



International Comenius Meeting
To see is to know. All our destinations.
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1. How do you evaluate the program of the project meeting in Turkey ?

- The program we attended in Turkey was quite well organized including a series of very interesting historic sights. They managed to make good presentations and to answer all questions of the foreign teams.
- We are impressed of the program and how easy they managed to follow it. Everything seemed to work without serious problems. The program had a good balance between work with the project and sightseeing/tours. We liked the idea that students work together by their own. We would have liked to receive the program earlier.
- The organization of the meeting was excellent. They combined great time working with the time of cultural visits. At the meeting there were many cherished moments: lunch at school, visiting Cappadocia, visiting elementary schools and secondary schools. In short, I loved the meeting in Turkey. Congratulations to the Turkish Coordinator.
- The results of the project were excellent. Apart from learning different things about the Turkish culture, I also had the opportunity to cope with the different stereotypes that we usually have in mind when we travel. These preconceptions were totally wrong, not only from our students' point of view but also from teachers.
- I think it was a very good and interesting program, full of activities. The meeting was important occasion to see and evaluate a very different school realities and culture. The atmosphere was fantastic and we were offered traditional Turkish meals which were delicious.
- The programme was organised very well with many activities and tourist objectives which I really enjoyed visiting.
- In my opinion the Turkish project has reached many goals. The general approach for evaluating the project involved: assessing each country's mini-project, increasing the ability of people to travel and, in the same time, to protect

the environment, improving connectivity with areas outside the region (for ex Cappadocia), contributing to the expansion intercultural relation between teachers and pupils from all over the world.

2. What did you learn about Turkey and Turkish people?

- Everybody we met in Turkey was very friendly and the hosts of the students were welcoming hospitable. Traditionally tea is offered in most of the occasions before or after meetings, as well as in private shops. The students of all ages are here very polite and respectful especially with their teachers.
- We learned that Turkey geographically is a very big country with a lot of beautiful culture and nature. We learned that the Turkish people are a proud people and that they like to present their country to people who know to appreciate the Turkish treasures. We also learned that they are to trust and that they are very hospitable and curious on strangers. We learnt very much about both history,.
- They are very nice and friendly. They offer you all they have. geography and people. We were taken around on very interesting tours and visits.
- Turkey is a nice country to visit. Although their lifestyle is different we share common needs and feelings.
- I really liked all of Turkish places we visited. There are parts of the Earth which do not seem really belong to - Cappadocia is one of them, a strange and spectacular landscape from the pages of science fiction. We learn lot of things about their culture, history, school system. Turkish people are very hospitable.
- I learnt that this country is a very original combination of traditional and modern aspects where people are very hospitable, talkative and friendly. I liked it so much that I would like to go back with my family as well.
- I have learned that they have a very rich culture and an amazing cuisine, an interesting history. I was particularly impressed with the friendliness of the Turkish people, with their hospitality and lack of prejudice. They proved to be open-minded, warm and with a charming sense of humour.

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

- To have a good glance into a complete different culture and mentality than the West European traditions. One very interesting moment was the visit of the largest mosque of Karaman where we had the chance to speak with the Imam who asked also the Muezzin to give us a short part of his call for prayers. The visit of Cappadocia with the cut in stone churches from the beginning of the Christianity and its spectacular rock formations was exciting.
- Special for the young ones, the meeting with Turkish culture is of great value. We may think because of globalisation that our cultures are more similar than they really are. And also for the adults this cultural experiences are of great value.
- In general, it was the cultural exchange among teachers and students and the opportunity to travel to other countries.
- The interaction with the involved countries in this project, specially Turkey.
- I've met wonderful people and I had occasion to get to know something about other countries, education system and I could practice my English.
- One positive aspect of this project meeting was the fact that I came in contact with teachers and students of different nationalities. I particularly liked the fact that I had the opportunity to find out things about the Turkish educational system and other foreign schools' and bring home ideas to my colleagues and headmasters. Moreover I appreciated the Turkish team's effort in organising this visit in a professional way. Last but not least I think that I am glad that my students had the chance to practise their English by socialising with teenagers from other countries. To conclude the whole experience has been enriching both professionally and personally.
- The best aspects of taking part in this project meeting were: having the opportunity to visit one of the best known regions in the world and exchanging experience with teachers from diverse educational systems.

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

- We were pleased with the efforts of the Turkish team to present us their educational system from kindergarten to secondary school as well as some historic aspects of the passing over centuries of civilizations through their territories.

- The tour on Monday to Cappadocia, as mentioned above, was excellent, and also our two extra days. Discovering Karaman on our own was very interesting and once more a special thanks to our guides on the trip to Taskale. We also enjoyed all the meals, and the hotel had an amazing localization.
- I am satisfied with the personal treatment and the event organization.
- I feel satisfied because you can always learn from a different culture, but I think we should have stayed for a few days more, because the journey was a bit tiring. That means that we had a great time.
- I am very satisfied with all the aspects of this project meeting.
- I have one small complaint about the project meeting and this is related to the fact that I didn't have the possibility of spending more time in Turkey. All in all I have nothing else to complain about. I really liked the Turkish coordinator's involvement in dealing with all our demands and questions.
- I can say without any reserve that I was extremely satisfied with the organisation of the event. Both the teachers and the pupils, together with their host-families were fully involved and paid attention to all the details that could add to the guests well being and that could make them comfortable.

Teachers from Germany, Romania, Spain, Poland and Norway.