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Report

The aims of the meeting:

- to broaden the mind
- to compare prejudices and realities of Lithuania
- to acquire the skills of working in the international workshops
- to improve the English language, IT skills, creativity
- to create the TV show, the radio program, the magazine
- to strengthen the connection between the countries

The participants of the meeting:

Country	Teachers	Students	Hosts
Germany	Alexandra Tomczyk Anja Schmalhausen	Hannah Buch Siri Nissen Anna Alina Alex Leonie Heinrich Olga Riedel	Valiūnas Almantas Palubinskas Žygimantas Griguolaitė Gabrielė Griniūtė Eimantė Karulytė Greta
Portugal	Cristela Bairrada Liliana Santos	Eduardo Marques Andreia Gaspar Beatriz Carvalho Joana Neves Cristiana Lourenço	Strakšys Svajūnas Barkauskaitė Gabrielė Mielūnaitė Kristina Labašauskaitė Marija Batavičiūtė Gabija
Italy	Cosimo Pizzuti Anna Maria Musco	Giungata A Paola De Santis Gaia Vrenna Maria Lucia Allevato Alessia Pugliese Andrea	Batavičiūtė Gabija Dzindzelėkaitė Kornelija Barkauskaitė Gabrielė Būdvytytė Karolina Paukštys Tadas
Romania	Mihaela Garda Cristina Rusu	Georgiana Marian Maria Chiorean Nona Pop Stefan Marin Teo Kacso	Jonaitytė Akvilė Škimelytė Meda Simaitytė Ema Armokavičius Andrius Žuta Irmantas

The team of “Varpas” gymnasium:

The headmaster Valerijus Kuzliakinas

The headmaster’s assistants:

Zina Buivydienė

Irena Pluškienė

Neolė Jucienė

The teachers of English:

Aušra Čigienė

Irena Lukošienė

Dalia Vilijošiutė

The teachers of IT:

Vaida Skliuderienė

Gintas Andrijauskas

The students responsible for filming and photographing:

Augustinas Baltramiejūnas

Deimantas Razutis

The agenda of the meeting:

Date	Time	Activities	Venue
05 16 Saturday		Meeting teachers and students from Portugal	
05 17 Sunday	8:00	Gathering at school and travelling to Vilnius airport for meeting project participants from Germany, Italy and Romania	
		Lunch	Vilnius Old Town
	16:00	Sightseeing in Vilnius: Gediminas Avenue Cathedral Basilica http://www.katedra.lt/ National Museum - Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania http://www.valdovurumai.lt/ Gediminas’ Tower – the first task for the guests Pilis Street Gates of Dawn www.ausrosvartai.lt/	
	18:00	Dinner at TV Tower Restaurant “Paukščių takas”	Sausio 13 g. 10
	19:00	Leaving Vilnius	
	23:00	Arrival to Klaipėda	
		Accommodation http://www.ambertonhotels.com/klaipeda	Teachers stay at the hotel, students - at the families
05 18 Monday			
	10:00	The opening of the meeting	School hall

		Presenting: Lithuania Klaipėda “Varpas” Gymnasium Headmaster’s speech Coordinator’s speech Presenting the guests Portugal Short Portuguese presentation of their poster Germany Short German presentation of their poster Italy Short Italian presentation of their poster Romania Short Romanian presentation of their poster	
	11:00	Coffee break	School cafeteria
		Workshops - Prejudices about Lithuania	
	11:30	Presenting prejudices about Lithuania: the results of the surveys Show People-Picture-Portugal Nature-Music-Romania Culture-Movement-Italy History-Text-Germany Summarising prejudices about Lithuania	
	13:00	Lunch	School canteen
		Workshops - Exploring Reality of Lithuania - geographical, political, economic, social and cultural aspects of the country	
	14:00	<u>Sightseeing in Klaipėda Old Town:</u> The ship Meridianas-the symbol of the city http://www.klaipeda-tourism.lt/lt/lankytnos-vietos/80-danes-krantine-meridianas The monument for the millennium of the name of Lithuania The Klaipėda City Coat of Arms Trading Bridge The Arch The meteorological column Walking along the river Danė Klaipeda City Hall The sculpture “Fisherman” Castle Bridge Walking along the left bank of the river Danė Six bollards The smallest inhabitants of the city The symbol of the old town	

