

## **Project: Comenius – school partnership**

### **LOOR - Living with our and other's Religions - Together in Diversity**

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#### **MEETING MINUTES for the 2<sup>nd</sup> partners meeting**

**Çorlu, 31<sup>st</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009, Turkey**

**Ozel Trakya Koleji – Çorlu, Turkey**

The 2nd Project meeting was organized in Ozel Trakya Koleji in Çorlu on 31<sup>st</sup> May - 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 Coordinators, principals and teachers from Austria, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden, Slovenia and the United Kingdom joined their Turkish friends and together they present this year work and explored some of beautiful Turkey. We have had wonderful time in Turkey.

At the beginning of the first day we have a guide tour around the school complex. Than the students of each country had a 10 minutes presentation about their school (presentations are on the web).

After lunch in school teachers visit the Mayor and then we went to Edirne, visit the Selimiye Mosque, Arasta (Covered Bazaar) and Bulgarian Church. In the mean time pupils have workshops where they were learning Turkish folk dance and song.

The second day pupils had presentation about their work. They present the religions which they explore. We all agree that all presentation were good and the pupils done a great job.

After lunch teachers went to visit Tekirdağ and there we visited the Governor and the mosque and the museum.

Third day we went to Istabnul. The pupils learned that Istabnul historically also known as Byzantium and Constantinopleis the largest city in Turkey and fifth largest city proper in the world with a population of 12.6 million. Istanbul is also a megacity, as well as the cultural and financial centre of Turkey. The city covers 39 districts of the Istanbul province. It is located on the Bosphorus Strait and encompasses the natural harbour known as the Golden Horn, in the northwest of the country. It extends both on the European (Thrace) and on the Asian (Anatolia) sides of the Bosphorus, and is thereby the only metropolis in the world that is situated on two continents. In its long history, Istanbul has served as the capital city of the Roman Empire (330–395), the East Roman (Byzantine) Empire (395–1204 and 1261–1453), the Latin Empire (1204–1261), and the Ottoman Empire (1453–1922). The city was chosen as joint European Capital of

Culture for 2010. The historic areas of Istanbul were added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1985.

We taken a tour guide to the city and then we had a trip with boat.

Last day in Ozel Trakya Koleji in Çorlu we had evaluation of our first year work. We all agree that we work good and serious. All pupils and teachers done a great job and we all highly satisfied with cooperation between all partners. At the end we were talking about our next meeting in Krems in Austria. We decided that in this meeting we should take a decision about the boxes and all tasks we have to do the second year.

As Stasele said: " We enjoyed every moment of our stay in this beautiful country, which impressed us a lot with its warm climate, marvellous mosques, calmness of the sea, the majesty of Istanbul and much more, but what impressed us the most - were the people, I mean all -school principals, teachers and host families.

From the very first minutes at the airport we felt hospitality and care. The perfect organization made us feel relaxed and admire the Turkish way of life. Before going to Turkey we couldn't imagine that we will make so many good friends there! At the same time we had a chance to meet our old friends and spent together five unforgettable days!

Once more we would like to thank all the Turkish team with Hulya and Mahmut ahead - we will never forget what you have done for us! "

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