

Description of the project activities that have been implemented so far

The registration number of the project being implemented within the framework of the Hungarian-Slovakian Cross-border Cooperation Programme 2007-2013 called “Further On In Europe Together” is: HUSK 0801/113

The leading Partner and seat of the Project is The Skolsky Internát. In Kosice (Medicka 2. Kosice)

The Hungarian Partner is: Petőfi Sándor Középiskolai Fiúkollégium (Bajcsy-Zs. Str:33. Miskolc 3527.)

The first stage of the project lasted from 15 September 2009 to 15 January 2010.

The project’s opening meeting took place in Kassa (19 October 2009.), and it was covered by the local press and media. The results of the gathering were entered into minutes and photos of the event were taken.

During the months of September and October 2009 the two partner institutions conducted opinion research via a parallel questionnaire carried out in both schools to try and determine the then held attitudes of the target-groups towards the two neighbouring countries and regions.

The second milestone of the project was the international, ecological and environmental camp held in between 20-21 October in Szilvásvárad. At this event 20 persons, (Slovak and Hungarian pupils, accompanying teachers and casual teachers giving lectures and organizing contests) took part. The programme included the examination of soil and water which was conducted in nature, as well as a contest concerning ecological “things”. The pupils and teachers alike had a great time.

According to the programmes included in the project, between 5-7 December 2009 the Hungarian Partner visited Slovakia, 20 students and two accompanying teachers in order to get acquainted with the Hungarian minority and their traditions in this country. The organized activities of the visit were the following:

5 December 2009 in Jánok We learned about the history of the area, looked at fine art and folk art exhibitions and then participated in the programmes of an international Nativity play.

6 December 2009 in Kassa We were present at a holy mass celebrated in Hungarian, then visited the Rodostó Museum. Competitions and contests were held in the Skolsky Internat in Kassa. Finally, we visited the Christmas fair on the main street of Kassa.

7 December 2009 in Kassa We paid a visit to the Hungarian primary and grammar school (in which the language the children are taught in is Hungarian.) We attended a lesson.

The object of the programme was achieved. The target group got an inside view of the life of the Hungarian minority in Slovakia and of the “Felvidéki” traditions.

The first third of the project was closed with the project controllers’ corporate meeting which was held in Miskolc on 15 January 2010. It was registered into minutes and an attendance sheet was filled.

At the meeting we evaluated the results of the project we had implemented up to that point, and checked the tasks concerning reporting. At this very meeting we checked the events of the project’s second stage and made preparations for the ski-camp which was held in Plejsy in Slovakia between 8-12 February 2010.

The Hungarian and Slovakian students who took part in the “camp” had a great time and spent four nights and five days in a very picturesque site. The programme reached its aim because all Hungarian participants got to know how to ski at a basic level and got information about the country.

Between 28-30 January 2010 We organized a job fair workshop in Miskolc with the participation of our Slovakian partners. By means of the programmes the participants could get an inside view of the systems of the two neighbouring regions’ vocational education. Also, they could have a view of the prominent persons who play decisive roles on the employers’ side of labour market. In addition they got acquainted with the chance of finding a job.

Besides these things the participants paid a visit to two industrial establishments (the local industrial unit of BOSCH in Miskolc and the wind power plant in Felsőzsolca).

The Hungarian students who participated in the events of the project were chosen – without exception - by way of an open (inner) application.

We fulfilled our prescribed publication and information obligations. In the institution we set up a bulletin board and use the prescribed logos on correspondence and publication materials related to the project. Moreover, our common homepage was also born in the spirit of our efforts to satisfy this obligation.

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