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« Think, Act, Go... Green »



## Belgium Transnational Meeting 28 - 31 MAY 2018



During the last week of May, the final meeting of the 2 year Erasmus+ project « Think, Act, Go ... Green » took place in Belgium at the ITH of Gembloux.

On this occasion, the Belgian school welcomed a delegation of teachers from the other three partner schools namely: the Portuguese school 'Colégio de Amorim' in Póvoa de Varzim (north of Porto), the Kungsbacka High School in Sweden and the Istanbul School, Turkey whose students had the chance to take part in this Erasmus+ project over the last two years. The core subject of this project was **sustainable development**.

This meeting was an opportunity for the teachers to brief on these two valuable years. The exchanges were profitable for the students and teachers across all Europe in learning about the various issues related to sustainable development we considered during each meeting such as:

- farming and food in Belgium, February 2017
- energy in Sweden, May 2017
- marine ecosystems and coastal erosion in Portugal, October 2017
- industry and transport in Turkey, March 2018.

## **Partners**

Portugal (Póvoa de Varzim) https://www.facebook.com/ ColegioAmorimPV/?fref=ts



Belgium (Gembloux) http://www.ith-gembloux.be/



Sweden (Kungsbacka) http:// www.aranasgymnasiet.kungs

backa.se/Vara-utbildningar/





Turkey (Bayrampaşa/Istambul) http:// rifatcanayakinaihl.meb.k12.tr/ tema/









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During this last week meeting, we were also able to discuss about our project and about the main topic of sustainable development.



Indeed, we met representatives of the Province of Namur, Mrs. Cristina Brandini, of the External and International Relations Service and Mr. Hubert Raeymakers, responsible for the Environment Unit with whom we shared initiatives put in place to reduce the carbon footprint in the provincial schools and in the administrative services of the institution.

At the end of the meeting, we discovered the Walloon capital before hitting the road to Ghent, a city where the local authorities are favouring alternative ways of transport to replace the car. They are encouraging public transport, a wider pedestrian environment has been put in place, they promote cycling and they also established a free "green" shuttle for the long stays in the city.

This last newsletter gives the opportunity to our school being the coordinator of the project to thank all the students, teachers, parents, public and private companies, universities and European institutions that allowed this project to take place and to be a success.

Our young students have now a better knowledge of this issue and they are fully aware of the challenges that need to be tackled to save our planet.



Let us finish on a last positive note, these last 2 years allowed us to see that things are improving across Europe like the increase of the recycling waste in Sweden, the development of short food circuit in Belgium, dunes protection to stop the coastal erosion in Portugal and higher efficency in public transport to reduce  $CO_2$  emission in public transport in the city of Istambul in Turkey.

You want to know more about our project? Go to <a href="https://thinkactgogreenpro.wixsite.com/2016-2018">https://thinkactgogreenpro.wixsite.com/2016-2018</a>



As you can read, there are lots of initiatives to tackle sustainable developpement in order to achieve a better future for all of us.