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4th Meeting in Arnhem

The Netherlands, 18th and 20 November 2009

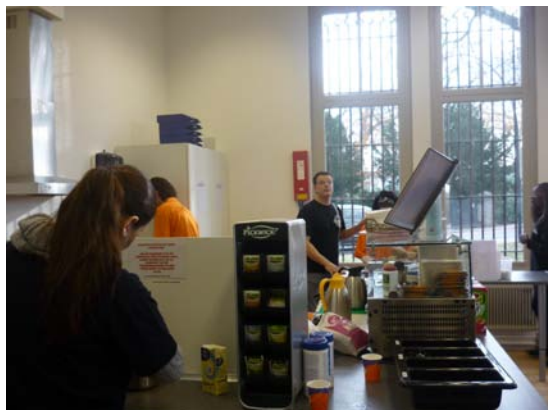
The partners arrived on Wednesday the 18th of November in Arnhem. After they also met the French students and had dinner together.

The following day the partners started the program in Zevenaar, one of the seven locations of the Pasvorm. It is here where the sector "Trade and Economics" of The Pasvorm is settled.



The students of the Pasvorm welcomed the participants in Zevenaar. After a cup of coffee they started the programme. The educational concept and the methodology of The Pasvorm was explained. We gave a description of our target group and the nine competencies they have prove oneself in.

After that the students showed the partners the school, they told what they do every day in a practical centre of The Pasvorm. The students were a bit nervous but after all they managed well. They were proud of themselves when they could explain something to the guests or could help them.



Back in the meeting room the French students had some questions for all the participants. They had to tell each other how they celebrate Christmas and New Year in their countries. It was a nice way to get to know each other and their countries.



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Afterwards the French students gathered the Dutch students in the shop (practical centre) to help them with the activities.



We started the working session making a decision in how to compose the final product of the project. The Spanish partner suggested to prepare a methodological guide about the teaching of social skills. We decided to make a methodological guide in which all the items of the five meetings will be described; self-esteem and self-confidence; interpersonal communication and conflict resolution; labour counselling; intercultural education and social skills evaluation. Each country will collect activities and grids belonging to two items. These activities will be put on the web page. Each country can translate this in language and put it in a sort of handbook if they want to. Paola will send us a format in which we can describe the activities.

The Dutch partners will examine whether it is possible to make a play of Social skills called "Happy Families".

At the end of the morning St. Nicolas visited the participants in Zevenaar. This is an old tradition in Holland every year on the 5th of December. St. Nicolas told them the history of this tradition. Then they sang and a song for him together and St. Nicolas gave them a little present.

Lunch was made and served by the Dutch students. In the afternoon, the partners joined together with some students in a cooperation exercise. The exercise consisted of make two groups, and each group had to build a raft with stakes, planks, barrels and ropes. The partners did the job very quickly in contrast with the Dutch students mostly. We use this exercise with our students every year to see how they cooperate with others.

In the evening the partners had dinner together in a restaurant of Rijn Ijssel where students cooked and served a delicious dinner and they had a really pleasant evening. These students follow a higher level education to be a cook.

On Friday, the meeting started again in Zevenaar. At first, Dutch partners explained the Dutch educational system. After that the participants worked on the items Counselling students and Job application. Each country told and explained how they work with these items. You can read it in the summary of each country.

After a lunch made by the students the partners went to the "Openlucht Museum" in Arnhem. They got a guided tour in the museum in which many old habits of Holland



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were shown and they could take a look in some old farmhouses of different areas in Holland. Everybody was very interested and satisfied afterwards. In the evening the participants had the last dinner together. They said goodbye to the partners who went to Amsterdam on Saturday morning. They will meet again on the 14th of April in Germany.