



# **“ROOTS AND OFFSHOOTS”**

## **ERASMUS + PROJECT**

### **2018-2020**

REPORT OF THE FIRST LTTA “STEP INTO MY SHOES”  
BULGARIA 14- 18.01.2019

#### **Summary of the project**

Sometimes people(students, parents, teachers, and administrators) are comfortable living in the shells of their own existence. They are satisfied with the status quo, choose to interact with those from the same religious backgrounds, cultural heritage, and political affiliations. They prefer their days to be filled with very little questioning, or feather-ruffling, or challenging. Sometimes they consider the alternative views of others to be wrong, not just different. From an educational perspective, this is downright dangerous. According to Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union the Union is based on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, respect for human rights, including the rights

of persons belonging to minorities. We, the partners from Bulgaria, Lithuania, Italy and Turkey, now have an enormous responsibility to ensure that our students develop cultural awareness and are engaged in acts of citizenship, not only within our schools and surrounding areas, but as active members of the global community.

The objectives of the project are derived from the current challenges of education in Europe:

- to build pupils' cultural competences, including students from different background, in terms of becoming culturally aware, gaining cultural knowledge and achieving cultural skills through creative activities
- to improve pupils' linguistic, communicative competences in different European Union languages
- to make the pupils learn to use ICT to do some activities of the project and virtual collaboration and leadership skills
- to enhance the quality of students' education by exploring good practices in partner schools and adopting them in teaching and learning methods and curricula of each school

## Present at the meeting



### Italy :

Mrs. Di Dia Rosaria

Mrs. Panzavecchia Maria Elena

Mrs. Di Gregorio Maria Soccora

Students: Campo Sonia

Alduino Anastasia Maria

D' Alcamo Stefania

Ferro Giuseppe Samuele



### Lithuania

Mrs. Virginija Dudiene

Mrs. Rita Podolankiene

Students : Aronas Nagys  
Ieva Radzeviciute  
Karolina Mazeikaite  
Kornelija Samoskaite



**Turkey**

Mr. Veysel BUDAK

Mr.Mehmet SOYDAN

Mr.Caner KURT

Mr. AHMET EVREN GÜRDAL

Students: Sıla METİN  
İlkim Altındaş  
Seymen Can  
Seymen Ağırverir

**Decided activities for the whole project in general:**

- Bulgaria will organize the workshop “Building cultural awareness”, will create the questionnaires to evaluate the aspects of project and report the results
- Lithuania will be responsible for organizing Dancing and Singing Concert;rules for Tolerance club
- Italy will organize “ Parents Make a Difference evening”
- Turkey will create and update the website of the project. They will also be responsible for the introduction into digital storytelling and making digital story(“How to communicate well with people from different nations”)
- Italy, Lithuania, Turkey will write short story(Story about friendship). Bulgaria will be responsible for the cover and printing of the book.
- All partners will be responsible for creating quizzes for evaluation of pupils’ knowledge on cultural diversity and cultural heritage.

## **Activities or products which we presented during the LTTA**

### **1. ERASMUS + corners**

Each school showed the photos of their school's Erasmus + corner on which they presented and announced their findings about the project (photos, articles, interviews, news)

### **2. The Logo Competition**

All the participating countries have announced a logo competition in their schools and they chose the best three ones after the competition. The official logo of the project was elected during the first meeting in Bulgaria.

### **3. PowerPoint presentations / video of every country**

Each country made a presentation using power points, videos ,photos etc. to introduce their country,city and school briefly. Thus students and teachers attending the meeting got information and idea about eachother.(Where they live,what is their city and school like)

### **4. Workshops**

<https://view.genial.ly/5c0bcf1163c61b0204a859db/interactive-content-building-cultural-awareness>

#### **“Building Cultural Awareness”**

During the workshop "Building cultural awareness" pupils and teachers were acquainted with the terms 'culture' and 'diversity', they discovered and discussed the dimensions of diversity and increased knowledge on the ways their own culture affects their relationships with others. In the end of this LTT activity pupils made commitment to study an aspect of their peers' culture and report the results.

<https://view.genial.ly/5c2760beb47b536e4b3611dd/interactive-content-commitment-to-diversity-plan>

#### **“How to make homemade yogurt”**

The workshop was organized by parents. Mrs. Gullihan Hacıhoca made the presentation and information about Lactobacillus Bulgaricus was given. The participants had the chance to try homemade yogurt made by Mrs. Zehra Abaz.



## 5 Website

The website of the project was created by the Turkish school and presented by Mr. Mehmet Soydan

<https://www.rootsandoffshoots.com/>



## 6. Cultural activities

The activity was complemented by cultural activities- educational trip to Plovdiv (Capital of Culture 2019), Peristera fortress and Kostandovo(factory for handmade carpets)

**During the meeting we decided the dates of our next mobility**

LTTA "CULTURE IN DIGITAL ERA" - **08- 12.04.2019**, Izmir, Turkey

We discussed about the activities and products have to be completed before the meeting in Turkey

**P13 02-2019**

Book“Story about friendship” : creation of a story about different approaches in accepting and embracing diversity

The second part of it is written by a partner school. (Lithuania)

**P14 02-2019**

Chat between the pupils involved about their Commitement to Diversity plan(Turkey- Italy)

**P15 03-2019**

Discussion between teachers involved in the project in eTwinning to exchange information about work done so far and to help Turkish colleagues in organizing the meeting in their country.

**P16 03-2019**

Gathering of materials for Digital story”How to communicate well with people from different nations"- pupils will research information from different sources about the way people communicate with friends and persons they do not know in their country.

**P17 03-2019**

Pupils will record short video which will present different communicative styles. These materials will be used for creation of digital story ”How to communicate well with people from different nations"

