

**“TREASURES OF THE MOUNTAINS” THIRD WORK MEETING
INNSBRUCK AUSTRIA
27TH SEPTEMBER – 1ST OCTOBER 2010**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Marcel Mateu called to order the **THIRD WORK MEETING** of the Comenius “Treasures of the Mountains” group at 9 a.m. on Monday 27th September 2010 in the library of the Reithmann BG-BRG-SRG school in Innsbruck, Austria

II. ROLL CALL

Marcel, Spanish coordinating partner of the project, conducted a roll call and the following people were present:

- Ms. Eva Raich and Mr.Xari Gumà (Spain)
- Ms. Violetta Wierzbicka & Mr.Kamil Nowak (Poland)
- Ms. Maria Kopčáková, Ms. Ingrid Měščanová & Mr. Robert Mihalenkoz (Slovakia)
- Mr. Metin Bekip, Ms. Hulya Lečasiz, Mr. Kuisat Kaye and Mr. Erden Oinel (Turkey)
- Ms. Tina Grobin and Mr. Tomi Brečko (Slovenia)
- Mr. Per Madsen and Mr. Ole Madslie (Norway)
- Ms. Valentina Henriet and Ms. Rosie Crawford (Italy) with Ms. Susanna Reyes, an exchange teacher from Argentina.
- Mr. Walter Nigg (Austria)

III. OPEN ISSUE

Marcel welcomes all partners and thanks Mr. Walter Nigg, organizer of this meeting, for his hospitality.

A. The week’s activities

The week’s schedule is presented to the group as follows:

Monday 27/09/2010	Morning: teachers initiate work programme while students are taken on a sight-seeing tour of Innsbruck guided by Austrian pupils. Tour of school Midday: lunch in school canteen 12.45: departure for Alpenzoo, home to Austria’s animal treasures.
Tuesday 28/09/2010	Trekking excursion to Nordpark. Geocaching.
Wednesday 29/09/2010	Bus trip to Bolzano and guided tour of the Oetzi exhibition in the Museum of Natural History
Thursday 30/09/2010	Morning: teachers complete second part of work programme while students attend classes presenting their schools and regions to fellow students. Lunch in the school canteen Afternoon: train to Schwarz and guided tour of silvermine. Evening: international dinner
Friday 1/10/2010	Partners return home

Walter has succeeded in obtaining reduced prices for the cable car on Tuesday. The Austrian school offers to pay half of the bus trip to Bolzano on Wednesday (€350), so that each country will only have to pay a €50 contribution to reach the total cost of €700.

Entrance fee to Oetzi exhibition: €7

Entrance to Schwarz silver mine: adults €13, students €8

The programme is consequently approved by everybody.

B. Presentations

The principal of Reithmann arrives and welcomes all partners, offering each one a copy of the school's yearbook. He encouragingly invites any country willing to take part in a bilateral partnership to contact him in the future.

Due to the fact that Ali is no longer working at the Turkish school involved in the project and has been replaced by three new colleagues, Marcel invites everybody to introduce themselves.

Our new Turkish colleagues have an illustrious past, having been awarded two Guinness records for the longest and biggest painting.

Maria from Slovakia has returned after her maternity leave.

C. Activities and final products

For everybody's benefit, in accordance with the compilation of our project's final report, Marcel summarizes the five main activities which are compulsory for every partner, **which must be done:**

- 1. treasures and their clues (each country has already uploaded between 4 and 9 treasures with associated clues)**
- 2. geocaching (there are already 17 registered geocaches to date)**
- 3. tracks uploaded to Wikiloc account (there are no less than 41 tracks uploaded to Wikiloc so far.)**
- 4. a game, both a board and on-line version. (some partners have already completed board games whereas the on-line version is programmed for the second year.)**
- 5. DVD (an important final product which must be discussed during this work meeting.)**

Ole Madslien reminds us that we have omitted a highly important aim; that of communication and interaction among students.

Mr. Bekip announces that they have already planted two cache in Kayseri and in Cappadoccia.

D. Time and place of next work meeting

Marcel reminds us that it was decided in Lillehammer to hold the 4th and final of our mobilities in Turkey. Given that none of the Turkish delegation present today took part in the previous meeting, Marcel gives them the choice of re-confirming or withdrawing their offer to host.

After much deliberation, it is decided that the week that suits the majority will be from 9th to 13th May 2011.

All agree that it will be an expensive trip due to the prices of airline tickets and internal transfers (Istanbul -Kayseri-Cappadoccia-Istanbul) and subsequently it is difficult to estimate numbers of participants at this early time. However, Hulya suggests that students be put into host families in order to reduce costs. She also proposes a teachers' hostel for colleagues which will be no higher than €20. In addition, she offers to accompany the group on a guided tour of Istanbul, either prior to (7/05/2011), or after, the work meeting (14-15/05/2011).

Marcel underlines the importance of dedicating three full days to the compilation of the final report in order to finalize our responsibilities towards our National Agencies while together. .

IV: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting is adjourned at 11.45 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Marcel Mateu called to order the second part of the **THIRD WORK MEETING** of the Comenius “Treasures of the Mountains” group at 8.30 a.m. on Thursday 30th September 2010 in the library of the Reithmann BG-BRG-SRG school in Innsbruck, Austria

II. ROLL CALL

As above

III. OPEN ISSUE

A. Final products

According to the Application Form, the following final products must be completed to the best of our ability:

- DVD
- Website
- Games (both board game and on-line game)

DVD

Violetta agrees to take on the sole responsibility of creating the DVD as Ali is no longer with us. She asks all participants to give her their 10 best photos during this meeting. Marcel clarifies that Viola will be responsible for the larger overview, the “bigger” picture whereas **each partner will have to provide a more personal DVD on his country’s version of the project.** Although Walter thinks that this contributes too much to the workload, everybody agrees.