		The Art Yard Aukštoji Street Theatre Square	
		Coffee break	Klaipeda Old Town
		<u>Sightseeing in Klaipėda Old Town:</u> Walking along Market Street John's Hill Walking towards the restaurant	
	18:00	Traditional Lithuanian dinner (for the teachers and students)	http://www.trysmylimos.lt/
05 19 Tuesday			
		Workshops - Exploring Reality of Lithuania - geographical, political, economic, social and cultural aspects of the country	
	10:00	Trip to Neringa	
		Lunch suggestion http://eserine.lt/valgjarastis/	"Ešerinė"
05 20 Wednesd			
		Workshops - Exploring Reality of Lithuania - geographical, political, economic, social and cultural aspects of the country	
	10:00	Klaipėdos Pilis (Klaipeda Castle) - http://www.mlimuziejus.lt/ the task for the guests	
		Old Ferry Terminal (North Horn) http://www.keltas.lt/	
	13.00	Klaipėda – Smiltynė	
	13.30	Klaipėda – Delfinariumas	
		The excursion to the Dolphinarium and Lithuanian Sea Museum http://www.muziejus.lt/	
		Lunch	
		Going to the sea	
	18.15	Ferry to Klaipeda	
	19:00	Dinner suggestion for the teachers: http://www.nationalhotel.lt/lt/restoranas-baras/	"The Fat Cat"
05 21 Thursday			
		Workshops - Prejudices and Realities of Lithuania	
	10:00	TV	
		People-Picture-Portugal	Irena Lukošienė English cl
		Nature-Music-Romania	Jolanta Simaitienė music cl
		Culture-Movement-Italy	Dalia Vilijošiutė English cl
		History-Text-Germany	Aušra Čigienė English cl
		Radio	Aušra Skeivytė English cl

		Press	Gintas Andrijauskas IT cl
	12:00	Coffee break	School cafeteria
	12:30	Workshops - Prejudices and Realities of Lithuania	
	14:00	Lunch	School canteen
	15:00	Workshops - Prejudices and Realities of Lithuania	
		Free time at Akropolis - shopping and entertainment centre	
05 22 Friday			
	10:00	Workshops - Prejudices and Realities of Lithuania	
	12:00	Coffee break	School cafeteria
	12:30	Workshops - Prejudices and Realities of Lithuania	
	13:00	The meeting of the coordinators	103-Aušra Skeivytė classroom
	14:00	Lunch	School canteen
	15:00	The closing of the meeting Presenting the results: TV program Radio program Magazine Assessing the meeting Headmaster's speech Coordinator's speech Certification	School hall
		Free time	
	18:00	Dinner at the hotel "Amberton" (for the teachers)	
05 23 Saturday		Departure of the guests from Germany, Italy and Romania	
05 24 Sunday		Departure of the guests from Portugal	

The activities of the meeting:

2015 05 16, Saturday

The teachers and students from Portugal arrived to Vilnius in Lithuania. They were accommodated in the hotel near the airport.

2015 05 17, Sunday

The teachers and students from Germany, Italy and Romania arrived to Vilnius in Lithuania. Lithuanian teachers and students showed Vilnius old town to the guests.



Portuguese at the top of Gediminas' Tower

The students were given the first task – to explore reality – culture of Lithuania.

After dinner at TV Tower Restaurant “Paukščių takas” all project participants were driven from Vilnius to Klaipėda.

The teachers were accommodated in the hotel “Amberton”, the students were taken to the home of the host families.

2015 05 18, Monday

During the opening ceremony Lithuanian students – Andrius and Gabrielė - presented Lithuania – the country which is situated in the center of Europe; the country (the Grand Duchy of Lithuania) which during the 14th century was the largest country in Europe but now is one of the smallest ones with the population of only 3 million; the country whose capital and largest city is Vilnius, followed by Kaunas and Klaipėda.



