

## EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT MEETING – Tychy, Poland – 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014

	<b>Bulgaria</b>	<b>Finland</b>	<b>Germany</b>
<b>Content of the programme</b>	A great fun for teachers and students, amusing breaking-up activities that created a lovely and friendly atmosphere at the very beginning.	The program was versatile and well arranged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ the programme was diverse and varied</li> <li>+ it was good that we did “our duties (e.g. the presentations and the sketches)” and the cultural evening at the beginning of the week because then we could enjoy the rest (e.g. Cracow) more</li> <li>+ we think it was good idea to see Auschwitz</li> <li>+ it was very good that the Polish hosts were allowed to come to Cracow with us</li> </ul>
<b>Polish students’ presentations and a quiz about Poland</b>	Interesting and informative presentations introduced in a funny and creative way.	very interesting, clear and enjoyable, we actually learned quite a lot about Poland!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ it was good to get to know the country better</li> <li>+ we liked the signs with A, B and C on it</li> <li>+ it was good that everyone had to participate in the games</li> <li>- a microphone would have helped to understand everyone better</li> </ul>
<b>Ice breaking activities</b>	Amusing games, great organisation.	-fun, everybody got to know new people. We especially liked the task where you had to find out about people’s common interests within a small group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ it was great fun, especially the game with the princesses and the castles</li> <li>+ it was good to get into contact with each other because you also came physically closer</li> <li>- it was too loud and it was hard to understand everyone → it would have been good to split the group into even smaller groups and to go to other rooms</li> <li>- it was hard to remember the names; name tags would have helped</li> </ul>

<p><b>Presentations about a play ‘Say whatever you...’</b></p>	<p>Very interesting, we learned a lot about lots of famous authors and plays.</p>	<p>-some were hard to understand -some were really boring -Bulgaria and Finland were the best</p>	<p>+ for us the Bulgarian presentation was the best one - it was very hard to understand and follow the presentations so that we did not really know what the plays were about in the end; idea: What about having a short summary (about 10 sentences) of the plays printed for everyone so that you have a short overview before you listen to the presentations? - sometimes it was too much text/information</p>
<p><b>Cultural Evening</b></p>	<p>We tried delicious national delicacies and enjoyed beautiful Polish dances.</p>	<p>-we enjoyed especially the traditional Polish dances (performed by the folk dance –group)</p>	<p>+ the Polish dances were great but two would have been enough (+/-) + it was good that more countries prepared a dance than in previous meetings + the moderators were very good - the karaoke was a bit chaotic and it was difficult to sing in a different language</p>
<p><b>Work on dialogues and plays “Say whatever you..”</b></p>	<p>We were short on time</p>	<p>-not fun, lack of proper instructions, students didn’t know what to do</p>	<p>+ it was fun to rehearse for the play - it was not possible to combine the different sketches because the ideas were so different</p>
<p><b>Acting Workshop- movement theatre</b></p>	<p>Very good, we were able to put together great things in a short time</p>	<p>-a totally new experience! fun!</p>	<p>+ it was very interesting to learn about how to move your body to bring across a message without saying something + it was very good that we had a result at the end we could perform on stage</p>
<p><b>“City conquest” - game</b></p>	<p>Very fun and very tiring</p>	<p>-frustrating because of waiting -boring</p>	<p>+ it was very good that we had international groups - the places we saw were very far away from each other but we think that you cannot do anything about it</p>

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<b>Tour of Tyskie Brewery</b>	A great chance to taste one of the best beer in the world. Thank you!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-interesting as the guide was pretty good</li> <li>-it was nice to sit down together with all the teachers after the guided tour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ interesting tour</li> <li>+ it was good that the guide explained the different parts of the tour to us at the beginning</li> <li>+ the guide was very good</li> </ul>
<b>Students' performance – final play</b>	Students were very artistic and imaginative. A very useful workshop giving the opportunity to learn about movement theatre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-group 1 performed well</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ it was good that the plays were filmed</li> <li>+ we had a lot of fun to act the plays on stage</li> <li>- it was hard to understand everyone because some did not speak loud enough and because of the different accents</li> <li>- it was not possible for us to learn the whole text; thus, it was good that we could see the script with the beamer while acting</li> </ul>
<b>Trip to Auschwitz -Birkenau</b>	A touching experience. We found out a lot about the history of Auschwitz concentration camp.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-we REALLY liked it</li> <li>-the best part of all activities and outings</li> <li>-the guide was totally the best</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ it was very interesting for us to see it but also very depressing, especially because we are Germans</li> <li>+ the headsets were very important to understand the guide</li> <li>- we did not like it that one student made a joke about Ausschwitz to us, so we directly told him that we do not find that funny</li> <li>- the group was too big</li> <li>- it would have been better if the tour would have been more interactive (e.g. by asking the groups questions, listening to personal stories, e.g. by eye-witnesses) but probably that is not possible</li> </ul>

