

EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT MEETING – Shumen, Bulgaria – 7th – 12th December 2014

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| Content of the programme | The program was versatile and well arranged | Overall the programme was well thought over, it was nice that there was so much free time | + bread baking because students did something together | The programme gave us the opportunity to meet new people, to visit a new country and to participate in many activities. Furthermore we had a good exercise on our English. |
| The concert – an anniversary of ‘Nikola Vaptsarov’ High School | Lots of talented young people, spent a great time enjoying the performances | There were amazingly many talented students performing! We all enjoyed the concert a lot. | + great performances of the students + poem in different languages was a nice idea | All the students were very talented and the whole presentation was very exciting. There was a big variety of voices and dances. We liked the poem of Nikola Vaptsarov because we heard it on different languages. |
| Bulgarian students’ presentations | Interesting and informative presentations | All the essentials were told, they were informative and easy to follow. | We got all the information we needed | They were very detailed. They talked about Bulgarian culture and traditions. Although we learned many new things it was a little boring because they were talking very fast and we couldn’t understand them. |

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| Ice breaking activities | Funny games that made us interact better. | The students seem to have lots of fun. -fun -didn't like that much | | All the games were very interesting, funny and we laughed too much. Moreover they helped us to getting know each other. |
| Town Hall visit | A hearty welcome by the authorities, a very interesting presentation on Shumen | The film about Shumen was extremely interesting and well done! -maybe a bit too long | The video was a good possibility to get an impression of the city | It was very interesting and we learned many new and useful things about Shumen. |
| Cultural Evening | We tried delicious national delicacies and enjoyed beautiful dances | -well arranged -everyone seemed to have fun -lots of good things to eat 😊 | Great food The traditional music was interesting | The whole experience was very new to us but in the same time very exciting. We were very satisfied and happy with the result. |
| Students' presentations on national theatre plays | Very interesting, we learned a lot about famous authors and plays. | -a little bit boring -some of them were nice and interesting -I liked them | o.k. but there have been better ones in other meetings | It was a bit boring but it was a great effort. |
| Baking Workshop | Funny, we got the chance to work in teams. | -nice, different -it was ok -I didn't like it -I think this is going to the core of the culture of a nation: traditional baking. Excellent! | | It was nice because each team had children from all the countries. We learned how to make bread and we tried to make bread again in Greece for our Christmas celebration. |

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| Work on dialogues and plays “Peace in my heart, peace at home, peace in the world” | It was very nice and easy to co-operate with the other students. | The students seemed to enjoy doing this. All the comments were praising and the groups worked well together | | At first it was difficult because there was no communication. Some children didn’t show interest but finally we had fun and we made our relationship stronger. |
| Visit to regional historic sites: Madara, Pliska | Interesting and informative | -The students didn’t really like it. -The teachers liked the visits, they were well organised | I can imagine that it is beautiful in summer, unfortunately it was very cold that day but it was still good to see these places (the museums were not so interesting) | Very useful and interesting visits. |
| Students’ performance – final play | A great work put together in a short time. | -fun -a lot of talented students -really enjoyable -the students were able to cooperate very well | I didn’t like it that some of them were sitting on the stage with their smartphones because they didn’t learn their lines well organised | The outcome was very nice and funny and all the students enjoyed it. We were glad to see that everything went well. |
| Osmar Wine Cellar/House Museum | Pleasant atmosphere | -a warm atmosphere during the visits -it was nice to see this old house with authentic furniture and décor and the pianist was creating the good atmosphere -we had a lot of fun there | Good to see an old building and good opportunity to try/taste regional products | It was an excellent experience! |

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| Trip to Varna | It was fun getting around the city and having a look at the monuments and sights. The visit to theatre was a nice way to spend our time creatively. | -Everyone hoped that we had had more time in Varna and in the mall! -Varna was a great surprise, because it was so pretty and the sea was beautiful. Want to visit the city again! | The puppet theatre was the best! | The town was beautiful and there were a lot of monuments. The museum was something special and we felt very proud to be Greek because the museum had signs which were written with letters from the Greek alphabet, so we could read them. The Mall was huge but we needed more time to shop. |
| Leisure activities - free time with hosts | During our free time, we got to know each other better. We did many activities together such as cooking, shopping and going for walks. The hosts were very friendly and really made us feel as if we were home! | -This was one of the best things about the trip! | | We did many activities like visiting the monument, going for walks, shopping and we were hanging out all together in a club. We spent a great time not only with our host but with the other Comenius children. |
| Hotel Zamaka | | -A good basic hotel -the staff were very helpful and friendly | Absolutely fine for the price, good location | +Very nice and comfortable! -Poor breakfast. |

