



Youth without Borders

Comenius project 2013 -2015



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Foreword

Welcome everyone to our second newsletter. As already mentioned at the beginning of our first newsletter, the goal of these newsletters is to keep you informed about our project.



In this newsletter you will find a lot of impressions/experiences from students who are involved in our beautiful project.

After a year of hard work in all schools by students and teachers it is good to look back and to see what has been done and has been achieved. Looking back it is good to see that the "Youth without Borders family" has grown and like in all families we had moments of joy and moments of disappointment. But this family can look back at a year with many journeys.

After our start meeting in Romania in October 2013 in February/March 2014 we had our first group meetings. Therefore students and colleagues from Poland,

Romania and Italy went to Spain. Students and colleagues from Sweden and Latvia to Hungary, The Italians went to Turkey and the Dutch, Danish and Turkish colleagues and students to Portugal. Later in this newsletter more about these meetings. Then at the end of this year our own Mrs Fika made us a nice program in Helsingborg. Here we discussed what to do next year and the students showed us their work.



Now time has come to think all things over from the first year and to relax in our summerholidays.

On behalf of all the colleagues who are involved in the project I want to say thanks to all the students who did a great job for the project. Also a very warm THANKS to all the hostfamilies in the different countries. And of course thanks to each other for all the work we did, making this first year of our project to a success!!

Henry van der Vegt



Some happenings in Comenius Spain!

We are going to tell you about some curious things happened in the exchange with Romanian, Polish and Italian people, from 2nd of March to the 6th!

First of all the famous LEMON. The TREACHEROUS LEMON. Once we were in the Spanish highschool, first or second day, meeting us and then two Spanish boys said to Angelika, the blue eyes girl: "Angelika! Is tradition here in Spain to eat a lemon!" When the girl bit it she probably thought: "What the h**ll happens in Spanish mind?!"

Poor girl!!! (Actually not...It was so funny :P)

Another time, when we finished our typical Spanish lunch, the Romanian boys danced a strange but a funny dance! It was that: Romanian



My name is Angelika

My school is Gimnazjum nr 3/Tarnobrzeg/Poland

We are working in this group:

Poland / Spain / Romania.



I met a lot of great people. I practiced my English. I liked the PE lesson very much as we had a lot of fun dancing together. It was so relaxing and the Spanish teacher was fabulous. The technology lesson was very interesting. I noticed the Spanish students greet their teachers using their first names. It's impossible in Poland!!!!



We visited Museum of Picasso; Park of technology; Malaga; Alhambra; Granada. We have seen so many fascinating places and buildings. We spent time with our friends laughing, making jokes, playing different games and...talking, talking, talking. My English has improved a lot. And....I know a bit of Spanish now ☺.



My name is Gema Medina
My school is IES campanillas

I remember when us, the Spanish students taught other students to sing Spanish songs. And we learn some words in polish, Romanian and Italian.

My favourite day was the second , we ate all together in our high school and we dance a lot after we ate and we spent a lot of time together, talking and meeting ourselves , I had a really great time.

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The best thing with my partner was at the end of the day because we spend a lot of time talking about the day and the things that we wanted to do in that week.

We used to listen to music and spoke about us and we had a lot in common so I really enjoyed spent time with him.



My Name Is :
Alejandro Echevarria Rengel
My School Is : IES Campanillas
I'm Working In : Spain

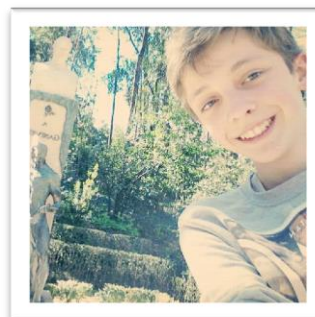
My family were very polite and kind with the guy who came to my home, he was so funny too. My mother tried to talk with him with signs, sometimes he knew what were she saying. My father talked with him very well because he knows a bit of english



My name is Łukasz
My school is Gimnazjum nr 3 in
Tarnobrzeg
We are working in this group:
Spain – Poland – Romania

I think the most interesting lesson was PE. Everybody danced and had fun. In my opinion the best PE lesson is that one where pupils can dance and play with friends, the worst one is where students

can't do
"anything"
and they
must
obediently
do physical
exercises.





