



REPORT MEETING IN ROMANIA 20th - 26th June 2007



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MEETING PROGRAM AND SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Wednesday 20th of June

- Italian guests arrived late in the night; accommodation at the Hostel Midland in the center of Bucharest

Thursday 21st of June

- Italian guests enjoy some free time until the Spanish guests arrived; lunch in Cismigiu Garden
- The Spanish guests arrived in the evening and got accommodated at Hostel Miorita, also situated in the center of Bucharest, close to the Italian guests

Friday 22nd of June

- Day begins at 9:30 with a visit at the Social Center “St. Nicolas”; guests have participated to the workshops of beneficiaries for icons on glass painting and decorative objects creation



- Lunch at 14:00 – Restaurant “La Mama – Ateneu”
- Beginning with 15:00 - sightseeing session in Bucharest, visit to the Peasants Museum
- Some time spent in Cismigiu Garden, attending the National Folkloric Festival

Saturday 23th of June

- Cultural exchange trip – visit of some Romanian villages, Castles Bran and Peles (200 km away from Bucharest); short stop in Brasov city



Sunday 24th of June

- Day starts at 10:00 with a short sightseeing of Bucharest, visit to Village Museum
- Lunch at 14:00 at a restaurant in Cismigiu Garden
- Free time and attending the folkloric festival

Monday 25th of June

- 9:30 Meeting everybody for the work session held at Dalles University Halls
- Short lunch break at noon – pizza feast
- 2nd work session and debates about the on-going activities and meetings
- Dinner at 20:00 at Blanduziei Restaurant

Tuesday 26th of June

- End of Romanian meeting and departure of guests – Italians in the morning and Spanish in the afternoon

WORK SESSION ACTIVITIES REPORT

The work session turned out to be a great moment to find out more about the

activities of the other organizations. We had guests from the local authorities – representing the Direction for Children’s Rights and the Social Center “St. Nicholas”.

Topics on the debate agenda:

1. Evaluation of the unfolded activities

- Each participant organization described the activities with beneficiaries and the other activities they have unfolded during the first year of the project (ppt presentations)
- Presentation of the Studies (improved) about traditions of natives, immigrants and gypsies

2. Brochure: objectives, target groups, general structure, content, presentation (printed or/and on CD), deadline of the first version

- Main objective: sensibilisation of local authorities and other organizations working for the social integration of people at risk of exclusion, immigrants and gypsies
- We have established the content and number of copies necessary to each participant organization
- Content : description of project and of partners; activities unfolded and testimonies of beneficiaries and staff involved, results and impact ; first version will be ready at the end of the second year
- Copies – required both in English and in national language, each partner is to establish a list of distribution for the brochure

3. Questionnaires – to adjust the errors in responses and also to maximize the participation rate of beneficiaries involved in the activities; the Romanian association AMV proposed a combined technique of investigation by using both questionnaires, interviews (based on a guide) and/or a discussion-groups (or a focus-group of maximum 8 persons);

4. Leaflet of the project – is to be discussed with Italian partner from Cosenza, during the meeting in July

5. Newsletter II –: AMV Association is responsible for the content and Eurogems for spreading to persons and organizations potential interested, local authorities and media (lists of e-mails collected by each partner), dead line end of September 2007.

6. Dissemination of the project – Newsletters, leaflets, exhibitions, website (the second year), brochure (third year)

7. Evaluation of the first year of the project - S.W.O.T. ANALYSIS

The S.W.O.T. analysis proposed here aims to discover the important aspects of each organization of the partnership. We wanted to reveal what makes us strong, what affects us, who/what can be a threat to us and what opportunities may be awaiting for us to discover them.

The scheme contains aspects mentioned by each partner; we decided to put them together because the partnership is like a mechanism that can be affected by the problems of every piece (organization).

We have found that:

Strengths come from:

- Good development of the partnership, very good collaboration
- Motivation and good actions of involving beneficiaries into activities
- Staff with good competencies of social integration, interested in using cultural heritage as tool in their work
- Good participation of beneficiaries to workshops and discussions
- Good attendance of cultural events
- Institutional collaboration and help – town halls, local authorities, local schools, political parties, actors from the business environment

Weaknesses derive from:

- The exit of one partner from the partnership (Atlantide)
- Small financial capacity of organizations involved
- Difficulties encountered in involving and motivating foreign people (immigrants) in the activities
- Difficulties in creating and keeping a group of beneficiaries
- Lack of possibility to organise common activities with beneficiaries from all partner countries

Opportunities are given to us by:

- Local and specific activities – heterogeneous activities at each partners' level
- Possibilities to learn and to understand other cultures
- Possibilities to learn about Romanian people's lifestyle in countries they work (as immigrants) and to learn about countries receiving immigrants

- A better understanding of immigrants and their lifestyles from each participating country
- Involvement of immigrant associations
- Cultural exchanges and good practices examples for actors involved
- Involvement of local folkloric groups / local culture representatives
- Interviewing elders about cultural heritage – bridge towards past habits and traditions
- Involving local and/or national representatives of mass-media: written media, radio stations, TV stations

Threats are watching us from:

- Shortness of time available
- Project continuity

This far, this is how we the partnership sees itself; the picture will not be completed until the organizations Associazione “Atlantide” and “Word of Gorj” Foundation share their S.W.O.T. characteristics.

6. Next year of the project / New idea for the project unfolding:

- Printed t-shirts
- Annual poetry contests (subject: cultural heritage, traditions)
- Itinerant exhibition of project products, at the end of the project
- Strengthening the collaboration with local partners
- Interaction between beneficiaries (common meetings, e-mails)

7. Preparation of the final report of the first year (discussions on the Final Activity Report Form)

8. Evaluation of the meeting – questionnaires

- Each participant has completed a questionnaire about the meeting – what was good, bad, what had been missing, etc.