

International Comenius Meeting **To see is to know. All our destinations**. INSTITUTO DE ENSEÑANZAS MEDIAS JOAQUÍN ARTILE Aguimes /Spain 07-11 March 2012

1. How do you evaluate the program of the project meeting in Gran Canaria ?

- The program was very good. Teachers and students were very nice, warm and friendly. Interesting programme, good organisation, lot of teachers were involved including the school headmaster. /*Germany*/
- The program was interesting and varied. They also managed to stick to the program, and that is quite an achievement. */Norway/*
- The program in Gran Canaria was really well prepared and organized. It was
 perfectly balanced between work, free time and sightseeing. We had a chance to meet
 each other, to learn many things about our Spanish friends and their beautiful island.
 Although the program was full of different activities and attractions we managed to
 accomplish all our aims, including those concerning the mini project "Identity of
 stations". /Poland/
- Excellent. The programme was a balanced combination of cultural insight of the area and specific work on project activities, of student and teacher activities, of formal and informal exchange of information./*Romania*/
- The project meeting in Gran Canaria completed its purpose. The exhibitions of photography prepared by students and teachers showed in a very interesting way the main point of the meeting: the mini-project "Identity of Stations". Students presented in a very nice and natural way the aims and the results of their work. Thanks to their presentations we could really learn interesting things about the stations of their countries. The whole program was interesting and varied. I could really get know the place we were and taste the best Canarian food every day. */Poland/*

- The best. I enjoyed every sunny day and every moment of the meeting. I think the activities established for this mini project took place exactly how we expected. I liked the idea of the exhibition which was really nice organised. The room chosen for the presentation was very pleasant and I felt as in small museum with all the pictures on the walls. */Romania/*
- The programme was perfect. We have really learnt many things and had a nice time together. Thanks to all friends, especially to dear Antonio, Hose Pepe, Fefi, Alahandro,Loli, Filiz, parents and all other friends./*Turkey*/

2. What did you learn about Gran Canaria and Canarian people?

- Gran Canaria is a beautiful island and we learned about the six other islands and their population. Canarian people are hospitable, friendly and open-minded./*Germany*/
- We got to see the authentic Gran Canaria, and despite the fact that we live so far from each other, we organize our lives in similar ways. The Canarian people were openminded and accommodating as hosts, and very hospitable. We got to learn about their history, nature, food and culture in general. It was very interesting. */Norway/*
- During the meeting in Agüimes we had a chance to meet fantastic, hospitable and kind people who were willing to talk and help at all times. We learned a lot of about the fascinating history of the island and the town itself. We was also able to admire the nature on Gran Canaria, its beautiful beaches, cosy towns and hills with breathtaking views. /*Poland*/
- I was particularly interested in the history of the islands and I have added to my background information of the world aspects connected to: the lifestyle of the Guanches- aboriginal inhabitants of the island, the Spanish conquest at the end of the 15th century, Columbus's experience in the islands on his quest for routes to the Indies.I also experienced the present lifestyle, including the local cuisine, of which I most enjoyed the fish and seafood and the almonds (almendras). The landscape, with the spectacular gorges and ravines of Guayadeque and the dunes of Maspalomas, was particularly impressive. The journey was, last but not least, an opportunity for language teachers, in particular, to check comprehension and even start producing Spanish words and phrases, an attempt I intend to persevere in and practise on, in the future./*Romania*/

- Canarian people are very nice and warm, they are kind, happy, tolerant, they are valuable. But what I estimate the most is their hospitality they took care of all thing in a special way. Everything was very well prepared and organized. The teachers, the students and all their school made a really great job to make us feel comfortable and safe in the foreign surroundings. I find Grand Canaria as a magnificient place to visit. It has a unique climate, beautiful lanscape with several hidden places that when visited take you to the world of dreams. As it is for example Guantanamo canyon, not to mention the romantic beaches./*Poland*/
- Many things I didn't know before: about "calima", the Sahara wind, about the great beaches, about Guyadeque and the aborigine people that populated the island before its conquest, about the "tapas" that we ate continually. The Canarian people are very open and warm and with a really relaxed way of considering everything that happens./*Romania*/
- We have learnt that Canaria Island consists of seven islands. Total population is nearly two million. On the other hand, in Gran Canaria 800.000 people are living in Harmony. In my opinion Canarian people are all warm blooded. / *Turkey*/

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

- Meeting people with different culture and learning about them. We love to meet people from different countries. It gives a great opportunity to take part in people's lives and to know differences and similarities in education, school organization, didactic methods and teachers attitude. This is the best way to know a country and its inhabitants. */Germany/*
- To meet all the teachers and pupils from all over Europe, to exchange knowledge and experience about our cultures and our countries. It was great to see that we all had interpreted the mini project 'Identity of stations' fairly equally./*Norway*/
- The best aspect of the project meeting for me was a chance to meet different people who sometimes live far away from us. It was great to exchange the thoughts and ideas and to find out that, although we differed, we also had very much in common. Seeing how students and teachers by working and spending time together become friends proves that the efforts were really worth it./*Poland*/

- I think that the best aspect of this project meeting was to cooperate with various nations. I could observe the result of pupils work put in the six different ways. Even if the subject of the mini-project was the same, each country prepared it in its own special way. There was a great opportunity to meet new people (wonderful people), getting know their beautiful Island, their way of living and their culture./Poland/
- Meeting new people and speaking a lot of languages. I've never imagined that I will speak English and French and a little bit of Spanish. It was amazing and very enriching for me./*Romania*/
- With the help of this project meeting, our students and teachers had a chance to make good friendships. They had a chance to seeing different countries, life styles and people. We have gained different vision too. / *Turkey*/
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4. Is there something you were particularly satisfied or not satisfied with about the project meeting?

- We are very satisfied with all the aspects of this project meeting. Exponents of many European cultures met here and we all were able to very well communicate in the same language. We were trilled about the participation of so many local teachers. */Germany/*
- All in all we are satisfied, but if we're going to put our finger on something; maybe a few small coffee breaks now and then, just to keep the energy level up./*Norway*/
- The staying in Gran Canaria was satisfying in all aspects. The people we met there were fantastic, our students were overwhelmed by the hospitality and kindness of the hosting families. The places we visited were all very interesting and the food was delicious. I wish it had lasted longer./*Poland*/
- I was particularly satisfied with the effects the meeting has had on my students, offering them the chance to interact and benefit from all sort of exchanges with the other students and motivating them, to a very high degree, to achieve performance in foreign languages and not only. */Romania/*
- Whole meeting was very satisfactory. Everything had its special mood the village, the hotel, the food, and of course the people. I'm very glad I could participated in this special event. I really enjoyed staying in Gran Canaria and I regret we couldn't stop the time! But because of the special mood created by our hosts we all could know each other well, and leave Gran Canaria with the best memories we have ever had. */Poland/*
- I enjoyed every sunny moment and every piece of the blue sky. /Romania/

• We have observed that our Canarian friends are really lucky. They are living in good conditions; We were satisfied with the every stage of the programme which was well organized. We are satisfied especially with the parents too. Thanks to dear Adrian and his father Pako and his mother. They were interested in Turkish students very much. We could not find any dissatisfying thing during the meeting. It was like a dream for us and for our students. Also, we want to thank you all friends from Romania, Poland, Norwegian, German and Canarian. I have to admit that we have got different life styles, believes and cultures but we have learnt living in harmony. The most important thing is we respect to each other. We are like flowers having different shapes, colours and smells but living in the same garden in peace.By the way, we have been in an island but unfortunately could not able to eat fish=))))/*Turkey*/