



**COMENIUS “TREASURES OF THE MOUNTAINS” SECOND
WORKMEETING
FAGERHØI NORWAY
8th – 12th FEBRUARY 2010
MEETING MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Marcel Mateu called to order the **first riunion** of the Comenius “Treasures of the Mountains” group’s **Second Workmeeting** at **10 p.m. on Monday 8th February 2010** in the chalet of the Gudbrandsdal Leirskole in Fagerhøi .

II. ROLL CALL

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

Ms. Eva Raich and Mr. Magi Badia (Spain)

Mr. Per Madsen and Mr. Ole Madslie (Norway)

Ms. Violetta Wierzbicka, Ms. Magdalena Gøłebowska and Anna Kaptur (Poland)

Ms. Antonia Mikulova, Ms. Ingrid Měščanová & Mr. Robert Mihalenko (Slovakia)

Mr. Ahmet Çakir and Mr. Ali Gúldas (Turkey)

Mr. Miha Bašelj and Ms. Tina Grobin (Slovenia)

Mr. Roberto Picchiottino, Ms. Consuelo Mareliati, Ms. Elisa Berthod and Ms. Rosie Crawford (Italy)

III. OPEN ISSUE

Marcel welcomes all partners and thanks Per and Ole for their meticulous planning for the Norwegian workmeeting.

Per presents the students’ activities. Each morning (from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.), while the teachers go ahead with the project planning, our students will attend theoretical lessons with the camp school leaders, as follows:

Tuesday - **Cross-country skiing**: introduction and distribution of equipment, waxing and techniques.

Wednesday – **Fauna in Fagerhøi**- identification of animal footprints; following tracks.

Thursday – **Snow-cave construction**- choice of site and building techniques.

This theory will be put into practice, in the open, during the rest of the day.

Per suggests forming small teacher work-groups in order to create practical results.

Marcel establishes the teachers’ responsibilities for the week.

IV: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting is adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

I: CALL TO ORDER

Marcel Mateu called to order the **second riunion** of the Comenius “Treasures of the Mountains” group’s **Second Workmeeting** at **9.50 a.m. on Tuesday 9th February 2010** in the teachers’ room (main building) of the Gudbrandsdal Leirskole in Fagerhøi .

II: ROLL CALL

As above

III: OPEN ISSUE

Marcel projects the official site of the project for analysis and commentary, which he and Tomi (unfortunately absent at this Meeting because he has recently become the father of twins) have

brilliantly put together. <http://treasuresofthemountains.eu> . On the homepage, it is suggested that the photos should show our respective treasures and should rotate but Per believes this would cause too much movement on the page. It is decided to consult Tomi. We unanimously decide, however, to change the existing photos of schools and replace them with more captivating ones of surrounding areas.

Marcel suggests postponing the logo competition until Thursday evening to allow Slovakia time to receive contributions from their school. Everybody agrees.

Marcel draws our attention to “**communication**” on the homepage, which has a link to a Picasa account where we can archive and upload our **pictures**. (Username: treasuresofthemountains; Password: montblanc09). It’s possible to change the language, too.

Although there is a limit to how much we can upload (1024 megabytes), the process is relatively simple. (settings → language →save changes →my photos → upload). There are already three albums and a new one will be added, “Second work meeting in Fagerhøi”, to contain our most recent memories.

HOMEWORK: Upload pictures and activities done until now.

If a partner has done a trekking activity, he should upload the photos to Picasa, naming the country/ date/ destination/ activity in a new folder. Naturally, it is also important to mark the position on Googlemaps. These don’t have to be necessarily mobilities or itineraries, just any activity relating to the project. The aim is to provide material for Violetta and Ali, who are responsible for the DVD.

Marcel distributes a copy of a book to each partner containing many new Spanish treasures, among which is the Garrotxa volcanic park. At the same time, he projects photos and comments made during their trip to this site which have been uploaded to Picasa.

The PROGRESS REPORT has to be consigned to the Spanish National Agency by 30th June 2010. Marcel is not sure if each partner has to hand in a report to its own National Agency also. We must find out. However, it is important that every school downloads the report in its own language.

HOMEWORK: Each country’s information for the PROGRESS REPORT must be sent to Marcel before 1st June 2010.

According to a decision made during our first Work meeting in Courmayeur, the board game should be completed by the end of the first year. Rosie demonstrates the game that her colleagues Fiammetta Ostorero and Vladimir Sergi successfully created with the Italian students.

HOMEWORK: Each country must complete a board game before 1st June 2010.

The on-line game will be developed during the second year of the project.

