

**DISSEMINATION OF THE SEVENTH PROJECT MEETING HELD  
IN RIGA, LATVIA  
LET'S FIRST UNDERSTAND OUR NATIONAL HERITAGE IN ORDER TO  
DEFINE AND BUILD  
OUR EUROPEAN IDENTITY**

02.03.2015.-07.03.2015.

The project is going to be unfolded during the school years 2013-2014/ 2014-2015, under the framework of 'Lifelong Learning Programme', having as partners schools from Spain, Turkey, Latvia, Greece, Norway, Estonia and Poland.

The seventh project meeting took place between 02.03.2015.-07.03.2015., in Riga, Latvia.

Our school was represented by 18 students and 8 teachers.

The activities carried out were completed according to the project meeting's programme. The students were given the opportunity to understand themselves better, to interact and negotiate in order to achieve a common goal, thus improving their communication skills.

The aim of the project is to understand the national heritage of each nation in order to define and built European identity. Therefore, we had to do the homework. The first task was to write essays about the importance of an education students receive in the school and for its usefulness in their future.

The second task was to make a presentation on the data received from the surveys.

In the meeting students presented their homework. This helped them to understand the importance of the education and attitude towards it in each country individually. They were chosen 2 compositions from the country and were reading aloud to others, in this way practising their foreign language skills.

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2015**

On the first day of the project we as organising school of the meeting had a very busy day. The whole day was spent on meeting the partners and helping them to get to their destinations-students to their host families and teachers to the hotel.

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015**

On Tuesday we all went to our school and the headmaster welcomed all of our foreign guests. After the welcoming ceremony we had made a short guided tour around our school and informed our partners about the history of the school, equipment, type of education provided. It was useful and very interesting for our guests. Moreover, it also suited the topic of our meeting-education.

After the tour we started the presentations of homework. Each team presented the PowerPoint or video presentations on the data collected in their countries and the analyse of it. They also mentioned the main conclusion from the essays written in their schools. After that each team chose two essays and read aloud to others.

After the hard working day we went on a documentary visit to Jūrmala. We visited the Jurmala City museum, where we all were introduced with the history of this resort city and development of it. The staff of museum had done the great job, as the materials collected and then modified into interactive material were very useful and educational.

They had done great job in making this informal education method more interesting to the students as well as teachers.

The next stop in our tour around Jurmala was an interesting art exhibition - INNER LIGHT, V. JETMOLAJEVŠ. When we entered the room we had a feeling of fantasy. It was like we entered the dream world. It was a unique possibility to get away from the everyday routine. The author has developed the unique technique of painting-the light painting. We had a great possibility to enjoy and see how the paintings become live during the accompanying music and lightshade. Many of our group said that they had a feeling of happiness, as well as they were interested in searching the meaning of symbols. After this visit we had a feeling that we had shown not only great places of visit in our country but also accompany this with educational moment. This was a good example how methods of informal methods can help formal education.

Our guest asked to see the Baltic Sea, therefore, we went there. A lot of partners had never been on the shores of it and had a dream to visit it while being in Latvia. Later we went on a short walking trip in Dzintari and many of partners went up in the tower in Dzintari and were fascinated by the view.

### **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

The following day was meant for documentary trips around Riga , in this way our guests were introduced with the best sightseeing in the capital as well as to educate them.

In the morning we all went to Riga City Council. There we met representatives responsible for public relations and education in the city. We were introduced with the history of the Council as well as with its basic activities. We also got an opportunity to have a shot tour around the building itself. Our group was informed about the education options in the city formal as well as informal. It was really useful as the topic of our meeting was connected to the education.

After the meeting we all went to visit our national treasure-National Library. It is place not only for storing books but for educating as well, therefore, we thought that our guest should visit it. Our guests were fascinated by the looks of the building itself and the marvellous sightseeing view from the highest floors of it. They also appreciated that we have a place where people can educate themselves for free as in this library we have a huge amount of books.

The aim of the meeting was not only to show our guest the best sightseeing places in Riga and Latvia, but also to show our students that we Latvians have a lot to be proud of. Therefore, the last stop of our tour that day was Laima Chocolate Museum, which received a lot of ovations and gave a lot of joy.

### **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

On Thursday we went on documentary visits to Rundāle and Bauska in order to introduce our guests with the heritage value places in Latvia.

The first visit was to Riga Motor Museum Exhibition in Bauska. The visit was really educational as the staff of the museum told us a lot of interesting information about

the cars in the museum. Nevertheless, the visit was also entertaining as our guide tried really hard and successfully to make it amusing.

The next was Rundāle Palace Museum. Our guests were surprised with the magnificent interior and the architecture of the garden. The great was also an opportunity to see actors having shooting of War and Peace by BBC.

The last stop of the day was Bauskas Castle. It was an interesting opportunity to compare those two completely different castles. It was shocking and fascinating.

### ***Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2015-05-19***

On Friday we all were having group work and also discussed about the things done during the meeting, as well as evaluated them. Moreover, we also spoke about the last meeting of the Project which will be held in May.

We spoke over the homeworks which should be done for the next meeting as well as discussed all questions which appeared.

In conclusion all partners said that meeting was organised well and was productive.

On the last day of the meeting our students had made a short entertaining program to say Farewell. They were performing songs in Latvian as well as in English.

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