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| Bulgarian hosts | We hope we were good hosts. | -lovely people -I am very grateful that I was able to visit Shumen and got to know all these beautiful people -I loved my host family! | | Some hosts were friendly and they made us feel comfortable but some of them didn't show the same interest for the activities. At home they tried to give us everything we wanted but they could be more socialable. |
| Communication and cooperation | The communication and cooperation are improving with every meeting. | -No problems -Everything went smoothly | Open, honest, friendly The Bulgarian students speak really good English! | All of us tried the best because we didn't know each other. We managed to make many friendships. We had fun and we did a lot of jokes. Finally we've got closer with the others. |
| To improve in the next project meeting | | -nothing -I cannot think of anything. -Maybe a bit more free time | Less breaks (use the time more efficiently) | -The meeting should last more days because when we started to have real connection with the others, we had to leave. -The teachers should be participate to the activities and the games. |

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| Content of the programme | Rich and various, very interesting | It was good. We liked it a lot. However, sometimes there was too much waiting. | Great programme. It had something for everybody. |
| The concert – an anniversary of ‘Nikola Vaptsarov’ High School | A bit too long, but nice, particularly as regards the idea of reading the author’s poem in different languages | It was really fascinating. Great the students showed various talents. | This concert showed how talented the Bulgarian students are. |
| Bulgarian students’ presentations | Very good | They were short but very interesting. We learnt the most important facts about Bulgaria. | Interesting information and also useful. |
| Ice breaking activities | Lively and involving | Some games were really great and funny but others were a bit boring. | Funny activities for the students. |
| Town Hall visit | Interesting, especially for the documentary about the Madara platform | Good idea to spend time but the movie about Bulgaria was a bit too long and a bit boring (teachers think it was very interesting!) | interesting meeting and the movie took us in the Bulgarian atmosphere. |

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| Cultural Evening | Amusing and involving, particularly for music and dancing | It was a wonderful time. Well organised. | Extraordinary, as always. |
| Students' presentations on national theatre plays | Very accurate and close to the meeting's topic | Every team was well prepared and some of the presentations were really interesting. | As always, interesting. |
| Baking Workshop | Very original initiative to us | It was a creative and unifying idea. It was funny. Bread was delicious. | Fun and useful for bonding to each other. |
| Work on dialogues and plays "Peace in my heart, peace at home, peace in the world" | Students did a very good job | The topic was very interesting and so was work on dialogues. | The plays were full of messages. The time spent working on them had a lot of funny moments. |
| Visit to regional historic sites: Madara, Pliska | Both very interesting, despite the bad weather | Despite the weather, it was great to visit the most important places of Bulgaria. Very educational and interesting trip. | Pure history lesson |
| Students' performance – final play | Very good: they were clever at including all different suggestions into their performance | Both of the performances were great, especially the Romanian one. Performances were funny and educational. | Good acting. Great lines. Beautiful actors. |

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| Osmar Wine Cellar/House Museum | Good experience (wine cellar): new for us. | Informative and a lot of fun with friends☺ | A good moment to know the history and enjoy the time spent with friends. |
| Trip to Varna | Interesting visit to the house museum, too. | It is a really interesting city, but I think we spent too much time in the museum. We had too little of free time in the centre. | Many beautiful places seen in such a short time. |
| Leisure activities - free time with hosts | Very good, above all for the archaeological museum | The best part of the meeting. We had a great time in Shumen. | The time with the hosts was used to learn about the Bulgarian history, the traditions and about everyday life. We realised that we are so similar. |
| Hotel Zamaka | Students and teachers enjoyed them a lot | OK – clean and decent rooms. Breakfast was not varied. | Cosy, warm. We felt like home. |
| Bulgarian hosts | Good accommodation for both rooms and meals | They were really great, lovely and friendly! They took care of us all the time and we hope we will see each other again. Our hosts spent all the time with us and they did all of the things with us. | Extraordinary people. |

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| Communication and cooperation | Students were strongly satisfied by their warm friendly hospitality | Everything was ok. Almost everyone was very communicative | Great work. |
| To improve in the next project meeting | Very effective: excellent! | Meetings should be longer. | Better and better every meeting. |