IV: ADJOURNMENT

The second reunion is adjourned at 11 a.m. and we prepare for our first day of cross-country skiing, games in the snow and jumping competitions.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Marcel Mateu called to order the **third reunion** of the Comenius “Treasures of the Mountains” group’s **Second Workmeeting** at **9.45 a.m. on Wednesday 10th February 2010** in the teachers’ meeting room of the main building of the Gudbrandsdal Leirskole in Fagerhøi.

ROLL CALL

II. As above

III. OPEN ISSUE

Marcel thanks all partners for the success of the international banquet which was held on Tuesday evening and especially our hosts Per and Ole for providing the fine fiddlers, the Nor Sør Fron Spellmannslag group, who created such suggestive music.

Per informs us that his school has just purchased a Garmin 60 CSX GPS, a model which is reliable and relatively easy to use. Eva, who has the same model, confirms this. It cost €300, including maps, which are on a CD, so we could exchange them.

Marcel and Eva explain how to upload maps, photos and itineraries to Wikiloc. As usual, Username (treasuresofthemountains) and Password (montblanc09) are the same. There is a link from the project site to Wikiloc. However, the instructions are intended for visitors to our site, not for us.

- Log in. Change language.
- Upload trails (step 1 of 4) For each GPS model there is a CD which installs the downloading method. It's not necessary to have maps in order to upload your itinerary. (Maps are necessary if you want to see tracks) Upload file to desktop.
- Upload your trail (step 2) Insert the name of the trekking route, the date you did it and a description. Select icon.
- Upload pictures related to route. (step 3) Obviously, the site would be boring without photos but it is important that we reduce the dimension of our pictures (maximum size: 5 megabytes).
- Add Waypoint. (step 4) Not only is it indispensable to distinguish between the track and the waypoint, it is also important to match the correct photo to the right waypoint. The date that appears automatically when you upload a photo is the first clue. Each flag is a waypoint, so when we click a flag, the picture opens.

In order to avoid mistakes, Marcel and Eva recommend to name each waypoint, both with a number which is registered on the GPS device and also by writing the name of the place that corresponds both to the number and the photo that is taken at that waypoint.

However, it is always possible to delete in case of error.

They remind us only to upload trekking itineraries which we want to be included in the final CD. A school should open its own account if it wants to register other itineraries.

HOMEWORK: Each school must make a contribution to Wikiloc by uploading a trekking itinerary that they have done in their area.

Walter from Austria, who is unfortunately absent at this meeting, communicates that he and his school will host the third work meeting in Innsbruck from 11th to 17th October 2010.

Marcel insists that it is imperative to arrive at least a day before so that every partner will be present from the first to the last meeting. Departure must be after the conclusion of Friday's final reunion.

IV: ADJOURNMENT

The reunion adjourns at 10.50 and we get ready to take part in the "Ski Challenge"

I: CALL TO ORDER

Marcel Mateu called to order the **fourth reunion** of the Comenius "Treasures of the Mountains" group's **Second Workmeeting at 20.05 on Wednesday 10th February 2010** in the teachers' meeting room of the main building of the Gudbrandsdal Leirskole in Fagerhøi.

II: ROLL CALL

As above

III: OPEN ISSUE

We discuss what should be done when students discover treasures. Polish partners suggests attributing points to students, which could be used as eligibility to take part in the next work meeting. Marcel communicates Tomi's idea that students send a text message with answers to the clues. Consequently, they should upload their addresses to the Moodle platform.

This leads to further discussion regarding the necessity to increase and motivate students' involvement in communication. Picchio creates a blogspot:

<http://www.treasuresofthemountains-talk.blogspot.com>

Violetta shows her Powerpoint presentation regarding activities that have been organized at the Zespòl Szkòl related to "Treasures", which confirms her artistic and creative skills.

Marcel reiterates the importance of dissemination of the project. As soon as we vote the winning logo, it must be used on the official website as well as on T-shirts or other items.

IV: ADJOURNMENT

The reunion adjourns at 21.30.

I: CALL TO ORDER

Marcel Mateu called to order the **fifth riunion** of the Comenius “Treasures of the Mountains” group’s **Second Workmeeting** at **10 a.m. on Thursday 11th February 2010** in the teachers’ meeting room of the main building of the Gudbrandsdal Leirskole in Fagerhøi.

II: ROLL CALL

As above

III: OPEN ISSUE

After having planted **NO mountain treasure 1**, we proceed to the registration of the treasure: <http://www.geocaching.com> **Username: treasuresofthemounta. Password: montblanc09**

- Hide and seek a cache
- Hide – online form- report a new cache. Traditional cache. Cache size: regular.
- Related web page: URL – treasuresofthemountains
- Update attributes
- Select map to ascertain that the coordinates are correct.