My favorite trip was a trip to Granada. We were in Alhambra. It is the most renowned building of the Andalusian Islamic historical. I think it is the most beautiful place in the whole Andalusia.

My name is: Moroni

Elisabetta

My school is: Collegio

Rotondi

My exchange in Spain

During this exchange I could notice that the Spanish school system and the school, as regards the building, are quite different from ours. Mainly I saw, like in other countries, that classes are based on different levels of learning other than on the age of the students, and that's quite unusual for us... Also the building was quite particular: inside it was covered by colorful tiles, that in Italy are usually used just in bathrooms and, sometimes, in kitchens. ☺

My Spanish family was very nice and kind. They hosted also a Polish girl, Weronika, who was very cheerful. My partner was Lucia. One thing that I remember is the fact that when she didn't know how to say something in English she started speaking Spanish: I've studied it at the lower secondary school, so I could understand it and it had been also a good occasion for practicing ☺.

During the exchange we could see many interesting things. I appreciated the visit of



Malaga: "the paradise city", as Jesus (a Spanish teacher) says. The town hall, in particular, was very beautiful (as you can see from the photos enclosed). Also the beach was very nice. Nonetheless the best visit was to the Alhambra, in Granada: a big sculptured palace. It's amazing how man can realize such a beautiful and complicated thing!

My name is Marco

**My school is Collegio
Rotondi (IT)**

In Spain, like in the South of Italy, the sense of family is deeply felt. The day I arrived in Malaga we had lunch altogether and, even if just arrived, I could really feel at home. When we came back in the evening, maybe after a whole day spent walking, I was very tired and ready to go to bed but the company was so pleasant that I always preferred to stay up late talking with the family. They told me that my presence was special but if it was it is just thanks to the warm atmosphere they made me feel inside their house.

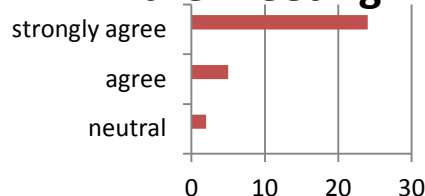


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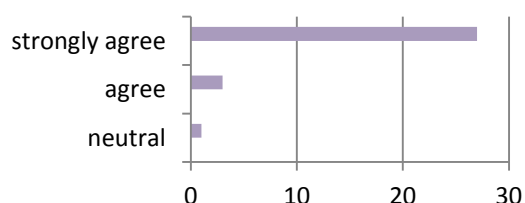
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Some happenings in Comenius Hungary!

My name is Māra Lieplapa

My school is Madona State Gymnasia

We are working in this group:

Latvia

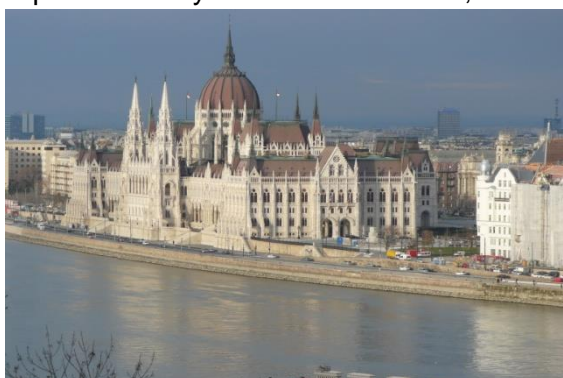


I liked the sports ground where Hungarian students have sports lessons. It was different because around it was school buildings but at the same time it was outside. Their children can play basketball, volleyball and do other activities.



