

Minutes of the Meeting

The first project meeting took place in France and was hosted by 'Lycee du Granier'. The participants were students and teachers from the 6 schools taking part in the project:

1. Lycée du Granier, La Ravoire Cedex, France- Coordinating Institution
2. Georg Büchner-Gymnasium, Seelze, Germany
3. Polo Europeo della Conoscenza - Istituto Comprensivo Fumane "Lorenzi B." Fumane(Verona), Italy
4. Liceum Ogólnokształcące in Tarnów, Poland
5. Mihai Eminescu National College, Baia Mare, Romania
6. Bursa Polis Koleji / Bursa Police College, Bursa, Turkey

Staff & Pupils

France: Alasdair Watts, Michel Gougain, Venera Thevenot, Colette Bourgeois Juliette Gauthier, Julie Bergin, Mathilde Elloé, Oriane Sulpice, Antoine Cistac, Léa Armani Marie Loschi, Marion Caillet and their classmates.

Germany: Wolfgang Mertens, Till Winkler, Gerold Mueller Sarina Neumann, Tobias Leidig

Romania: Mariana Gabriela Hudrea, Ioan Tiplea, Teodor Marton, Marius Anitas , Adrian Andreica

Italy: Monica Meneghelli No pupils

Poland: Jola Prodanowska, Dorota Boryczko

Klaudia Tarczori , Justyna Watroba

Turkey: Huseyin Ozturk, Salim Duzgun R.Ertugrul Eriz Fethullah Akay, Berkay Tutuk

The Romanian team arrived in Chambéry on Monday **10th November** and the other teams from Germany, Italy, Poland and Turkey on Tuesday **11th November**.

A most positive thing to mention was the fact that all the guest teams were accommodated in the same hotel offering them the possibility to spend most of the time together. The foreign students were all accommodated by their French partners. All the teams managed to arrive in Chambéry by Tuesday when they met one another and also Mr. Alasdair Watts , the international coordinator of the project who, all along the stay of the partners proved to be a perfect host and organizer, being helped by the school headmaster and by his school colleagues.

The activities started on **November 12th** with the presentations of the 6 countries, schools and the situation concerning immigration in each country. The presentations were made by students and were much appreciated by all the participants.

The French students prepared extra presentations related to immigration and all those present also appreciated this contribution. A visit of the recently built 'Lycée du Granier' offered all the guests the opportunity to discover a place in which both students and teachers enjoy excellent work conditions. Dinner in the school canteen was another opportunity to discover the excellent school management. Chambery, once the capital of the Kingdom of Savoy, is a place where a large number of immigrants live, some of them the students' parents or grandparents. That is why the guided tour of the city offered the participants the opportunity to find out more about this topic so closely related to our project.

On **November 13th** the students attended language classes with Mme Bourgeois and Mme Thevenot. The contact with French teachers and students was also a very rewarding experience.

During this time the teachers involved in the project evaluated the work so far achieved, including the previous day's meeting, and planned the work remaining before the end of the school year, mostly the work relating to the questionnaires and the preparation for the second meeting to be held in Romania. In the meantime the students were organized into 3 groups of 4 and worked on the questionnaires.

When they finished they presented their work in front of their teachers. Everybody appreciated the students' dedication and seriousness in achieving the tasks. Mr. Alasdair Watts took the three questionnaires with the aim of selecting and putting together the students' ideas to form a single common questionnaire which would then be emailed to the partners to be discussed in their countries, so that comments be made and the final form negotiated. In the afternoon the participants watched the film "It's a Free World", directed by Ken Loach and then took part in a debate conducted by two members of Amnesty International.

The film was quite shocking and made a considerable impression on all the participants. In the evening the participants were invited to a Restaurant where students learn to become chefs and waiters. The headmaster of Le Lycée du Granier, Mr Briglia, honoured the guests with his presence.

On Friday **14th November** a Round Table discussion was organized in which the two ladies from Amnesty International came to school accompanied by an immigrant from

the Democratic Republic of Congo. The discussion lasted over three hours as both students and teachers kept asking questions about the problems immigrants are being faced with and the organizations that are involved in helping them. In the afternoon the participants took the train to Annecy , the former capital of the Geneva Family, that also had a very interesting history related to immigration

On **Saturday** the teams from Romania, Germany and Italy left Chambery for their countries, followed on Sunday by the Polish and Turkish teams. After returning home the foreign guests sent e-mails of appreciation for the wonderful organization of the meeting that offered the possibility to meet one another, to achieve all the tasks and to plan the activities for the future.