Klaipėda – the third largest city of the country and the city-port located on the coast of the Baltic Sea and Curonian Lagoon.



“Varpas” Gymnasium – the school which was established in 1989 as Klaipėda 27 secondary school, in 1993 called “Varpas” secondary school and in 2008 became “Varpas” gymnasium; gymnasium with about 550 15-18 year-old pupils and 50 teachers; gymnasium of 4 years which correspond to the 9th to 12th forms of secondary school; gymnasium which provides an atmosphere of cooperation between students, parents and teachers and aims at the total development of the students: not only academic but also psychological, physical, social and spiritual.



The participants of the project were welcomed by the headmaster of the school Valerijus Kuzliakinas:



After the welcome speech, I - the coordinator of the project in Lithuania - presented the main aims of the project – to create a tv show, a radio program and a magazine:

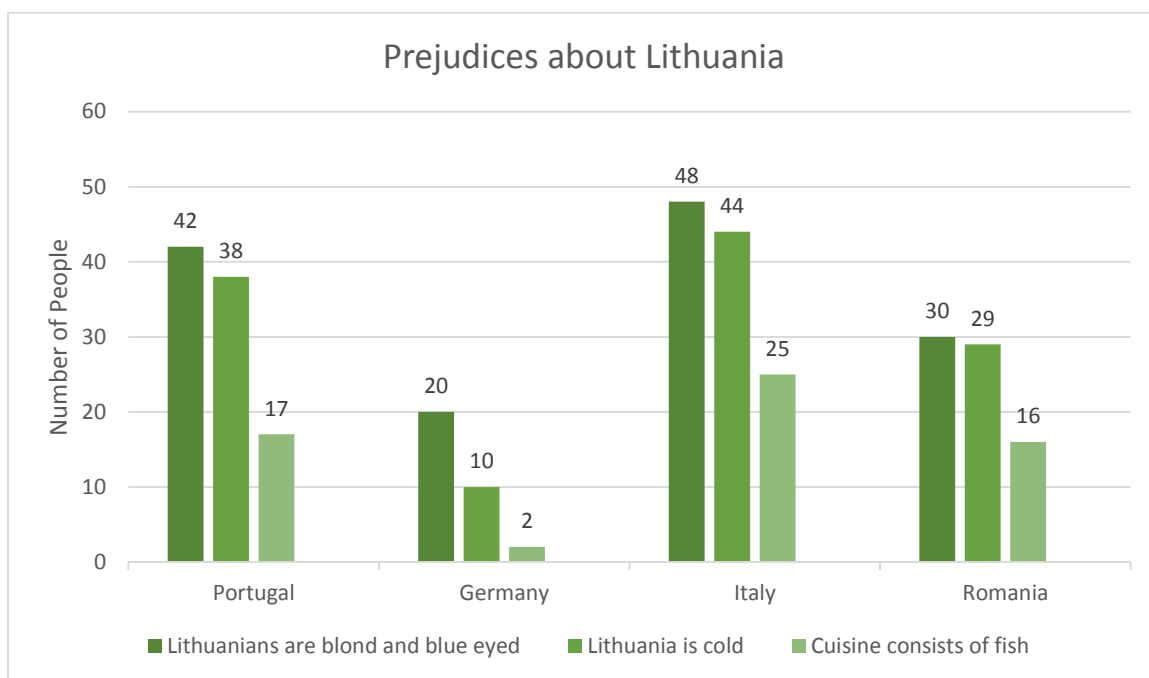


Then the guests from Portugal, Germany, Italy and Romania were invited to the stage.





After the coffee break there were workshops - Prejudices about Lithuania. Each country presented the results of the surveys which were calculated by Lithuanian students – statistics specialists - in the final bar chart – like diagram:



Then the Portuguese showed their prejudices about Lithuanians using picture, the Romanians – about nature in music, the Italians – about culture in movement and the Germans – about history in text.