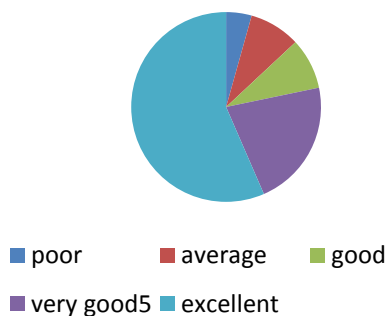
My family was really kind. Family's dad was nice – he learned some Latvian words and sentences and all the time he said “Good morning” ,” Good afternoon” and other phrases in Latvian. It was little bit funny. And they had a bunny which was my room mate – in night time he was noisy and all the time I was wondering what is he doing in his cage. I still don't know that.

We had great tours guide, which was really interested in all excursions so he made every story more and more interesting and funny. Every day we woke up early enough to feel little bit sleepy so it was quite funny to see that all the students looks tired even day is just started. But everything in Budapest was worth seeing, especially sightseeing in Budapest at night – that was so beautiful. I was really impressed by the Parliament, too.

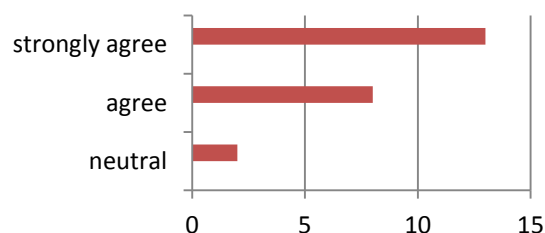


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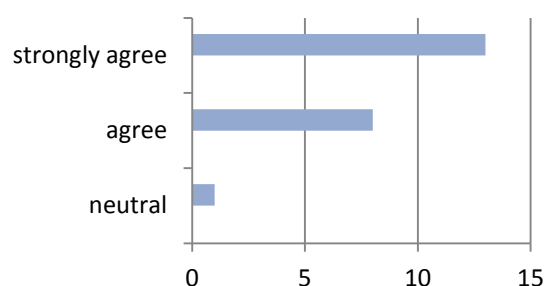
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Some happenings in Comenius Turkey!

My name is Giulia
My school is Collegio
Rotondi

When we were at school we talked about the Comenius project and we spent hours of lessons in this way. But before going to see a hospital of the city (Turkey has to work on the healthcare system), we attended a art lesson where a teacher showed us how we can use a special technique to do paintings with coloured inks. Some of us tried and they said that it's easy and funny because you have only to mix the colours you like to make what you want.



In Turkey, we didn't stay in family but one evening we went out with our



partners to have dinner together: some of us went to their families, the others

went in 'restaurants' to eat typical Turkish foods. In this occasion we also had the possibility of discuss about the differences between our and their culture

Turkish students were very kind because they paid everything we wanted that evening and they looked after us.



When we were in Turkey, we went to Pamukkale, a natural site whose name means "cotton castle" in [Turkish](#). There we could have a walk in the warm water and see the beautiful landscape around us. It was interesting because we saw for the first time a place only made with terraces of carbonate minerals and it was also funny because we spayed each other with water. The day after, we went to the house of Mary and in the early afternoon we saw the technique of painting ceramics. One of the funny things was that our History and Philosophy teacher bought a lot of things, he became friend of the owner of the shop and when we came back to Italy he had his baggage full of ceramics.



My name is Matteo Parravicini

My school is Collegio Rotondi



Collegio Rotondi is very different from the Turkish school we saw. Our school isn't as bounded as the Turkish one. We were impressed by the new building built specially for the Comenius project. We were sit in a room equipped with all the last devices, including even a big screen-board. We saw also a traditional and a very ancient Turkish way to paint surfaces and vases in the art class. It consisted in a creation of fancy patterns using the different density between paint and a sort of oil and then printed all on where we want that.

Italians stayed in a hotel during the exchange in Turkey. However we spent some very good evenings out with our



partners. For example, in Nazilli, we went shopping in the bazar, we ate special Turkish dishes and we tried the famous Turkish coffee. Our mates taught us how to read the future in your coffee cup! We

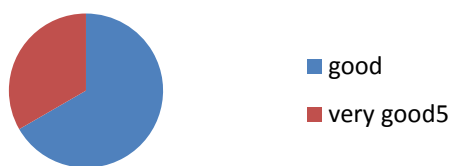


learnt also Turkish dances and danced all together on the last night in Nazilli.

