

On March 21st 2015, in Egaleo (Athens, Greece), the second transnational meeting of Erasmus+ “Programme Esther Educating Emotions in Europe” (2014-1-ES-01-KA201-003437) began.

The following members attended the meeting:

Spain: María del Mar García Navarro

Ana María Fernández Toledo

María Amparo Martínez Rubio

Portugal: Vera Sebastião

José Amoroso

Latvia: Jūlija Ņikitina

Elvīra Švilpa

Hungary: Márta Baloghné Krajcsovicz

Dr. Péterváriné Weinhardt Mónika

France: Nadine Tosques

Laurence Lesbleiz

Greece: Magda Zervou (primary teacher and school coordinator)

The attenders of the meeting were accompanied by other teachers all the time.

In this second meeting the following agreements were made and the following activities were undertaken:

Saturday 21.03.2015

15.00 Welcoming the Hungarian partners at Omiros hotel (Spanish and French partners had already arrived the previous day).

17.00 Walking tour in Plaka area and dinner with the host teachers. Welcoming the Latvian and Portuguese partners.

Sunday 22.03.2015

9.30 Guided tour at the Acropolis rock and the Acropolis museum.

20.00 Welcoming dinner reception for all partners in Egaleo, with the participation of all host teachers.

Monday 23.03.2015

9.00 Welcoming all partners at 6th Primary School of Egaleo. Tour of the school, visiting kindergarten and primary classrooms.

10.00 Welcome event at the school's auditorium. Presentations of partner schools to our pupils and teachers. Songs, dances and short plays prepared for our guests by the pupils.

12.00 Coordination meeting regarding the project activities. Presentation by each country of the activities carried out in each partner school so far, description of difficulties encountered. PowerPoint and video presentations from all partners were shared and given to the coordinator for dissemination and uploading to the project website and Twinspace. The A.13 task "Radio Program" was delivered by France, the rest of the partners are to finish and deliver it to the coordinator for uploading soon after the meeting. The file should be in mp3 format, and its duration about 15 minutes.

Discussion on the activities to follow during the next school term. Concerning activity A.19, Spain will share more information especially regarding the validation quiz about the pupils' thought patterns. The A.20 task "Lipdub about motivation" is to be finished and delivered during the meeting in Hungary (May-June 2015). It was agreed that children from each partner school will choose a song in their mother tongue that would express feelings, plan the direction of all the scenes and create the lipdub in such a way to express the staircase of motivation. The pupils may stand on a staircase holding papers with the expressions "I can't do it, I won't do it" etc., and they would express it with their faces too. The A.21 task "Informative leaflet" will be discussed and decided in Hungary and it will be finished by September 2015. Also, the evaluation activities (A.23) for the first year are yet to be defined and discussed.

Concerning the parents' tutoring, France explained that they organized a meeting with parents to inform them about the project, and they were also given a talk by a specialist. Greece explained that they had arranged with a psychologist to carry out 3 talks starting from March, but the arrangement was cancelled due to personal issues of the psychologist. They made other arrangements but they are scheduled for May 2015.

The time originally allocated during this session included the discussion of the Intermediate Report, but none of the partners had any new information regarding the report, apart from its deadline on April 30th. The coordinator had a response from the Spanish Erasmus+ agency that said we should wait for the form and also for the platform to upload it, since the Mobility Tool will not be used before summer. Greece noted that in their contract, the Intermediate Report's deadline is on September 30th, confirmed also by the Greek Erasmus+ agency.

16.00 All partners and some teachers from the host school participated in an Antistress workshop tutored by Dr Glykeria Reppa. The participants explored stress management and relaxation techniques, and exercised cutting the circle of stress by using Balance and Reform technique (psycho-neuron-muscle coordination).

Tuesday 24.03.2015

10.00 All partners, accompanied by the host school's Headmistress and teachers, visited the Mayor Mr. Dimitris Birbas at the Egaleo Town Hall. They watched a video about the

history of the town, delivered the Manifest and exchanged gifts with the Mayor. The Mayor spoke about the history of Egaleo, the importance of exchange programs in general and especially in education. The Esther partners stressed the importance of Emotional Intelligence in forming the future citizens.

11.00 The group visited the Local Director of Primary Education Ms. Georgia Psara, delivered the Manifest and talked about Emotional Intelligence programs and activities being incorporated in the school curriculum. Everyone stressed the importance of European exchange programs in broadening the horizons of educators.

12.00 Partners explored the area of Egaleo, the ruins of the ancient “Holy Road” leading to Elefsina, but also the contemporary shopping streets.

15.00 Visit to Cape Sounio and the temple of Poseidon.

Wednesday 25.03.2015

10.00 Coordination meeting regarding the project website and Twinspace. The coordinator showed the English version of the website which is now ready, and the private area in particular which can be accessed by each partner after registering and entering a password, in order to upload the activity files. There was a discussion about the necessity of the private area, since the website is mainly for dissemination purposes and also there is the project’s area on Twinspace where partners may collaborate and share files privately. It was decided that the website’s developer from Spain will be consulted and the discussion will continue about the use of the private area. The main objection lies with the fact that there is an obligation from the European Commission to use Twinspace, therefore using two platforms for the same materials is not efficient.

The discussion continued regarding the best way to organize the project’s repository on Twinspace. Portugal proposed to create a folder for each partner country where we would upload the activity files, numbered with the unique code number of each activity. Twinspace was accessed in order to have a small demonstration on how to upload files and a folder with each country’s name was created.

The partners also finalized the dates and details for the forthcoming transnational meeting in Hungary (June 2-7, 2015) and discussed about the next meeting in Latvia. A change between the meetings in France and Portugal was proposed by both countries and accepted by all participants. Consequently, the meetings for the school year 2015-16 will be: Latvia (possible dates September 27-October 2, 2015), France (possible dates January 16-21, 2016), Portugal (possible dates May 29-June 4 or 5, 2016).

Portugal and Greece raised again the issue of the duration of the meetings and whether we are obliged by regulations to have 5 working days + 2 travel days. It was decided that we will call the national Erasmus+ agencies to get confirmation on the matter.

Two of the partner delegations departed for the airport. The rest had a farewell lunch in a local Egaleo tavern, accompanied by the host teachers.

Thursday 26.03.2015

7.00 The remaining partner delegations depart from Omiros hotel to the airport.



In recognition whereof, I sign the present in

Egaleo, March 26th, 2015

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