According to Romanians Lithuania is green...



The history according to Germans...

Then Lithuanians shared their feelings about those prejudices.

In the evening all participants of the project – teachers and students – had traditional Lithuanian dinner together at the restaurant called “Trys mylimos”.

2015 05 19, Tuesday

All participants of the project were taken to Neringa for the workshops – Exploring Reality of Lithuania – geographical, political, economic, social and cultural aspects of the country.



Witches' Hill

2015 05 20, Wednesday

The participants of the project went sightseeing in Klaipėda Old Town. The guests were guided by the Lithuanian students:

<p>Meridianas</p> <p>We would like to start here because this is the symbol of our city. This ship is called Meridianas. It is a wooden barquentine which was built in 1948 in Finland. It's 1 of 49 ships Finland had to give to Soviet Union as a war reparation and it's one of some still left. Until 1967 it was a training-ship of Klaipėda maritime school. In 1969 the sailing-vessel moored at the Dane river bank. After two years there was a restaurant opened. Then its owners allowed the vessel to fall into disrepair and it became nothing but a shadow of its former glory. But in 2001 the lawyer Artūras Žičkus bought it for a token sum of 1 litas, organized a support fund and restored it. In 2008 Meridianas celebrated its 60th anniversary. This year is its 66th.</p>	Andrius
<p>Lietuvos vardo paminėjimo tūkstantmečio paminklas</p> <p>Now let's take a look at the monument opposite. This monument was built in 2009 when we were celebrating the millennium of the name of Lithuania.</p>	Gabrielė B
<p>Namas Tiltų gatvėje</p> <p>And on this house you can see the Klaipėda City Coat of Arms. The little boy is Cupid and symbolizes our love to our city.</p>	

<p>Biržos tiltas Now we will cross the bridge which is called Biržos Tiltas (in English - Trading Bridge). It's a steel drawbridge. And it's included in the list of immovable cultural values of Lithuania.</p>	
<p>Arka Let's stop here. This Arch was built in 2003 when Klaipėda region was celebrating the 80th anniversary of joining Lithuania. So, this monument is the symbol of the United Lithuania. This smaller red granite column symbolizes Lithuania Minor, this larger grey column - Lithuania Major and the upper one - Kaliningrad region which, unfortunately, now belongs to Russia. Here you can see the words written by one of the most famous Lithuanian writers I.Simonaitytė: „Esame viena tauta, viena žemė, viena Lietuva“, which mean „We are one nation, one land, one Lithuania“.</p>	Akvilė
<p>Now let's cross the street...</p>	
<p>Informacinis stulpas And stop here... In 1889 (125 years ago) here in this place the merchants built a meteorological column. It was more than 5 meters high with the vane on the top. In 1908 during the reconstruction of the Trading Bridge the meteorological column was demolished. But in 2002 when Klaipėda was celebrating its 750th anniversary the information column was rebuilt. Although this one is far less shorter, it still serves the same way. It shows the main information about Klaipėda.</p>	Žygimantas
<p>Klaipėda So, you can read here that Klaipėda is the oldest city in Lithuania. It was first mentioned in 1252. And it was called Memelburg. Until the 15th century the city was developing closer to the castle. Over there...We will visit it later...So... In the early 16th century the territory of the city was divided into small rectangular blocks and after that it wasn't changing a lot. You can see it on the map here. Until the 19th century the old city was the place for market fairs which lasted for two weeks. Klaipėda was destroyed by a lot of fires but was always rebuilt trying to preserve the same look. Until the middle of the 19th century the old city was the center of spiritual life. But during the second World War it was destroyed. And only at the end of the XX century it was rebuilt and given the status of an urban monument.</p>	Karolina
<p>Pasivaikščiojimas dešiniąja Danės krantine Now let's walk along the river Danė...</p>	
<p>Klaipėdos miesto rotušė This building was built in the end of the XVIII century and in the beginning of the XIX century in the style of classicism. In the beginning it belonged to Danish Consul Lork. During the Napoleonic Wars the king of Prussia Friedrich Wilhelm III with his queen were staying here. In 1846 the building was bought by the city magister and turned into Klaipėda City Hall. Now it is the residence of Klaipėda city mayor V.Grubliauskas.</p>	Gabrielė G
<p>Skulptūra "Žvejys" This is the sculpture "Fisherman" which was given as a present to the city during the Sea Festival.</p>	
<p>Pilies Tiltas Now let's cross one more drawbridge. This bridge is called pilies tiltas. It means castle bridge.</p>	

