



International Comenius Meeting  
**To see is to know. All our destinations.**

Mering/Germany 01-05 June 2013

**1. How do you evaluate the program of the project meeting in Germany ?**

- The project was well thought and well organized. Every moment of the program (workshop, visits, excursions, the show) were impeccably organized.
- I enjoyed every day and every moment of the meeting. I think the visited places gave us a better idea of the world-wide known Bavaria. The Power Point presentations showed us what we've done during the two years of our project. I liked the Bavarian music and dances.
- I think that the project meeting in Germany was a great experience. The fact that we had to talk always in English was an important advantage for all of us. The program was very well prepared: we visited a lot of important places, places that are deeply rooted in the history of Bavaria. Also it was a very good choice that we stayed most of the time with the entire group so that we met people from different cultures and we shared our experience as students and as teenagers.
- I liked the Comenius project a lot. It had good organization on the trips, although they were sometimes a bit boring. It has been a great program – the activities gave me lots of information about Germany that I didn't know. It was all very well organized and the experience was very positive for me.
- The experience has been truly positive. It seemed to us that it achieved its aim of letting the visitors get to know the region and its people. The programme content, very good, varied, but the activities were perhaps a little too extensive, without practically any free time to explore something on our own. However, I think that the

best thing has been the great opportunity for shared experiences between the visiting teachers, the hosting teachers and the students.

- The program was interesting and varied. We got to know the small community that Mering is, and we got to see the big cities (Munich and Augsburg). The rural side of Bavaria, and the urban side.
- It was an interesting program with sightseeing trips (even though rain), meetings, good meals and very good talks with European (lot of laughs).
- The programme was really well organized in Germany. We have strictly obeyed the programme and time schedule in spite of the heavy rain ).Thanks to all German friends, especially to dear Helga, Katherina, Beate and Rahsan.

## **2.What did you learn about Germany and German people?**

- Germany is a beautiful country, developed from the economic point of view, with a high standard of living, which is not visible crisis felt. Germany has a well-organized infrastructure, transportation and telecommunications that work perfectly. About the German people I know that it is a fair, hardworking people, characterized by precision, reliability and punctuality. Now I know that is also a very friendly and very welcoming people.
- Even if I've visited Germany before and Munich, this time I discovered new interesting places, like Ulm, Augsburg and Lindenberg. I also learnt a lot about German history, about Ludwig II and his castles. German people were stereotyped as cold people, but it seems now that they are much warmer than others.
- Germany is like a puzzle with a lot of breathtaking pictures. I believe that Germany is a place where you can find everything: traditions, castles, medieval buildings but also modernity and very well organized industry. German people are communicative and hospitable and they were always aware of our needs. I learned a little bit of the history of all the places that we visited and I enjoyed the most the trip on the Romantic Road.
- I learnt about the way of life in Germany, about its typical food, traditional dances, and I had a good experience with the people I met there. I learnt some information about Bavaria, about its lakes, monasteries, and about the people – their traditions, number of inhabitants...I got to know places in Germany I didn't know before and interesting traditions, which surprised me. I was also nicely surprised with the

German people who welcomed us, who were much nicer than the image that we normally have of the Germans.

- We have verified that in Germany they tried to make us feel at ease. They have been kind and friendly. We have learnt a lot about traditions, folklore, food, history and other aspects of the region of Bavaria. Despite the rain we have been shown the beauty of their countryside, their small medieval towns and the cities of Augsburg and Munich. We have experienced firsthand German hospitality, something that particularly in the school was evident, as well as during the trips.
- In our meeting with the German people we learned that they are friendly and did all they could to make the stay as good as possible. The hospitality was exceptional. We got to see a great deal of Bavaria, and learned a lot about traditions in this region (food, culture, history).
- During the first project meeting held in Mering between the dates 01-05 June, we have observed the German hospitality. We have learnt many things about Bavaria, Munich, Mering and Augsburg. We have learnt what does discipline mean in Germany. Also, we admired working desire of Helga and her friends. We were really impressed by the richness of German culture. Also, by the help of Grzegorz Nowakowski we have learnt “comment ça va?” and “Comme ci comme ça“. This was the motto of project meeting in Germany

