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The 3rd Project Meeting was held in Bucharest, Romania, in the period 24th – 28th April 2013 and was organized by the partner institution ISMB – Inspectoratul Scolar al Municipiului Bucuresti (The School Inspectorate of Bucharest).

18 members of the project teams from 7 countries took part in the meeting representing the following partner institutions: **Fundacion Docete Omnes Foundation – Spain** (Ms. Fatima Carmona Sanchez and Mr. José Luis Dessy Martínez); **Selçuk Yaşar Dyeing Technical and Industrial Vocational High School from Izmir – Turkey** (Mr. Bilgin Erem, Mr. Tansal Durgun and Ms. Gülçin Tonbak); **Konya Karatay Guidance & Research Center from Konya – Turkey** (Mr. Gürkan Atila and Mr. Murat Akman); **High Vocational School of Transport from Razlog – Bulgaria** (Ms. Emilia Ivanova Yordanova, Mr. Ilian Mekushin, Ms Svetla Adamichina, Ms Elena Kisova and Mr. Borislav Ivanov); **Association for Environment & Development from Hannover – Germany** (Mr.Georg May and Ms Ayse Sagir); **1st Vocational School of Trikala – Greece** (Ms. Voula-Paraskevi Fliouka and Mr Georgios Kotsis) and **The School Inspectorate of Bucharest – Romania** (Ms. Cristiana Mateiciuc and Ms. Claudia Putura).

The discussion sessions were held in two different venues: the Economic College “Virgil Madgearu” and the Secondary School “Sfintii Voievozi”, thus the guests could become familiar with the learning environment and characteristics of the Romanian education system for primary and secondary levels as well as technical and professional education.

The meeting began with welcome greetings from the managerial team of the School Inspectorate of Bucharest: Mr. Constantin Traistaru – General School Inspector of Bucharest, Mr. Florin Lixandru – Deputy General School Inspector of Bucharest, Mr. Cristinel Paun – Inspector for human resources, Mrs. Cristiana Mateiciuc – Inspector for EU programmes and the Headmistress of the Economic College “Virgil Madgearu” – Mrs. Roxana Ionescu. The speakers welcomed the guests, wished them a pleasant and fruitful stay in Bucharest and assured them of full support and commitment of ISMB team in achieving the project objectives and accomplishing the project outcomes.



The main discussion topics focused on a systematic analysis of the questionnaire results; partners' presentations of Virtual Companies such as "good practices"; aspects of the implementation of the project; next project activities (the E-book, the 4th project meeting in Germany, dissemination activities, the intermediate report of the project, finalization of the second common newsletter) and the evaluation of the meeting. The meeting moderator was *Fatima Carmona Sanchez*, representative of the partner institution – Docete Omnes Foundation Granada, Spain who thanked the participants for their involvement and emphasized once more the importance of respecting the deadlines and continuous communication within the partnership.



On the first day of the meeting, during the coffee breaks, the participants had the opportunity to attend the presentations of Virtual Companies held by Romanian students in the National Competition with the title **Business Plan** that was taking place at the Economic College "Virgil Madgearu".



The discussions sessions had positive results and all the meeting objectives were achieved. There were also made clarifications regarding the deadlines and work plan and responsibilities for each partner institution. Where necessary, there were made adjustments at the format of the outcomes so that they would meet the requirements of the project and acquire value for the project and sustainability in the future.

During the meeting, the hosts prepared a balanced agenda that combined the discussion sessions with the cultural activities. The participants could discover the Romanian traditional songs and dances and traditional Romanian dishes during the dinner in a



traditional restaurant. Another cultural activity was the visit at the Palace of Parliament (the House of People) where they could find out important information regarding the recent history of Romania and the visit in the mountains at the Bran Castle completed the historical background with aspects of Romanian past.

The cultural *bridges* built during the meeting in Bucharest included not only the chance to discover the Romanian cuisine, culture and civilization but also exchanges of souvenirs and traditional cookies among the participants.