Pilis	
Grįžimas kairiaja Danės krantine Now let's walk along the left bank of the river Danė...	Eimantė
Šeši paminkliniai knechtai (prisišvartavimo stulpeliai, užkabos) Klaipėda is the city-port. So, on this side of the river you will see six bollards which eternalize the heroic achievements of Lithuanian sailors. These bollards honor the sailors of three yachts "Lietuva", "Dailė" and "Audra" who in 1989 - in the times of Sąjūdis - the Reform Movement of Lithuania - sailed across the Atlantic Ocean, from Klaipėda to New York and from New York back to Klaipėda showing the world our struggle for independence.	
This honors the sailors of the yacht "Lietuva" who in 1992-1993 sailed around the world showing our survival after 50 years of Soviet occupation. This bollard decorated with bronze honors the sailor Gintaras Paulionis. In 1994 he crossed the Baltic Sea by a rowboat "Alfred Jensen". Unfortunately, on his way home he was sunk by the titanic storm. This is the newest bollard. It honors the sailors of the yacht "Ambersail" who in 2008 sailed around the globe uniting all Lithuanians in all the continents for the celebration of the millennium of Lithuania.	Almantas
Senamiesčio katinas Now we'll introduce you the smallest inhabitants of our city: This is the cat. And it's not a simple but a special cat. If you rub its tail, your dreams will come true...	Marija
Senamiesčio pelė And this is the mouse. Also not a simple but a special one. Now you have to whisper and only whisper your dreams into the ear of this mouse and they will come true.	
Skulptūra „Viduramžių Klaipėda“ Jono gatvėje This is the symbol of the old town. The sculpture shows the people who lived and loved in medieval Klaipėda. You can see...	Irmantas
Jono kalnelis Here you can see only small remained fragments of the former complex defensive fortification system of Klaipėda. The city was surrounded from the East and from the South by these fortifications. Because of its size this bastion was categorized as one of the great royal castles. Now you can see only the fosse and the only one ravelin. And the place is called Jono kalnelis, in English John's Hill because of the Saint John's church which was built here in 1706. Now we celebrate the annual John's festival here.	Svajūnas
Ėjimas link teatro aikštės Now let's walk along Turgaus gatvė, in English - Market Street...	
Teatro aikštė In the past this place used to be a market-place. A square was built only in the XIX century. The fountain in the center was designed in 1912. The monument is dedicated to Simonas Dachas - a German poet who was born in Klaipėda. The poet fell in love with the girl who was engaged with the other man. Suffering the poet created a poem "Taravos Anikė" ("Ann from Tharau") and dedicated it to her. Here you can see the sculpture of that girl. Behind the monument you can see the drama theatre. Now this square is called Theatre Square and it's the heart of the city. It's the place for the main events of the annual Sea Festival, the international jazz festival and the other celebrations.	Kristina

Ėjimas link Aukštosios gatvės	
Now let's go for a walk again...	
Aukštoji gatvė This is Aukštoji Street. Here you can see the oldest buildings of the city. They are warehouses which were built in the style called fachwerk. Fachwerk is a German word and means frame-work. This German method of construction is the method of creating frames using straight horizontal, vertical and sloping timbers filled with wattle and daub.	Meda
Sandėlis (Aukštoji gatvė 3) And this is the highest warehouse in Klaipėda. It's even 16 meters high. In the past this warehouse was used for storing linseed.	Tadas
Ėjimas link menininkų kiemelio Now the fachwerk warehouses are used by various art organizations. This is ... By the way, if you want to bring some souvenirs home, you can buy them in these shops.	Ema
Menininkų kiemelis This is the art yard...	