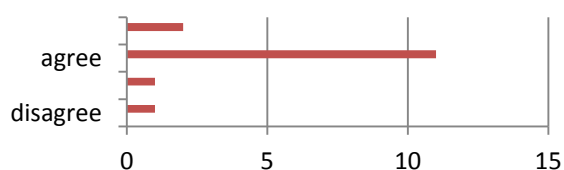


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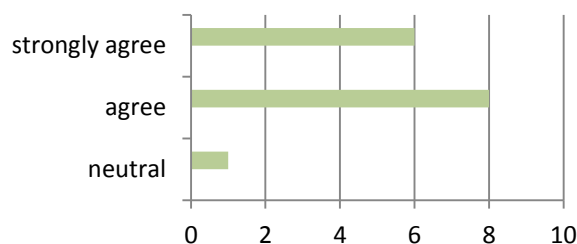
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Some happenings in Comenius Portugal!

My name is Helena Tahmasian

My school is ONC Parkdreef



It is interesting that the school system in Portugal is very different from ours. The fact that the school also had a learning program for disabled children surprised me a lot. Their lessons take place in several buildings and they have the ability to play games in their library which I thought was very funny, because I hadn't heard from it Before. The students are also obligated to

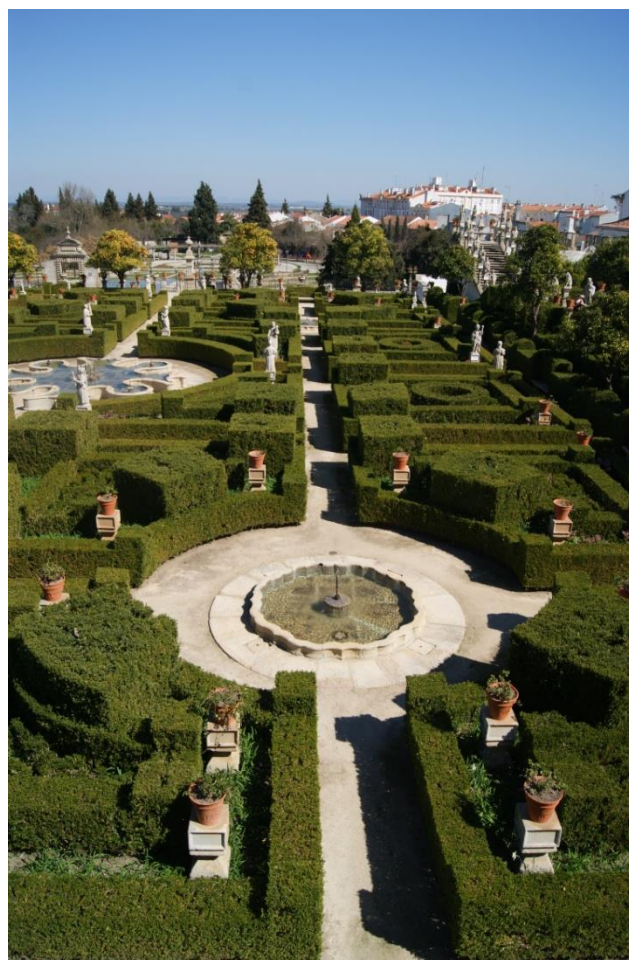


scan their card this will allow them entrance to their school. I really liked the school and its surroundings. Their lessons were very similar to ours. I have been to two lessons Geography and one English lesson.



The first day I came to my host family, I wanted to give them my souvenirs from Holland. The reaction of the father of the host family was very funny. He said that I had to sleep at their neighbor's house if I really wanted to give them my souvenirs. In other words he was just telling me that it was really kind to bring souvenirs, but not necessary at all. I had a lovely stay at my host family, because they were very kind to me and welcomed me with open arms. They taught me a lot about life in Alcains and about their culture!

We had a lot of excursions during the exchange. One of our excursions was to Castelo Branco, it was a very interesting excursion. We had visited a museum and a beautiful garden. However, the small performance of two boys from the music school had the most impact on me. They were playing the xylophone. I liked the performance a lot!