<b>Trip to Cracow</b>	A lovely city with beautiful medieval architecture and the impressive Wawel Castle	-too little time to explore the city on your own -it was difficult to hear what the guide was saying	+ the theatre itself was not that interesting but the actress was brilliant + there was enough time for free time activities - the guided tour around the city was very boring
<b>Leisure activities -free time with hosts</b>	Great, a lot of fun, friendly atmosphere, visiting a lot of places	-our hosts took us to fun places	++++++ We had a great time! We did something together EVERY evening! We would have liked to pay for ourselves but we did not have a chance! So THANK YOU!!! ++++++
<b>Hotel Tychy</b>	Clean, nice staff, rich breakfast	a good basic hotel with a good breakfast, no complaints	+ a very clean hotel + good breakfast + friendly staff + good price + very close to the school
<b>Polish hosts</b>	Hospitable, kind, helpful	-very nice and friendly, spoke good English	+ We LOVE EVERYONE (the Polish students, the parents, the grand-parents...)!!! - we are very sorry that we could not eat all the food you have offered us ;-)!
<b>Communication and cooperation</b>	Awesome, we had fun with everyone	-no problems because of good English	+ it was not a problem for us at all to communicate in English + one of our students only talked to his Polish host in German because he wanted to improve his German + no one felt alone in the evening because we always met + we got on well with each other and did not have any problems at all

<b>To improve in the next project meeting</b>	-	-more free time to teachers ☺	+ NOTHING! It was a perfect stay for us! - the only thing we would like to change is that we would like to have a short written summary of the different plays (cf. comment “Presentations about a play ‘Say whatever you...’”)
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	<b>Greece</b>	<b>Italy</b>	<b>Poland</b>	<b>Romania</b>
<b>Content of the programme</b>	Different Cultures on European Stage is a very interesting and exciting programme which affords one the opportunity to meet people from a different civilisation.	Well planned. Very detailed.	+ Content of the programme was very interesting and creative, professionally prepared. We didn't have the opportunity to get bored :) This program gave us a lot of wonderful new friends and a lot of amazing and unforgettable memories. - There was too long break between students' performance and lunch on Wednesday.	The program was well balanced. Not crowded, nor boring. In one word PERFECT.
<b>Polish students' presentations and a quiz about Poland</b>	The girls who did the presentation did a good job as we now know many things about Poland. As far as the quiz is concerned, it was fun competing with the other countries and helped us broaden our horizons.	The presentations were quite satisfactory. The quiz has involved students and us. Well prepared.	+ Very well prepared. Everyone was involved in this. We also learnt a lot of new things. Beautiful photographs and a huge variety. + The quiz was a great idea because everyone could learn something about our country. - The quiz was a bit too easy.	Very interesting and full of new information from all fields of activity.

<b>Ice breaking activities</b>	That part of the programme was essential as it literally helped us “break the ice” and get to know the rest of the adolescents.	Funny and motivating. The variety of proposals gave dynamism to all the activities.	+ It was a very important time spent together. Some activities were pretty funny. Great opportunity to get to know one another. - Some activities were a bit boring and it was too loud in the common room.	Funny games that made us interact better.
<b>Presentations about a play ‘Say whatever you...’</b>	We feel that everybody did their best to present something reasonable but it was a little tiring as the presentations were too long. However, it was a great effort!	Despite the decision not to use ppt, all the countries (except ours) proposed it. However all presentations were of very high quality and creativity. We liked above all those ones that involved the students as actors, i.e. Bulgaria and Greece.	+ We admire every group for everything what they have done :) All of the students were really well prepared. - But some presentations were too long and a bit boring.	Very interesting presentations for all the countries. Made by the imagination of all participants.
<b>Cultural Evening</b>	The Cultural Evening was great as we had the chance to try traditional food from each country, learn how to do a particular traditional dance and last but not least it helped us build stronger bounds with the other students.	Really appreciated the traditional Polish dances.	+ Well-organised. + Fantastic meeting and the coolest way to get to know other cultures! We liked singing songs as an integrating activity. Karaoke was the best part as everyone was relaxed and happy. + A lot of delicious food, dances and nice atmosphere. + Folk dances – great idea! - Bad quality of sound of karaoke.	We learned more about the countries involved in the project and about the culture of Poland.

