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ERASMUS + NAIS LATVIA



From 7 till 14 October there was a meeting from the project "Erasmus + Nais". This time, 4 teachers went to Latvia. (Mr. Smit, Mr. Pacquee, Mrs Kathleen and Mrs Gitte). They wanted to find handles to work around inclusion, immigrants, early drop-outs and level differences in a class.

Saturday, early in the morning they flew to Riga, the capital of Latvia. When they arrived, they rented a car to drive in the direction of Tukums. As fast as they could, they unpacked there bags and drove back to Riga. After a short walk and a delicious meal they found there Croatian friends. After a nice conversation and a drink they drove back to Tukums. = Day 1.



The next morning they ate there breakfast and went back to Riga. This time by train, together with Aiva (partner of Latvia). Unfortunately, the weather was not good, a lot of rain. But that didn't ruin the pleasure when we entered the Museum of Fine Arts. An impressive building on the outside, but even nicer on the inside. The start of a real discovery, together with our Croatian partners. Next we continued our walk through the capital and at last we took the train back to Tukums.

On Monday the Romanian partners joined the company. First there was a visit planned to the school of Avia. We were welcomed by the principal and several colleagues. This a school for second chance education, learning from a distance, so not so many students and only a few coworkers. A total of 420 students who try to get there high school diploma through a digital platform.

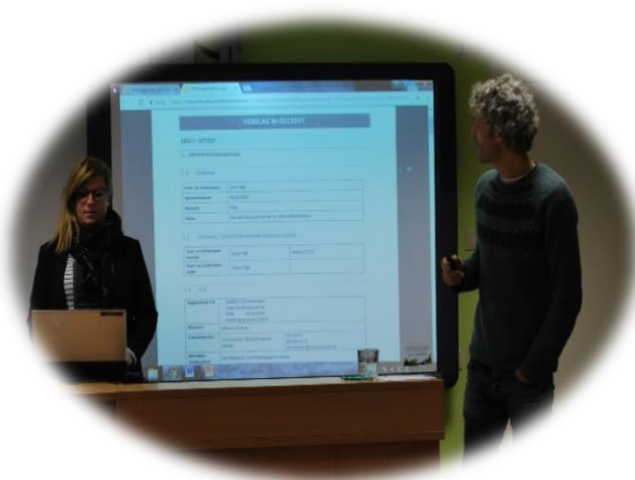




After a presentation by the representatives of each country, Mrs Gitte presented our schools individual adjusted teaching method. Mr Smit presented the starting fase of serigraphy in the OBS year. And Mr Pacquee presented School Online.

All partners wanted a more profound presentation because they can use our knowledge about individualism. In the late afternoon we had a guided tour in one of the many castles, followed by some free time to prepare for the next day.

On Tuesday we went back to Tukums 1. We got a presentation about the digital platform 'Moodle'. Mr Pacque and Mrs Gitte followed a lesson Russian and history to get to know the platform. Mrs. Kathleen and Mr Smit had a meeting about reporting through mobilitytool. Later that day there was a presentation from D Miska from Oxford University about 'Learning to learn and strengthening students' study skills'. Then we visited the second school in Tukums. We were able to participate a music lesson. Fortunately we all passed singing and dancing.



Meanwhile the 5th day in a row with rain. Luckily, in the morning, we were able to sit inside, and listen to a presentation of our school about TO and external partners, made by Mr. Totté en presented by Mr. Pacquee. This presentation caused a lot of discussion but due to the tight schedule we couldn't go deeper into the discussion. Unfortunately! In the afternoon there was a visit to the Slokenbekas Manor Museum.



The end is coming closer. On Thursday we had an explanation about learning apps. How can we include students digitally at our school? Afterwards we visited a special needs school. It soon became clear that the approach and the number of students differed with our school. In the afternoon there was a visit to the Durbes Manor. To end, we listened to a musical trio. Wonderful!

And then there was the last day. Today we shared our digital ideas, and the coordinator meeting was planned. There were some ideas we can use, provided that we do some adjustments. In the evening we had a closing dinner, followed by a bowling game. We went to bed early (except for Mr Pacquee) because we had to get up early the next day to return to warm Belgium.

We were able to wake him up just in time... or else Mr Pacquee had to stay a day longer in Latvia.

In March there is a visit planned to Romania. And in May all the partners will visit our school. Wondering what that is going to bring? Read in one of our next reports!