Luis and friends!

My name is Ana Sobreiro

My school is José Sanches de Alcains



Learning is not only through books, we need to communicate and feel emotions about other cultures. This was what we did at Diogo's house, on March 10th.



The host was a unique experience for my family, they learned to live by different customs.



My name is João Silva

My school is Escola Secundária de Alcains

The most funny one was in the first night when we arrived from Lisbon. We went sleeping after dinner, but first one of the guests decided to take a bath. My mom entered in my bedroom saying that the bathtub was covered with blood, so I went checking the guest out, when I arrive there I see him covered in a really little blanket, because he didn't know how to open the bed, he just says to me: "Yeah, sometimes I'm stupid" And I spent ten straight minutes laughing!

When we went to Lisbon to bring them to Alcains, we were not expecting at all to get along so well with them, we started talking with them at lunch and we spent all the afternoon with them, isn't that amazing, they were great guys, with the Danish it took a bit longer, because they were a bit more shy, but we got along pretty well along the week, so yeah, I really enjoyed this experience!



My name is Ália Duarte

**My school is Escola
José Sanches de
Alcains**



It was a pleasure for me to see my daughter in this project and receive Helene and Marie in my house. They are two very polite and friendly girls and I liked the fact that they liked the portuguese food. This project was also important to me because it allowed me to improve my English and meet other habits and also life in Denmark. I hope they have good time in Portugal and I hope that my daughter does not lose contact with Marie and Helene, because they are great people and making new friends is always good.

Manuel Dâmaso (my father)



Theo, Esin and Cansel discussing work

**My name is ...Beatriz
Mendes**

**My school is...
Agrupamento Escolas de
Alcains e São Vicente da
Beira**



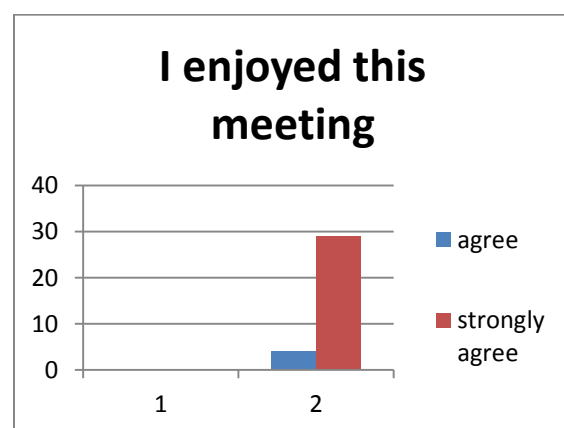
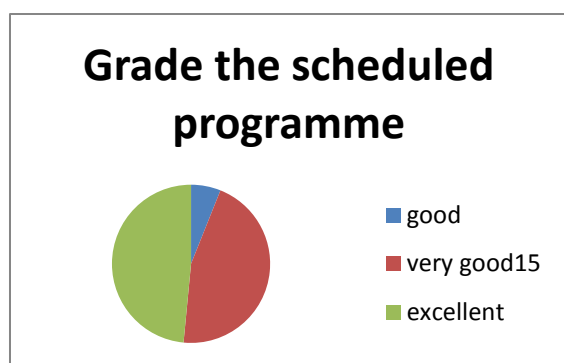
I like so much this fantastic week with people from another countries. I learned many things from the people of Denmark, Holland and Turkey. Hope to talk with them again. Regarding types of my housemates was fun, I learned many things about the lifestyle and also taught them things about our country that was interesting. I hope to see them again soon. It was an amazing week.



And they won the tournament in Alcains!



Evaluation of the meeting in Portugal



Some happenings in Comenius Sweden!

In Sweden Esther and Charlotte from the Netherlands asked some students about the project:

Review of the project

The project contents of students, but what do they think about it?

Some teachers set up this project, but a lot of students are in this project too. Some of them were chosen to participate, others have chosen by themselves. But how do they think about the project? What do they like the most of this all? We contacted a few students and some teachers to ask them about their opinion.