<p><b>Work on dialogues and plays “Say whatever you..”</b></p>	<p>It was very nice and easy to cooperate with the other students even though some of them did not show interest.</p>	<p>Quite well even if the students should have had more time to rehearse and play (but we know that is quite impossible)</p>	<p>+ We did a good job and we had a lot of fun to act these plays.          + Inspiring activity because we felt like actors.          + Good that we were working in groups, which made our relationships stronger.</p>	<p>The students were able to communicate and exercise their acting skills.</p>
<p><b>Acting Workshop-movement theatre</b></p>	<p>The workshop was something unusual that we did for the first time. It was fun acting and playing with the rest of the students, but we feel that it lasted for too long.</p>	<p>Students were given the possibility to role-play and express their own creativity.</p>	<p>+ Professional and funny. Amazing experience with a really creative teacher.          + Everybody could try a movement theatre with real pleasure.          + Thanks to this project we had a chance to notice what work in a theatre „behind the curtains" looks like.          We felt like professional actors and we had fun (as always :))          + Unusual workshop - we learned how to express ourselves with our bodies.</p>	<p>new experience, surprisingly interesting. We would like to experience it again.</p>
<p><b>“City conquest” - game</b></p>	<p>The City Conquest game allowed us to move around in Tychy, take many photographs and have a look at the sights the city offers. We also got around with the means of public transportation, which was very educational.</p>	<p>Funny and instructive. It was an excellent way to get to know about Tychy.          Teachers missed this opportunity.</p>	<p>+ Very interesting. Everyone can say that it was worth the effort to do sightseeing in this way!          - Just a little bit tiring (but it was because of all the day out).</p>	<p>The game made us learn and see interesting new things</p>

<b>Tour of Tyskie Brewery</b>		Very interesting. (Fortunately nobody got drunk!)	Interesting and “connecting people” ;)	Funny, pleasant, interesting, tasty. We enjoyed every minute of it
<b>Students’ performance – final play</b>	The plays presented by the students were interesting but we did not fully understand the concept of the first play. Nevertheless, it was exciting watching people like us act on stage, knowing that the play was written by them.	Students were quite able to create a final short play about the topic, despite the short time available.	+ Really good work of both groups. We did it very well in this short time. “I think that teachers were proud of us. We made something really amazing. We made the play by ourselves. We played it. We performed it! I think that everyone should receive their own Oscar!” - Maybe the plays should be a bit longer.	A great work put together in a short time. Good for their future.
<b>Trip to Auschwitz - Birkenau</b>	The visit to the Auschwitz-Birkenau museum was amazing but emotional at the same time. What we mean by that is that it was a unique opportunity visiting a museum like that, but it was emotional as it was sad having a close look at the past. Last but not least, the tour guide did an excellent job.	Worthwhile: necessary to go there. A unique and unforgettable experience.		Touching, emotional, full of history. The words cannot express the feeling inside our minds.
<b>Trip to Cracow</b>	Cracow is an amazing place! It was fun getting around the city and having a look at the monuments and sights. Moreover, the visit to theatre	We should have been given more time to visit such a nice old capital city. Probably we wasted some precious time walking to and from the Groteska Theatre. Interesting visit and explanation	+ Even though the weather wasn't so good, it was a nice and very interesting trip :) + The Polish group also learnt something new about Cracow.	Beautiful places. Both from architectural and historical point of view.

	was a nice way to spend our time creatively.	inside it (a bit too long and repetitive at the end).	The guide told us many stories which we hadn't known before. + The tour guide was really good. - Too little time (2,5 hours) for individual sightseeing.	
<b>Leisure activities -free time with hosts</b>	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!	Polish students really friendly with their Italian partners. They always went out together with them but they rarely met with all the other students (probably they lived far from one another)	+ WONDERFUL, we believe that everybody had a great time together, we were meeting every day - we were speaking, laughing, dancing. We enjoyed the time with our guests a lot. + Probably the best part of our meeting. + We were like a big family (especially during last evening) :)	We spent a great time with the hosts and their families. We had good time together. Not only with our hosts but with the other hosts and guests. We had a great cooperation.
<b>Hotel Tychy</b>		Quite near the school. Kind staff. Great variety of food at breakfast.	Conveniently located and they offered a big discount for the guests.	Cosy, great services, quiet, we felt the warmth of a home.
<b>Polish hosts</b>	We were very pleased by both our hosts and their families. They were very hospitable and kind. Finally, the gifts that we got from them will always remind us of our stay in Poland!	Very friendly and hospitable. Almost all the members of the families spoke English or however tried to communicate with their guests.	We hope we were good hosts. Engaged, helpful, friendly. Definitely we are happy to have hosted the foreign friends.	Great people involved in the project. We felt like part of the family.

<p><b>Communication and cooperation</b></p>	<p>It was very fun and easy co-operating and communicating with the other students as we were all getting involved in many activities with enthusiasm. Through these activities we all got closer and created some very good friendships!</p>	<p>Great availability to the dialogue and disposition to different agreements. In addition to official meetings, dinner time has always been a moment of staying all together, sharing ideas and comparing our “different cultures”. Teachers A &amp; A were perfect.</p>	<p>Everything was alright :) Everybody could speak English very well. Sharing funny memories, jokes, experiences made our relationships stronger and stronger each day.</p>	<p>The communication and cooperation are improving with every meeting.</p>
<p><b>To improve in the next project meeting</b></p>		<p>Nothing. Thank you!</p>	<p>Next meetings should be longer... Five days is not enough ☹ More free time during trips so that hosts could show a place to the guests on their own.</p>	<p>NOTHING.</p>