meeting in Kaiseri (will be used the same questionnaires for the previous meeting).

For the meeting in Sweden from 22nd to 28th September 2013:

- students will create directly in Sweden artworks, painting, drawing, or will make works using recycled materials etc Freedom of imagination will be given to students who will bring in Sweden everything they need for this activity. We took this decision considering that the meeting in Sweden will be immediately after the summer holidays and, therefore, there is not much time to prepare the works before the meeting. A booklet will be created containing photos of all the works and it will be another joint result to be presented to the National Agency. The coordinator country will take this task;
- because 4 countries didn't get the approval (Greece, Lithuania, Romania and Portugal) we need a redistribution of topics of the works and tasks, we decided to discuss the problem in September in Sweden;
- regarding the Comenius t-shirts , each country can present them whenever they want, at any meeting, but the Italian Headmistress and all the Italian team would like that the t-shirts are worn by teachers and students on the occasion of the last meeting in Italy;
- each partner will bring the results of the evaluation questionnaire about the meeting in Poland (will be used the same questionnaires for the previous meeting).

Adriana and Antonietta have brought to the attention of colleagues examples of activities (crossword, puzzles) to be offered to students during the meeting in Sweden.

Some colleagues said they are too simple, so, changes will be made and discussed in Poland.

The project coordinator has invited colleagues to prepare a short summary about previous meetings and to send them to her as soon as possible. She will make a general summary of all the summaries received for each meeting and will upload them on the official Comenius website.

Hungarian, Estonian and Spanish colleagues have informed us that, unfortunately, they will not participate in the next meeting in Poland.

13:00

Lunch at the Horse Farm

14:30

Visit to a fruit juice factory "Meysu Factory".
This is one of the oldest factories with a high quality.
Students and teachers were able to see all the stages of processing of fruit juices, soft drinks, milk and their packaging.
The guides have explained the operation of all machinery.

17:00

Students went home with their Turkish hosts.
Free time for teachers

20:30

Dinner



Thursday 25/04/2013

10:00

From the hotel for a trip to visit Cappadocia by buses. The barren landscape of Cappadocia is actually the roof of a plateau more than 3,000 feet high, punctuated by ancient, stone-carved structures, desolate volcanoes and strange rock formations. Some of the most fascinating features of Cappadocia are the structures carved into the rock by ancient cultures. The Hittites carved large, complex networks of shelters around 3,200 years ago.

11:00

Short break and visit a park and walk over the bridge of the river landing.

12:00

Stop at a Turkish ceramics factory and shopping

13:00

Visit at ZELVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE.

It was great to admire the original and strange transformations brought about by the nature.

14:30

Lunch of typical local sandwiches

15:30

Visit to Ürgüp and Uçhisar Castle.

At Urgup, from a hill we could admire an unforgettable landscape.

All of us took a lot of pictures of this unique landscape.

Shopping among the pews filled with typical Turkish objects.

17:00

Students turned back to Talas and went to their host families.

Teachers visited Uçhisar Castle.

Uchisar is situated at the highest point in Cappadocia, on the Nevsehir-Goreme road, just 5 km from Goreme. The top of the Uchisar Castle, provides a magnificent panorama of the surrounding area with Mount Erciyes in the distance.

Many rooms hollowed out into the rock are connected to each other with stairs, tunnels and passages. At the entrances of the rooms, there are millstone doors, just like the ones in the underground settlements, used to control access to these places. Due to the erosion in places of this multi-leveled castle, it is unfortunately not possible to reach all the rooms. Most of the rooms, located on the north side of the castle are in use as pigeon houses today. Farmers used these cave pigeon houses to collect the droppings of pigeons which is an excellent natural fertilizer for the orchards and vineyards.

19:00

After visiting the castle, we enjoyed a delicious tea with colleagues in a typical bar located just below the castle.

20:30

Dinner at Yaşar Baba Restaurant.

Turkish Night Show with Turkish songs and Dances(belly dance).

FANTASTIC, UNFORGETTABLE EVENING FULL OF MEMORIES.

The dinner was excellent and cheered by a group of musicians and dancers with typical Turkish costumes who played Turkish music and danced traditional dances.

A belly dancer has delighted our eyes, especially men's eyes.

Adriana and Raoul were invited to dance with her the belly dancing following her moves.

WHAT A SHOW!!!

MANY THANKS TO OUR TURKISH COLLEAGUES FOR THE WONDERFUL DAY!!!

24:30

Back at the hotel by bus.

We said goodbye to Simon and Antonio, our Spanish colleagues, who left for Spain the next morning very early.

Friday 26/04/2013

09:00

Departure for a trip to Mount Erciyes by buses.

Mount Erciyes is the 3rd highest Mountain in Turkey and highest mountain in middle Anatolia region is an international winter sports center.

Nilgun and Mehmet, the Deputy Headmaster, showed us models about the tourism development of the site.

It's planned to build many hotels, restaurants, skiing resorts and Mosques.

We climbed by cable car up to 2700 meters where we could admire a snowy landscape and the students enjoyed playing with snowballs.

13:00

Barbecue Sucuk Party (Kayseri is famous for "sucuk" which is like a sausage)

15:00

Back to school.

Students went home with their Turkish hosts.

Short entertainment in the Headmaster's office.

Projection in the auditorium of a DVD prepared by the Headmaster and Turkish colleagues in which there were all the good times spent during the 3 project meetings (in Spain, France and Turkey).

The Headmaster, Mr. KARACA gave the DVD to all the partners. In this occasion, all European delegations have received certificates of participation.

16:00

Visit of some classes of primary school.

The children welcomed us warmly and sang some songs.

17:00

Teachers went to the hotel by minibus.

19:00

Dinner

20:30

Farewell party with teachers students and Turkish host families. We welcome Turkish sweets so much and we all danced together.

A LOT OF FUN!

24:00

Back at the hotel by bus.



Saturday 27/04/2013

Departure of all European delegations.

The project coordinator
Adriana Di Muro