Izabela Cywińska from Poland told us that she will never forget her trip to Sweden. 'I met lots of people from 10 other countries, I know how other schools look, how these people talk to others.



Everything was so different and great. I have learned many things at this trip. I think this project is really helpful, because people can practise their English, met new people and have just some fun.'



Lina Söderström from Sweden also thinks the project is great. 'It is so fun to meet new people from whole Europe'. She also said it is a good project for the teachers. 'To do something and to learn better English.' So teachers, it's not only for fun for you too! ;)

Baciu Robert Emanuel from Roman said the project made him more sociable and gave him the passion to see the world. And he also had a great time. 'I spent good time with everyone, we were like a big family and I already miss everyone...'

Davis from Latvia told us the best part of the project. "Dinner on the first night... I just met Tim like 3 hours earlier... but we were already like the best buddies. Laughed the whole night and the next three days. I had a great time."

It is very good to know they all liked the project. The most important of this project is to meet new people. We all have become good friends. But some of us said that there was not very much time to get to know our hosts better. So maybe, for the trips that are coming, it will be good to have some free time with our hosts to get to know each other better.

Apart from this, everyone thinks of this project as a great project. It is a great opportunity to get to know other cultures, practise languages, travel, and the most important: to meet new people.

We think everyone thinks positive of the project. It is a great experience to talk with people from other countries. It is good to be away from school, but still learn.

So the students all are positive. But what do the teachers think? Do they also like it, or do they prefer teaching classes only?

Enjoy the rest of this wonderful project and we hope to see you all once again!

Mrs. Doth Jacobsen from Denmark told us

that teachers learn from this project too. Her first travel in this project was to Romania. She met so many very nice and lovely people from all the other countries. She thinks it is wonderful to get closer to these people. During this project, she feels stronger than ever that we as Europeans must stick together if we want to solve problems concerning the environment, but also if we want a peaceful world.



In short, Youth Without Borders is a great project. We all get to learn from each other,

By Esther Janse and Charlotte Turfboer

**My name is Dorottya
Törgyeges.**

**My school is Szinyei Merse
Pál High School
(Budapest).**



I really liked the 'fika' in Sweden, because in Hungary we haven't got coffee break.

I became 17 years old, when we were in Sweden and „my family” was so cute,



because they made some cake to me and I got a present from them.

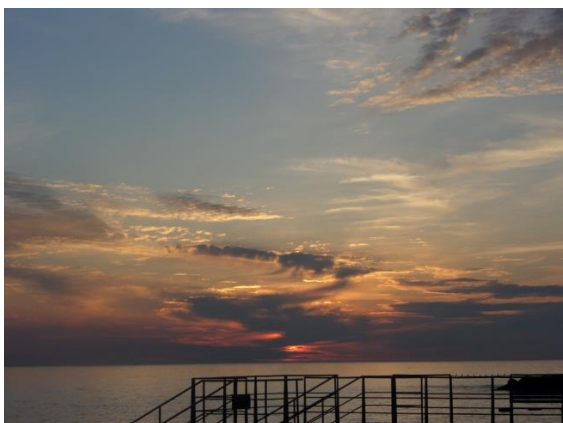


Hi! My name is Miguel, I'm 15 and I came from Portugal.

In the last week I have been in Helsingborg, Sweden. It was a good trip. I review some old friends and make another ones.



Helsingborg and Malmö are beautiful and amazing. I really enjoyed that week. But what was my favourite one? The sea at sunset.



We saw the city monuments and learn about Helsingborg and Sweden history. We experienced the different habits. For example, the Swedish people wake up much more early than we (Portuguese people) do. Consequently they go to bed earlier.

In Sweden they have more advanced cities. More organized, more clean, etc... They also not seem to feel the economic crisis that the rest of Europe feels.

I think that was a productive week and we can use what we learned to improve our lives.

Hope to see you again,



My name is.... Alicia Manceras
My school is ... IES Campanillas



The first time I arrived to my sweden house I got confused when my host started to take off her shoes, she explained to me that when sweden people come into their houses they always take off their shoes and then she got amazed when I told her that it is common in Spain to wear shoes into the houses.

