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2nd Transnational Project Meeting: 18th – 21th April 2016 in Sakiai/Lithuania

On Monday, 18th April, 2016, delegations from all participating countries arrived in Kaunas/Lithuania for the 2nd transnational project meeting. The next morning we arrived at the school which is about one hour from Kaunas. In working sessions we discussed about what we have already done and about what will have to improve. So we looked for useful titles for the math lessons on our Moodle-Platform. Another point to discuss was how to organize the next transnational project meeting in Brilon/Germany.



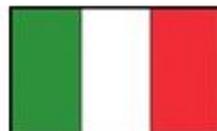
But we used the time also to visit Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, where we visited a very modern museum. Each visitor got a tablet to use and enjoy a lot of interactive animations.

One evening we spent in a restaurant and we had a delicious meal. The Lithuanian hosts prepared a surprise: A group of traditional dancers showed some typical dances and invited the guests to dance with them.



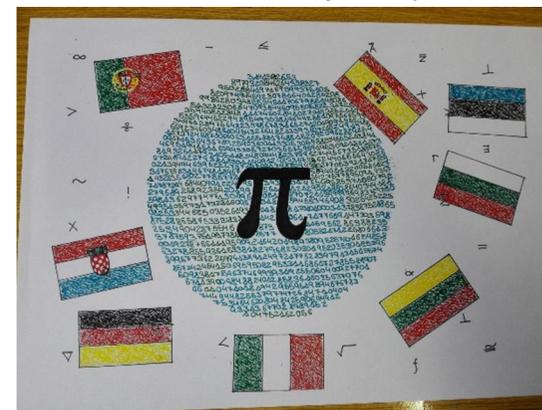
At the end of the meeting all participants left Lithuania with a lot of new impressions. Thanks to the Lithuanian team.

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Logo Competition

Spain: During February and March, we had a competition to create one logo for the Erasmus + of Mathematics “Active, attractive and interactive mathematics”. This logo had to be inspired in related to mathematics, free topic everything and it didn't matter if it had been made by hand or with the computer. It only had to do with the topic. The participants of this competition were in the last level of compulsory school and the first level of vocational training. The students of compulsory school take the subject of art in which they make all their drawings. The competition was really discussed because all the students wanted to take part in it. The judges were two mathematics' teachers Maria Ramis and Llorenç Morey and two art's teachers Toni Salvà i Margalida Rotger and the headmaster Antonio Martorell. Forty drawings were presented and only six passed to the semi-final. At the end with the help of the rest of the mathematics' teachers we could choose the one that won. The student who won is Joan Martí Vives Martorell of the first level of vocational training in telecommunications, he is 18 years old and he is from Pollença. He is really happy, on the one hand because he is the winner of the competition in which forty students participated and on the other hand because he won two cinema's tickets to watch a movie. The logo represents a Pi number in blue and green in the middle of the world that is made by numbers. A metaphoric way to express that in all the fields of life and moments of life. The mathematic can really be present. Mathematics is all around us.



Also in other countries students were engaged to design a logo for our project. Here are some results:



Portugal



Croatia



Italy

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Activities in the schools



Lithuania

Pi-day

Students from Lekeciai school celebrated the international Pi-day. They looked for the date of their birthday, their telephone number or their personal identification number in the never-ending number Pi. Some students made a cake because of the English pronunciation of π which is similar to "pie". Finally the students answered in an interview at the end of the day, that they enjoyed the activities.

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EUROPE DAY - info

Students from Lekeciai School in Lithuania celebrated Europe Day on May 9th. They participated in a discussion about the importance of living in the European Union and being a European citizen. Students also took part in Europe Day Quiz and could test their knowledge of European Union. Students made posters with fact files of European countries and presented

them to other school students.



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Conference for Mathematics Teachers in Gelgaudiskis

Information

April 15th, 2016

Gelgaudiskis is a small capital of culture this year. A lot of various events are held in it. One of them was devoted to mathematicians. On April 8th there was a conference for mathematicians of Sakiai district. The topic of the seminar was "News of Mathematics in a Modern School". Participants of the event were current and former maths teachers as well as people interested in maths. The event took place in Gelgaudiskis Manor which was a perfect place for sightseeing and pleasant communication with colleagues.

40 mathematicians participated in the event. Two of the guests were the Doctor of Mathematics Romualdas Kašuba from Vilnius University and his colleague and fan of mathematical rebuses Petras Virbauskas. Romualdas Kašuba, a former inhabitant of Gelgaudiskis, was delighted to share his knowledge and best practice with our teachers. The lecturers discussed about news of mathematics and their importance in life, interesting tasks, clarified the solutions of tasks.

MATHEMATICS SENIOR TEACHER RUTA KRIKSTOPAITIENE FROM LEKECIAI SCHOOL READ THE REPORT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES TO TEACH MATHEMATICS CREATIVELY AND PRESENTED THE PROJECT "ACTIVE, ATTRACTIVE AND INTERACTIVE eU MATHEMATICS". TEACHERS FROM SAKIAI DISTRICT HAD A LOOK AT INTERNET WEBSITES MADE DURING THE PROJECT AND THEY WERE ENCOURAGED TO USE AND TO HELP TO MAKE WEBSITES.

After the seminar mathematicians discussed about impressions and talked to colleagues. Everyone was proud of the former teachers who left school long time ago but are still interested in mathematics. They also could meet their colleagues and friends.

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Estonia - Germany



in Germany

As we decided in Lithuania, German and Estonian students got in direct contact. They used the Chatroom in the project's Twinspace in order to chat. Their teachers added some questions like: "What do you like in math lessons?" or "Where do you find math in your daily life?" or "What has to be improved to make math more interesting?" Students of both nationalities answered sometimes in a different way but very often they had the same ideas. At the end, they affirmed, that chatting with each other is very motivating.



at the same time in Estonia

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Spain

E-twinning-platform

We have registered students from 2 groups of 3rd level of Compulsory school in the TwinSpace of our project. About 30 students in English lessons have been writing on the platform.

TwinSpace is a resource from the eTwinning platform of the European Commission's eLearning Program. ETwinning offers a platform for staff (teachers, head teachers, librarians, etc.), who work in a school in one of the European countries involved. The aim is to communicate, collaborate, develop and share projects so that they feel part of the most exciting learning community in Europe.

The eTwinning Portal (www.etwinning.net) is the main meeting point and workspace for the action of our project with students.

One group of 16 students have participated in the Forum "That's me" with the Introduction thread. They have written about themselves, about what they like and about their hobbies. They have enjoyed it a lot and they are preparing another writing for the Forum about "Europe".

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Spain - Croatia

Another group of about 15 students have participated in the Live option chatting with Croatian students. They wrote about their maths lessons and they asked and answered questions like these ones:

- DO YOU LIKE YOUR MATHS LESSONS AT SCHOOL?
- WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THEM?
- HOW MANY MATHS LESSONS DO YOU HAVE EVERY WEEK?
- WHAT ARE YOU DOING RIGHT NOW IN YOUR MATHS LESSONS?
- WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO DURING YOUR LESSONS?
- DO YOU FIND YOUR MATHS LESSONS INTERESTING AND USEFUL?
- WHAT DO YOU FIND THE MOST DIFFICULT ABOUT YOUR MATHS LESSONS?

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