

International Comenius Meeting **To see is to know. All our destinations**. Kristiansund/Norway 20. – 24. September 2012

## 1. How do you evaluate the program of the project meeting in Norway?

- The exchange of ideas with fellow teacher in their own country is very important to improve communication between the European countries. The program was great and very interesting. Perfectly organized meeting, very good choice for visits. All the teachers offered us great hospitality. We would like to express our satisfaction with the good organization, the ideas that encouraged the teachers and the students of different nations to work together./*Germany*/
- The program turned out to be a great success. Needless to say, it provided all participants with a wide range of exciting activities and interesting experiences./*Poland*/
- In one word, the programme was magnificent. The programme was really interesting for us. Seeing the fiords in Norway can not be expressed by the words, you should go and see them. */Turkey/*
- It was highly positive, instructive, enjoyable as well as nice because of the learning exchange, warm welcome and stay in a beautiful and quiet place./*Spain*/
- I think that the program was well thought. In the program were included different moments which helped us to communicate very well with each other./*Romania*/

## 2. What did you learn about Norway and Norwegian people?

• The Norwegian nature is very impressive also in fall. We saw interesting sights, learned about the Norwegian school system and tasted delicious national food. The

Norwegian people are very open minded, hospitable, sympathetic and live close to the nature./*Germany*/

- First of all, I found out not only about Norwegian culture, customs, architecture, inspiring landscape, traditions, cuisine but also about the people themselves. This particular meeting made me realize how kind, warm-hearted, hospitable and openminded Norwegian people are. It is a beautiful country with a cold climate, breathtaking mountains and smiling, fun-loving people. */Poland/*
- Before going to Norway, we were thinking that Norwegian people is as cold as Norweğian weather. On the other hand, when we went to Norway we saw that it is just the vice versa. Norwegian people are really warm-blooded and helpful. By the way, we have to say that, we were fascinated by the fiords and Vangshaugen./Turkey/
- We learnt where Kristiansund is, what it is like, the school, the beautiful landscape at that part of Norway and a little bit about their history and traditions. We also noticed that salmon and cod taste more delicious there! On the other hand, Norwegian people were really polite and helpful, not only teachers and students involved in the project but also parents, the headmaster and all the ones we met. They explained everything with dedication, professionalism and kindness, sorting out every single problem or doubt to everybody. Everything was perfectly organized and arranged. We feel very grateful to all of them./*Spain*/
- Norway is a country where nature is incredibly beautiful: great landscapes, mountains, fiords. The Norwegians have a high level of living and they like to leave behind the comfort of their home in order to spend much time in the middle of this pure nature, that could be a national symbol. They know how to cook tasty salmon and sweet brown cheese<sup>(2)</sup> What else did I learn? That it is possible to be deputy mayor at age 26. Well ... I missed that chance <sup>(2)</sup> /*Romania*/

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

- It was a great experience for us being part of the "Comenius family" and the "European Idea". We met wonderful people of different nationalities, we got to know their culture and way of life. It was very interesting experience./*Germany*/
- This project predominantly enabled us to explore Norwegian small Eden, take delight in some breath taking views and learn about wildlife in some parts of Norway. Moreover, I had the opportunity to become familiar with Norwegian system of education and visit a particular school, which gave me a good insight into the way Norwegian schools function. By sharing my teaching experiences with

other teachers from partner schools I had a chance to compare and contrast various schools including Polish one. Last but not least, students from all partner schools integrated very fast, and one could easily notice good atmosphere, relations among pupils, which proves that the meeting was well-organised and met everybody's expectations. / *Poland*/

- Our students and teachers really liked the days we spent in Norway. We were all very happy. The programme was perfect and the parents was really sensitive against our students. The school was decorated in simple way but used very effectively. Also, we liked the Norwegian cuisine very much, especially the fishes./*Turkey*/
- Everything mentioned in the previous answer made this meeting worth the effort to get there in such a long trip. People, landscape, learning about different traditions and cultures, food and sustainable development in each "small Eden" from all the participating countries derived on an unforgetable warm meeting, where no flags were raised and there were no more expectations but enjoying the moment, giving and taking as much as possible through this international hug. /Spain/
- We shared experiences and information, we socialized with teachers from other countries. For students, this meeting was a great convenience to find out how is to be a Norwegian pupil and to compare with their status./*Romania*/

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

- It was fantastic staying for one night in an old cabin in the Norwegian mountains. We were fully satisfied with the project meeting as we mentioned above. /*Germany*/
- The meeting was on such a high level that it is difficult to find any shortcomings. I was particularly impressed by the superb organisation of all trips, meetings and meals. All activities were perfectly arranged so that participants could enjoy the comfort of spending time together and exchanging their opinions freely./*Poland*/
- We were pleased with the efforts of Norwegian friends, they dealed with the every details even the small ones. We want to thank you all Norwegian friends especially to

Jan, Lars, Karina, Ola, Runde, Trund and the parents of the students. Thanks for the wonderful days in Kristiansund./*Turkey*/

- The Spanish teachers and students were very satisfied about all the project meeting. Our only setback had nothing to do with the organization, it was perfect! as I said before. To make it cheaper, we flew from Canary Islands to Kristiansund in four different flights and other four to come back home. As one of the flights was cancelled, we had to spend the night in Hamburg and our arrival to the meeting point was one day delayed. It does not seem that much, but at the end, our trip took three days travelling (instead of the two arranged) and the stay in Norway took just two days. We missed the activities programmed for the first day. So, I would suggest the trips to take shorter and the stay longer, just in case that some participants cannot arrive on time because of any unexpected event. I'll finish by saying: "Thank you so much to everybody who made it possible"./Spain/
- The projects showed us the particular aspects of people's (Norwegian, Polish, German, Spanish, Turkish people). I liked that very much because, on this way, I saw a piece of their soul and identity./*Romania*/