My name is Laura Falcón
Carvajal



Sweden students study Spanish at their school, so when we were there we decided to take part in one of their spanish lessons, we started to speak spanish and they looked at us like if we were speaking chinesse. They got embarassed, only some of them dared to speak spanish with us. It was funny.
Lately



Teachers were so funny and friendly with their students and with us. It seems to be that they are not very stricts. The school was very beautiful and there was something strange for me because they had a lot of sofas so it is very different from my school.



My family was really nice. They were very friendly and considerate. The night we stayed at home, we spend a good time playing some board games.



Marcelo Martins

José Sanches Alcains

The most funny history of the host family was the fact that in the week that we went to Sweden was the Uefa Champions League final in Lisbon and the mother of Frida (student from the host family) went to Portugal to see the game. It was the



reverse of papers. She went to Portugal and me to Sweden.

The visit that I love was the one that some of the students were in the city and they made us a guided tour of the city that I think that is amazing. Lot's of green spaces and not to much traffic.

I also liked the university city and the main reason was the fact of seeing an astronomic clock for the first time.

Hello, my name is Robert, I am 18 and I am from Romania.



What can I say about taking part in the Comenius "Youth without borders" project meetings? Many things!

First of all, it was a pleasure to participate at this project. I have a lot of friends now, I know many things about many countries, I understand better now how the people from other countries think, how they study, how they live. During the meeting, I had the chance to speak for a good while with the teachers, too, and I saw they are friendly, smile, gentle, curious, good listeners. It was a real pleasure to stay and talk with them. I told everyone how special they are.

And also the students were very friendly, I was curious how they are, and I saw they are smart, lovely, kind. I hope I will meet them again. Before starting the meeting, I was very excited. We had to prepare the meeting, all the project stuff, but it surely deserved. Everything was beautiful, like a dream, and after the meeting was over I was upset because the dream was finished. But I surely hope I will take part in a future meeting, too.





In conclusion, it was a great experience, I would participate anytime in such kind of future in projects, and I will explain everyone what a special experience are such Comenius projects. They help everyone change their mentality, their vision, open to the others, learn a lot of new things and making new friends for a lifetime.

AND WHAT ABOUT THE TEACHERS IN HELSINGBORG?

WHAT HAVE THEY BEEN DOING?





Case studies/presentations in Sweden

All the partners and especially the students have been working hard on YWB case studies on the basis of the agreements reached at the kick-off meeting in Romania.

Denmark, Netherlands and Portugal have been working on the case "Labour Market and Economy". In Romania they have decided to focus on: Industry and Agriculture; Public Sector; Service and Transport, on three different levels: the school own town, the region where the school is located and the country. In Portugal the students from the different schools presented their investigations. During that meeting they decided now to focus more on the youth unemployment and therefor they sended a quentionnary to the other colleagues.

Hungary, Latvia and Sweden are in charge of "Culture & Society" Thet prepared some good different presentations and therefor they sended the other partners all their questionnaires, interviews and essays.

Hungary developed: Superstitions, National Traditions and Local Media; Latvia: Art; History; Movies; Music and Opera and Sports, while Sweden: After School Activities; Culture at School; Social Media.

The case on Education is in the hands of Poland, Spain and Romania. They investigated "Higher Education: fields of study chosen by secondary school grades and the changes in this area over the last five years" (Poland); "Scholarships and Grants at National and International Levels" (Spain); "The Educational School System in Your Country" (Romania).

Italy and Turkey are responsible for "Healthcare and Housing". Turkey is mapping the heathcare system in Turkey, They made a nice presentation , making a short film with an interview.



Italy investigated Housing and made a presentation about several types of housing in Italy and other countries. During this presentation day students and teachers could see how much has been done by all of us.

During our stay in Sweden the students had a secret program. They showed us teachers later what they prepared:



Dear Students and colleagues,

A long newsletter with impressions and pictures. I hope you liked it!

Enjoy your summerholidays and see you back next schoolyear in Denmark!!!

Henry van der Vegt



