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PRESENTATION

After challenging months, between fear and fatigue, here we are in September. The culmination of the project was full of life, friendship, sharing and hope. All those who actively participated during this last month have gained a greater motivation to include volunteering and sustainable development in the daily agenda. Urgency demands it and this partnership has made its small contribution.

In September after many computer mediated meetings the CLASS partners were finally able to meet first in Paris and then in Guimaraes for the last transnational meeting and the last multiplier event.



Short-term exchanges of groups of pupils in Guimaraes

Anastasia Ciavattella together with Laura Carona are the teachers that prepared the students from *Liceo Galilei* to this short exchange. Anastasia's words describe the true meaning of the Erasmus+ experiences. "With CLASS, our students will meet with their peers and significant testimonials from the third sector to go over milestones in European policy and sustainable volunteering.



From 27th September to the 1st October Desincoop and Agrupamento de Escolas Francisco de Holanda (AEFH) hosted students and teachers from Liceo Galilei di Pescara after some virtual preparatory visits. During this intense days Desincoop staff guided some study visits and promoted meetings with relevant Portuguese stakeholders that took part in the Class project. The Italian group visited Casa de Dardos where Desincoop develop environmental awareness activities, training in green jobs and also promote the use of bikes and biologic agricultural. It is also in this space given by Guimarães City Hall so that the Portuguese cooperative can fulfil its mission that activities are often developed with AEFH students. The group also made the new path to the Landscape Laboratory through the educational garden where citizens, who rent a space from the municipality, can do subsistence farming. The visit to the Lab was very active and students and teachers used an application to hear the sounds of the birds found in Guimarães territory. During the week all group visited Francisco de Holanda School and the city guided by one History teacher and a young guide. One important activity was the meeting with the person that at national level has the responsibility for volunteering, belonging to CASES and the discuss they had about volunteer work in Portugal and Italy. The testimony of a young ex refugee living in Germany that Caritas Borken, supported in his inclusion and meet him in person was a very meaningful moment. All meals were an opportunity to share the culture of the hosting partners.





Last Transnational Meeting in Guimarães

The V Transnational Meeting, the last one of the project, was also in Guimarães during the morning of 28 and 29 of September and Desincoop hosted all partners in its Training Center. The objective was to share with all partners a clear vision of the results achieved on each level (from local to European) and on the different targets involved (schools, teachers, students, etc.). This last face-to-face meeting it was a very rich meeting in terms of the sharing between all the partners of what went less well and the surprising results at a particularly difficult time for all the countries involved. Above all, the importance of the tools created for use. The conclusion was that although they were created for students it makes more sense to be used with the current format by teachers throughout the school year and especially during assessment periods, and the need to simplify the same tools for students who in general have more difficulties in terms of functional illiteracy, students read less and less and have a lot of difficulties to interpret.



"European Policy on Education for Sustainable Development" Multiplier Event in Guimarães

The last multiplier event was strongly attended both in terms of teachers, students and local, regional and national organisations.

Students had the opportunity to be the protagonists of their experiences during the testing phase and shared with the audience the importance of this project to acquire more competences and knowledge about communities and their needs.

After the presentations of Bénédicte Alba, Ermelinda di Carlo and Antonia Castellani a collaborative session took place in which teachers and other guests discussed the main contributes of CLASS to a new approach in the education systems.



We are happy to invite you to our project website where you can find all the Intellectual Outputs in the languages of the partners and also in English:

<https://www.class-erasmus-project.eu/en/startseite/>