At the end of the project meeting Ms. Fatima Carmona thanked the participants and the hosts and expressed her beliefs in the success of the project.

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The 4th project meeting was held in Hannover, Germany, between 25th and 29th August 2013 and was organized by the team of PROJEKTWERKSTATT UMWELT UND ENTWICKLUNG which were very well coordinated by Mr.Georg May and Ms. Ayse Sagir.

The meeting had all the ingredients for success: fruitful discussion sessions on project tasks and outcomes, good practice exchanges, informative materials, a little input of German culture and civilization through history, architecture and cuisine and a pinch of adventure.

23 participants from 7 partner countries took part in this meeting representing the following institutions: **Fundacion Docete Omnes Foundation – Spain** (Ms. Fatima Carmona Sanchez and Mr. José Luis Dessy Martínez); **Selçuk Yaşar Dyeing Technical and Industrial Vocational High School from Izmir – Turkey** (Mr. Yilmaz Yacin, Mr. Hasan Avhan Avcan); **Konya Karatay Guidance & Research Center from Konya – Turkey** (Mr. Gürkan Atila; Mr. Fatih Demirtas Necip; Mr. Alı Senel Dede; Mr. Atnan Akda); **High Vocational School of Transport from Razlog – Bulgaria** (Ms. Emilia Ivanova Yordanova, Ms. Mariva Milina, Ms Elena Kolcheva); **Association for Environment & Development from Hannover – Germany** (Mr.Georg May; Mr. Engin Uzuncay; Mr. Hüseyin Oguz Genc and Ms Ayse Sagir); **1st Vocational School of Trikala – Greece** (Mr. Christos Efstathiou and Mr Nikolaos Ntogas); **The School Inspectorate of Bucharest – Romania** (Ms. Cristiana Mateiciuc and Ms. Claudia Putura) and **Doumag Ltd - Cyprus** (Mr.Dimitrios Magerais; Ms.Chrisolva Pvoti; Ms. Konstantina Zachari; Ms.Panagiota Karageorgou).

The meeting programme started on Monday, 26th August, in a practical way with the participants attending the annual “Fair of Ideas”, Germany's largest natural science and engineering event, a perfect place for students to find out more about technical and vocational centers. The fair exhibited not only the latest range of products for the target customers but it also exhaled the spirit of research among young people - with fun, creativity and interaction.



The next day, all participants took part in the project discussions which focused on the latest task developed by the partners and their outcomes: review of the e-book, the 3rd common newsletter, presentation of each partner's plan for the next outdoor activities. Ms. Fatima Carmona Sanchez disseminated the information about the next generation programme ERASMUS +. In the afternoon, the tasks for the following period were



set and each partner's responsibilities were settled regarding the questionnaires for the trainees, the 4th common newsletter, dissemination of the project on each partner institution's website, setting the next meeting dates. At the end of the day, each responsible from each partner was interviewed to make a TV and Radio show in Hannover.

The meeting in Germany had as a defining mark the good practice examples that the participants were exposed to. On Wednesday, 28th August, the participants visited the best practice school company WALDORFSCHOOL where they were impressed by the good local management and the self-sustainability of the school.



In the afternoon, they visited Leinehertz Vocational Education Center. Being welcomed and also guided by the manager of this institution, the participants could find out many information about the dual vocational system of education in Germany, they could see the well-equipped workshops, they could find out about the efficient database that puts together the demand and the offer for vocational and technical education.

The day did not end until 4 o'clock next morning as a bomb from the World War II that a construction crew working in Hannover's old town had unearthed a ten hundredweight had to be defused. Although everybody was evacuated from the hotels in the city centre and had to spend the night elsewhere, this situation turned into an advantage for the participants in the meeting as they could spend more time socializing. All the participants agreed that the Hannover meeting was very productive, interesting and educative.