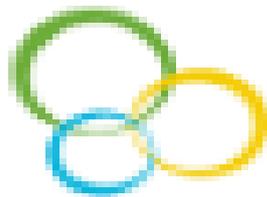




Erasmus+



Project activities - youth entrepreneurship education for the Lithuanian and EU labor market

The Erasmus + project “Mini Companies at Secondary Schools” is being implemented from 2017 September the 1st. Project leader is Varnsdorf Higher Technical School, Secondary School of Industry and Service and the Secondary School of Tourism (Czech Republic), (Vyšší odborná škola, Střední odborná škola, Střední průmyslová škola a Střední odborná škola služeb a cestovního ruchu, Varnsdorf), partners - Vilnius Technologies, Business and Agriculture School (Lithuania) and Ostrud Sandor Petiofi Vocational Training Center (Poland) (Zespół Szkół Zawodowych im. Sandora Petofi w Ostródzie).

An international meeting of the project partners took place at Varnsdorf Higher Technical School, Secondary School of Industry and Services and the Secondary School of Tourism (Czech Republic) on the 8th – 12th of April 2019. (Vyšší odborná škola, Střední odborná škola, Střední průmyslová škola a Střední odborná škola služeb a cestovního ruchu, Varnsdorf). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the achieved project objectives and the aspects of the report preparation, to summarize the project implementation ideas and the continuity of the acquired competences in vocational training partner schools.

The project leaders have developed a meaningful, business-like and interesting cognitive program of the meeting. On the 9th of April we were welcomed by the authorities of the school and the Municipality of Varnsdorf. Each partner school provided the developed methodological material, presentation about the established and operating small enterprises in schools.

During the meetings, common educational sessions were held, pupils were taught how to make festive paper decorations for Easter, and how to make chocolate.

The hosts - project leaders - developed a very substantial and interesting program of cognitive tourist routes.

We visited the impressive monument of Hradek culture - a mansion located on the top of the 467 m high phonolithic hill. It was built by the members of the Varnsdorf Mountain Association, belonging to the local part of Northern Bohemia.

The magnificent city of kings - Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic - left a lasting impression. We visited Prague Castle, Gothic St. Vito Cathedral, walked along the Golden Street, where since 1597, the archers of the castle were accommodated, followed by craftsmen and jewelers (hence the "golden" name).

We visited the mysterious landscape of the deep valleys, overgrown with pine trees, from which the magnificent rocky towers, gates, walls, ruins, stone towns, rock formations of various shapes, bridges and gates and labyrinths appear in the Czech National Park of Switzerland. This rock kingdom is home to rare animals, beautiful plants, and many useful minerals. Questionnaires were filled in after the virtual journey at the Bohemian Swiss Museum.

"Put your head on the floor in the middle of Rumbarko Loreto and you will hear distant singing in your blood."

These words describe the beauty of the Northern Bohemian, Loreto St. Virgin Mary's (Black Madonna) Chapel and Monastery. It was the wish of the Duke of Liechtenstein, Anton Florian, that the temple of the holy place would be moved from Italy to the North. Recently it has served as an open architecture textbook. It is like an island of peace, reflection, and spiritual experience, where time passes according to its own rules.

At the end of the useful meeting, we discussed the guidelines for further action, the continuity of the project's achievements. In 2019 - 2020 m. it is planned to carry out a modular vocational training program of the rural tourism organizer in our school, one of the modules of which is the practical activity of the small enterprise.

A very important aspect of the project is the communication between young people from different countries and the practical learning of a foreign language.

The project has provided competences for young people to familiarize themselves with career opportunities in the field of tourism, to develop certain entrepreneurial skills, to learn more about the business world, and to broaden their attitudes towards their own business.

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