

Minutes of the Project Meeting in Turkey

Between 20-25 May 2008 the second project reunion of the Comenius Project "Higher Quality in Education with Family Support" took place in Turkey, in the city of Usak. All three partner institutions, Usak Özel Üftade Lisesi, Kaiu Põhikool, Colegiul National "Mihai Eminescu", were represented by both teachers and students

Romanian Team:

Teachers: Mariana Hudrea, Laura Szebeni, Camelia Duta, Ramona Bencze, Flavia Costin

Students: Cristina Alexandra Surducan, Dora Ghita, Silvia Pricope, Andreea Coman, Florina Fanea

Estonian Team:

Teachers: Paivi Aljamaa, Maris Laats,

Students: Marian Maeats, Silje Vokksepp

The welcoming of the two visiting teams was very warm, although it happened at a very late hour. The following morning the participants were re-united and were welcomed by the Turkish hosts at Usak Özel Üftade Lisesi. There was organized a tour of the highschool, an opening ceremony of the project reunion and a short performance of Turkish traditional music.

Then, while the students attended classes with their fellow colleagues, the first meeting, that of the teachers started, where the synthesis of the questionnaires was presented, and the teachers shared ideas, and worked on possible examples of good conduct that should be adopted in order to improve the relationship between school-family-student and thus improve education as well.

After lunch the guests were taken in short tour of the city's center.

And in the evening the visiting guests were invited to a family for dinner. There were nice discussions about the differences and similarities between the three cultures.

The following day both students and teachers took part in a workshop, led by Mrs. Mariana Hudrea, which tried to establish the steps that must be taken in order to create a common strategy to improve teacher-student-family relation and thus contribute to a higher level of education.

After lunch, the guests were invited in a tour of the city's centre.

The next day a wonderful trip in the region was organized and everybody had the chance to witness a great new historical discovery of an archeological site in one of the earliest inhabited places in the world that goes back to more that 2000 BC.

Earlier the next morning the guests were taken to the airport and a warm farewell was taken from our hosts, the Turkish team proving that their hospitality is simply wonderful.