Marcel warns that each country has a “reviewer” who will ask you to guarantee the upkeep of the cache. Without this assurance, the cache cannot be registered. Marcel invites those who have problems registering the cache to contact him. Nothing is complete or registered until the reviewer approves the cache.

Marcel has the instructions in Catalan how to upload images to this site.

IV: ADJOURNMENT

The reunion adjourns at 11 a.m. and we join students who have been building snowcaves, near where we plant the second Norwegian treasure.

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I: CALL TO ORDER

Marcel Mateu called to order the **sixth riunion** of the Comenius “Treasures of the Mountains” group’s **Second Workmeeting** at **19.45 on Thursday 11th February 2010** in the teachers’ meeting room of the main building of the Gudbrandsdal Leirskole in Fagerhøi.

II: ROLL CALL

As above

III: OPEN ISSUE

Marcel announces that Montbui will host a mini-meeting for the Austrian partners, who were unable to attend this meeting, from 7th to 10th April 2010. Walter, together with a colleague, will accompany 8 students. They will visit one of Spain’s treasures – the Montserrat mountains- and attend classes at Montbui.

NO mountain treasure 2 is registered on the geocaching site. Per demonstrates how we can upload a track.

Mobilities are discussed. So far, Austria has completed 4 mobilities, Italy 10, Norway 4, Poland 8, Slovakia 10, Slovenia 10, and Spain 12. Austria is quite accessible for most partners so it should not be an expensive trip. The subsequent meeting in Turkey, on the other hand, will entail expensive flights. Ari explains that Istanbul has two airports, 60 kms. apart, but cheap flights arrive at Sabiha Gokcen, on the Asian side. Pegasus and German Wings are cited as low-cost carriers, but it depends on the city of departure. In addition to this, we have to reach Kayseri. Because of limited budget, Spain won’t be able to bring many students to the next meetings. Slovenia has already decided to take students to Austria but only teachers to Turkey.

Norway affirms that it is an important cultural experience for students, especially for those schools that have hosted meetings. Italy underlines the advantage of being able to ask for a contribution from the students' families in order to reduce overall costs.

Ali proposes that perhaps some Turkish families would accept students as guests in their homes, which would certainly help to lower spending and allow a greater number of participants.

Marcel refers to our treasures on the **Moodle platform**. Previously, in Courmayeur, it was agreed that everybody upload his/her treasures in PDF. Now it would be more convenient to upload them also in word or office format.

Communication among teachers is discussed. Unfortunately, the eTwinning platform, since it was renewed, is not functioning well. Although many attempts have been made to use the Project Diary on Twinspace, our entries cannot be viewed by partners.

HOMEWORK: write to National Agencies to reveal these problems and seek solutions.

According to the application form, part 6.3 states that we should make contributions to Wikipedia before 15th April 2010. The entry can be short and simple. Marcel points out that on the Wikipedia site, it is not clear that we, "Treasures", have made the modification whereas on the Geocaching and Wikiloc sites, it is obvious.

HOMEWORK: contribute to Wikipedia in your local language or in English by modifying or adding information regarding a treasure.

Marcel, referring again to the application form, reminds us of our further commitments to "expected results".

Each partner should organize an exhibition at school or in another public venue which will promote and display the Comenius project in general and the "Treasures of the Mountains" activities in particular to the local community.

HOMEWORK: Organize an exhibition for the local community before 15th June 2010

Marcel, reiterating the immense importance of dissemination, asks all partners to report this second Norwegian work meeting held in Fagerhøi to their local press, which must be uploaded to the official website. Per informs the group that a local Lillehammer radio station has invited a teacher and students to be interviewed live, so they can express their opinions regarding the camp experience. Marcel asks Per for an MP3 copy.

HOMEWORK: send a folder of national newspaper articles to Tomi, so he can upload them to the website.

It is decided that tomorrow (Friday) morning, while some of the students will be enjoying dog-sled rides, the others, group by group, will sit the tests that have been written to assess their entry levels in English, life-style habits and scientific topics related to the mountains.

These tests, and the solutions, will be uploaded to the project website.

Marcel reminds every partner to conserve all their boarding passes, travel vouchers and transfer tickets in order to be able to prove the mobilities at a future date, in case of inspection.

Per promises to send the attendance certificates to each partner's school that will testify our presence at the Fagerhøi work meeting, another document that will be required by National Agencies in case of inspection.

IV: ADJOURNMENT

The reunion adjourns at 20.45. Teachers celebrate the culmination of the week's events with a midnight spaghetti party. Apart from the Slovenians, who have to leave early, everybody will experience the thrill of being trained by dog-sleds tomorrow morning.

Students' rooms will be inspected at 9.45 tomorrow morning.

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