### **3. What were the best aspects of taking part in this project meeting?**

- The best aspects of taking part at this project were: the knowledge of teachers from other countries, the approach to teaching styles or evaluation, knowledge of life styles, behaviors, habits of different, I've known fun facts about culinary specialties of each country in the project, I practiced English in real communication situations, I've made many friends and I opened up a new perspective towards future projects.
- Meeting new people and speaking a lot of languages, discovering German cuisine and knowing better German people. It was amazing and very enriching for me.
- First of all the fact that I improved my English skills. Secondly I learned in a interesting way about the Bavarian places. Furthermore I have to say that in this project meeting we had the opportunity to discover a little bit of all the styles of living

in each country. All in all, to take part in the project meeting in Germany was an advantage for me because now my cultural horizons are more developed.

- The best part was the people I met from all different countries and I had a great time. My exchange girl was very nice to me and I have invited her to come to Gran Canaria this summer so that I can see her soon. To meet people of our age from different countries, with different traditions and opinions. Also to be able to visit foreign countries. The best aspect of this experience has been meeting people from different countries and being with them for a few days.
  - The aspect that stood out the most is without a doubt the Comenius spirit that grows and develops in these meetings: affection, living together, knowledge, exchange...it has been gratifying to see that communication between teachers and students of different countries is possible. Throughout this meeting, and those before, we realised that we have learnt a lot about each other. The fact that we brought together people from such different countries has been evidently enriching for everyone involved. At this meeting in Germany, in Mering, we could see this once more.
  - The best aspect is to meet all the other participants from all over Europe. The formal part of the meeting is one thing, but the informal interaction is just as valuable, to exchange knowledge, perspectives and values through dialog.
  - I've met wonderful people (I got to know the people so well, just out of 4 days) and I had occasion to get to know something about other European countries.
  - With a cooperation of schools from different EU countries developed under the programme of Comenius School Partnership, the students and the teachers had a chance for making new friendships, analyzing different education systems and discovering cultural, social and economical features of Germany.
- All of these led to promoting intercultural dialogue among partner schools. At the end of the project, the students and the teachers learnt to respect all people in spite of being different from each other.

#### **4. Is there something you were particularly satisfied or not satisfied with about the project meeting?**

- I wasn't too satisfied about the rainy weather, but I ignored it and I enjoyed every moment.

- The only bad thing was the weather that doesn't want to be our friend. Otherwise I believe that the project meeting in Germany was an amazing experience for all of us.
- I am satisfied with all the trips and experiences we had, and above all with the family – with whom I felt very comfortable. Yes, I'm satisfied in terms of my ability to adapt to the traditions and the language of each country. The main reason for my satisfaction is having participated in this project and the good treatment we always received from the people that we met.
- Our personal valuation is very positive, all aspects of the meeting were of equally high standard. The only negative element has without a doubt been that we had to reduce the number of days we stayed at this meeting, and that because of this the program was so adjusted, with barely any time for free time to disconnect, relax or for bringing about “out of program” activities. Perhaps one or two days more would have given a better balance overall. And, obviously, something which escapes the control of any organiser of these meetings: the weather – the rain that accompanied us those first days and that spoiled some of the activities, but this is clearly no one's fault. Thanks to Helga and her team for all they offered us during our time in Mering.
- It was a great meeting with a great program, and I think the German team did a great job adapting the program to the external factors (the weather)
- I am very satisfied. The program could give us more opportunities for a little more time on your own, but now I think that it was wonderful experience.
- We were really satisfied with the programme, it was perfect. There was only one unsatisfying thing; hotel. Our rooms were very narrow, so we couldn't move inside. To sum up; we believe that these kind of projects are building new bridges between the nations and Europe becoming more and more united.