

## **The activities that were carried out throughout the project meeting in Istanbul, Turkey**

### **On Tuesday 26th November , 2013**

Partners were welcome by our school principal and teachers. Each team got to know each other and had a tour of our school. Next, Head Official of our district was seen for the welcome speech. He made a speech of general introduction of our district and answered their questions. Partners were welcome with Turkish traditional tea. At lunch, partners were served traditional Turkish food prepared by our students' parents, which directly shows national heritage of Turkish cuisine. In work session, four of the partners presented their ( ppt ) powerpoint presentations about birth, marriage, death and other. During the presentations students and teachers discovered that they already have a lot of common points from past till now about their traditions.

### **On Wednesday 27th November , 2013**

Documentation trip to Topkapı Palace Museum, Hagia Sophia and Basilica Cistern was organised. Topkapı Palace Museum, which represented huge history of Turkish Republic in all ways including life styles, war equipment, cuisine, women effect on government, international relationships, clothes, crafts and architecture was a unique example of Turkish national heritage. Hagia Sophia, on the other hand, is another aspect of religious movements throughout centuries in between Christians and Muslims. Partners were meant to discover the common points of each other in terms of religion and history. After lunch, video collection of each partner country was displayed so that partners could see and hear about things going on during all ceremonies such as birth, marriage and death. In this session partners also had a question- answer session to make things clarified. Baptism for instance, despite being the same ceremony, differs from country to another in some details; pouring the baptism water under a tree or keeping the water for some time etc.

### **On Thursday 28th November , 2013**

On that day a documentation trip to Miniaturk and Panorama Museum was organised in connection to the topic of our Project , in which we had a guided tour of small miniatures of all castles,mosques,churches,historical and touristical places, natural attractions and other architectures in Turkey.We also saw how Istanbul was conquered in museum. After lunch, our guests come together with Turkish students and teachers again in order to observe Turkish lessson this time.They had a chance to see how techniques and teaching methods differ from theirs . The rest of the PPT were presented in this workshop

### **On Friday 28th November , 2013**

The videos related to the topic were watched and explained.

In work session students worked in groups from different countries in which they had discussions about how traditions are alike and differ from each other. They prepared tables for common and different points about traditions and after that made presentations. By this mean, they had a large understanding of other cultures which helped them improve their language and interpersonal skills. They also got more tolerant to different cultures.

In mixed teams, all the PPTs were joined to show the differences and common points of the traditions in each country regarding birth, wedding and death

All videos related to the topic was put in one and this represented one of the final products. of the meeting. After all, the evaluation of the meeting was done and suggested program for Trysil was discussed. Responsibilities for the next meeting for each partner were fixed and unexpected problems were discussed.