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The programme of the 5th Erasmus+ project meeting

Sunday 4th

Teachers and pupils arrived at the airport in Zagreb. Then they travelled by bus to Donji Kraljevec. They were housed at the hotel and the houses of host families. They spent their first evening getting to know each other.



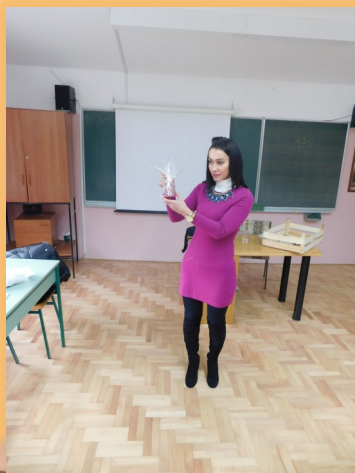
Monday 5th

Welcoming of the project team started at 8:15 am in Elementary school Donji Kraljevec. Students prepared program to present themselves to the guests. After the program the students and the teachers gave their guests the tour of the school. One country was presented in each classroom, where the students made presents for their guest.



Working session for partners – in the beginning we had a presentation about Donji Kraljevec Elementary School and the Republic of Croatia. After that we agreed on Module III- products:

- Lessons plans (1 per each module) send to Lithuania
- Calendar- send to Portugal
- Cuisine Book- send to Italy
- Folklore Magazine- send to Croatia
- English Language tests- results and conclusion- send to Poland



At 11:40 am our guests went sightseeing Donji Kraljevec and finished with the official reception by the mayor. After that we visited the birth home of dr. Rudolf Steiner, the founder of Waldorf education, where we learned about his life and work. During the presentation the students were making mandala.



At 1:00 pm our guests visited the successful local company „Tehnix“ where they met the owner. Afterwards we had lunch in hotel „Kralj“.



At 5:30 pm there was a **Christmas market** and a big **traditional Christmas concert** in our school. After the concert parents organized dinner where the traditional food from our region was served. The dishes were made by parents.



Tuesday, 6th December

“How we celebrate Saint Nicholas day” workshop for teachers and students started at 8:00 am. Our students performed a traditional play after which St. Nikolas gave them presents and sweets. Later we had one more workshop “Learn how to write in Glagoljica” - old Croatian alphabet.



Later in the morning we visited Čakovec. After the sightseeing we had an official reception by the Mayor of Međimurje County and the Mayor of the City Čakovec. The meeting was very nice and educational. Our guests received traditional presents .



At 1:00 pm we visited Ethnographic museum of Međimurje where the guide explained about our local history and folk tradition in our region.



In the afternoon we visited the City of Varaždin. At first we went to the Museum of Angels where we learned an interesting story about “angels who live in the city “.



Later we visited an unusual exhibition, a private collection from Mr. Prikratki – he collects old parts from cars, ships, motors, trucks from which he makes sculptures. After that we explored the city and enjoyed Christmas atmosphere in the city centre.



Wednesday, 7th December

Our destination was Zagreb – capital city (Erasmus + guests: teachers, students and our host students). First we visited Ethnographic Museum where we saw an exhibition of folk costumes from every region of Croatia. There we had a workshop named „Christmas decorations“ about how people decorated their christmas trees in old days.



We experienced Zagreb on foot and by bus: Ban Jelacic Square - Cathedral - Dolac - Tkalčićeva Street - Bloody Bridge - Stone Gate - St. Mark's Square- St. Catherine's Church - The Tower of Lotrščak– Funicular “Uspinjača” - Illica Street.





In the afternoon we visited the Arts and Crafts Museum where we saw an exhibition „The Nutcracker – A Magnificent Christmas Tale“. Later we spent free time on Zagreb's famous Christmas market.



At 6:00 pm we headed to Čazma to Salaj's Christmas village—Christmas fairy tale with 1,500 000 Christmas lights. We had dinner at the traditional restaurant – „Kezele family farm“. We returned home at 10:00 pm.



Thursday, 8th October

We began our day with workshop in school – “Dressing in our traditional folk costumes and hair decorations” – the guests were women from “Folk group KUD Hodošan”- it was very interesting because they were dressing our guests in traditional costumes from our local region. After the lunch at school we went to visit ethnographic collection at “Kolarić Museum” .





Afterwards we drove to the place near our village called St. Mary where we had Lace workshop. There we saw the collection of traditional things from St. Mary's region (Svetomarska čipka and Zavičajna zbirka).



In the afternoon we went to Etnografic Museum winery – the oldest wine cellar in northwest Croatia. The region is also known for their vineyards. We learned about wine making history. In the evening we had a farewell dinner at the restaurant Terboz – place near an old, small castle.



Friday, 9th December

In the morning we departure to Trakošćan where we visited Trakošćan Castle from 13th century. The guide told us about family Celjski and Drašković who were the owners of the Castle.





Later we went to the city of Lepoglava to learn about "Lepoglava lace" – Unesco heritage, St. Mary Church and Paoline Monastery. Our returning back to Donji Kraljevec was in the late afternoon.



"Cultural dinner "with folk songs and dances organized by Local community of Donji Kraljevec started at 8 pm. Teachers, students guests and host students with their families participated in this event. We sang songs from different countries and shared experiences, culture and memories.



Saturday, 10th December

Departures – early in the morning we arranged the bus in front of the hotel to drive all the guests to the airport. It was time to say goodbye. We shared a wonderful experience. It was a special adventure for our students, their parents, teachers and community. We made new friends. Our partners had an opportunity to explore our tradition and a way of life. We hope that they would visit us again .