We are reminded that our original intention was to produce DVDs with itineraries for young travellers on a low budget. At the Norway meeting, Per suggested to **include tips for reaching our destinations in the cheapest way.** For example Barcelona – Oslo. These will be uploaded to “trekking itineraries” section

Marcel encourages partners to **upload their photos to the “Treasures” Picasa account** where, at the moment, only photos from a few partners appear. He takes us through the procedure:

- Enter “treasuresofthemountains” on Picasa and password:montblanc09
- Create or select album
- Give it a title and a date
- Hold control button and select several photos. Upload
- Make a separate folder for each activity but do not include more than five photos in each album.
- Explain to students that they can add comments as well as name the people in the photos.

Unfortunately, the quality of photos diminishes when uploaded to Picasa which poses the problem of how to share pictures with Viola. In order to guarantee that Viola has final photos of last work meeting for her DVD, we will have to send her a DVD or USB key containing our photos and/or a zip file to Tomi.

WEBSITE

Treasures game

Marcel asks every partner to send a brief summary of their school's internal activities using the intermediate report as a guide.

He believes that all treasures and clues should be archived in "treasures game" and after 20(?) treasures have been "discovered", the player will receive a T-shirt with our new logo. Turkey's art teacher Kuisat accepts the challenge of preparing 100 T-shirts, 10 for each country, with the new logo on the front and website on the back.

The blogs of some schools are missing from the website so we must give the address to Tomi so he can create links

Documents

This section already includes the application form, some work meeting minutes and synopsis. Here we should also add the final report and latest minutes..

Trekking itineraries

When we have prepared the tips/advice regarding low-cost travel to and from our destinations, we should send it to Tomi, who will add it to this section.

Wikiloc

Marcel is proud to announce that at present there are 41 tracks uploaded to the "Treasures" Wikiloc site. He reassures Turkey that there will be time to do a route all together during the fourth work meeting and takes us through the procedure:

- Name trail: the country's name should be quoted first
- Description
- Difficulty level
- Type of activity
- Photos and videos
- Upload to waypoint.

Following the philosophy that quality is far more important than quantity, Marcel encourages us to create fewer but well-done trails including waypoints, photos and descriptions in English.

It is possible to visualize the number of contributions on the site.

Communication

All press reports, school magazine/ yearbook articles, and mass-media coverage of the project should be sent in PDF format to Tomi who will upload them to FOLDER 2 in communication.

FOLDER 1 will contain students' blogs.

eTwinning will be eliminated.

Geocaching

We are reminded that access to this link is by a shorter username (tresuresofthemounta) with usual PW: montblanc09.

We are able to observe all caches, both "found" and "hidden".

It is advisable to use country's initials before and number of cache after.

e.g. IT mountaintreasure IV or ES mountaintreasure VI.

Marcel suggests adding photos of the people who have found the caches and uploaded their comments in order to illustrate the diffusion of our game among the public.

Tomi believes that it is best to have a link to the folder that contains the pictures rather than the pictures themselves.

After a short coffee break in the teachers' room of the host school, the meeting continues Per demonstrates a Wikispace that he created to organize all of Norway's internal activities. Using it in class as an e-notebook, students can actively participate and add their own contributions. Although this is not a compulsory activity, it is highly recommended.

Games.

Italy (Highland Treasure Hunters), Norway, Slovakia (Ticket to.....) and Slovenia (Who wants to be a millionaire of the mountains?) give a demonstration of their completed games. Slovakia has created two games, one of which is very involving, because it requires a full physical participation.

Next work meeting – Kayseri Turkey

Marcel gives a deadline of 10 days to Turkey to send an itinerary which should include all costs: those that Turkey can offer as far as accommodation and internal transport is concerned and what each partner has to pay.

Whatever airline the participants choose, everyone has to arrive in Kayseri on Sunday evening to be able to start work on Monday morning.

Marcel anticipates that it will be necessary to work for three full days in order to compile our final report. Each partner is requested to bring finalized contributions for the final report to Turkey.

Everybody agrees to share costs of a bus that will take us from Istanbul to Kayseri and back again.

Hulya suggests staying in Kayseri for three days to work, an excursion to Capadoccia, a day of trekking and then return to Istanbul on Saturday, where she will be pleased to give us a guided tour of the city. (This depends on times of arrivals/departures of partners.)

Marcel reiterates that we cannot book flights or make plans until Turkey confirms the itinerary and expected costs.

To date, approximately 25 to 30 people intend participating.

Dissemination of first year's results

Partners proceed to demonstrate what each school has done in order to spread information concerning their Comenius activities, actions and products throughout their local community.

- Violetta from Poland explains how her school maintains an updated notice-board advertising all Comenius activities during the year. They also do competitions.
- Our host Walter and co-ordinator Marcel distribute a copy of their school magazine to every partner which dedicates many colourfully illustrated pages to Comenius activities.
- Tomi and Tina from Slovenia describe the trekking routes that their students take part in on a big screen.
- Rosie and Valentina from Italy demonstrate the collages of photos that were used for an exhibition in their local library to display Comenius activities to the population.

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