Gabrielė – one of the students – guides

After lunch the participants of the project went to the Old Ferry Terminal (North Horn) and took a ferry to Smiltynė. They watched the “Dolphins’ Show” at the Dolphinarium and Lithuanian Sea Museum and after that they went to the sea.

2015 05 21, Thursday

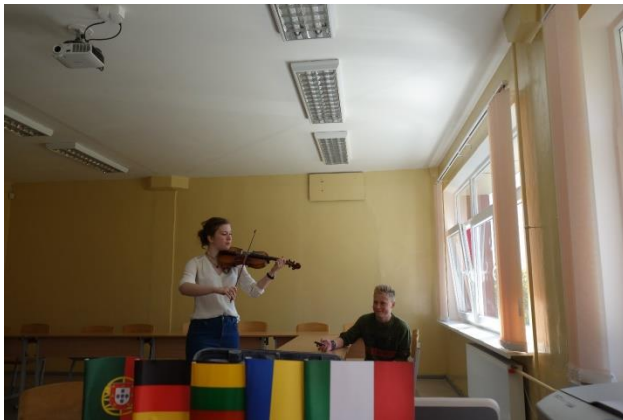
The teachers and students gathered at the staff room. I – the coordinator of the project in Lithuania – reminded the main aims of the meeting – to create a TV show, a radio program and a magazine. I also reminded the list of the groups and shared responsibilities:

TV			
Irena Lukošienė English classroom	Jolanta Simaitienė music classroom	Aušra Čigienė English classroom	Dalia Vilijošiutė English classroom
People	Nature	Culture	History
Picture	Music	Movement	Text
Portugal	Romania	Italy	Germany

Teachers: LT-Irena Lukošienė			LT-Dalia Vilijošiutė
PT-Liliana Santos	RO-Mihaela Garda DE-Anja Schmalhausen	IT-Cosimo Pizzuti IT-Anna Maria Musco	DE-Alexandra Tomczyk
Students:			
PT-Andreia Gaspar LT-Strakšys Svajūnas IT-Alessia Allevato LT-Būdvytė Karolina DE-Olga Riedel RO-Stefan Marin LT-Jonaitytė Akvilė	PT-Eduardo Marques LT-Labašauskaitė Marija IT-Andrea Paola DE-Leonie Heinrich LT-Batavičiūtė Gabija RO-Georgiana Marian LT-Paukštys Tadas	PT-Beatriz Carvalho IT-Pugliese Andrea LT-Armokavičius Andrius DE-Anna-Alina Alex LT-Griguolaitė Gabrielė RO-Nona Pop LT-Simaitytė Ema	PT-Joana Neves LT-Barkauskaitė Gabrielė IT-Maria Lucia Vrenna DE-Hannah Buch RO-Teodor Kacso LT-Žuta Irmantas LT-Mieliūnaitė Kristina
Radio			
Aušra Skeivytė English classroom			
Teachers: LT-Aušra Skeivytė			
Students:			
LT-Baltramiejūnas Augustinas	LT-Razutis Deimantas		
Press			
Gintas Andrijauskas IT classroom			
Teachers: LT-Aušra Čigienė			
PT- Cristela Bairrada	RO-Cristina Rusu		
Students:			
PT-Cristiana Lourenço LT-Griniūtė Eimantė	RO-Maria Chiorean LT-Škimelytė Meda LT-Karulytė Greta	IT-Gaia Roberta LT-Dzindzelėkaitė Kornelija	DE-Siri Nissen LT-Palubinskas Žygimantas LT-Valiūnas Almantas

The participants of the project worked in the international workshops – Prejudices and Realities of Lithuania:





After the workshops the participants of the project had some free time at Akropolis – shopping and entertainment centre.

2015 05 22, Friday

The teachers and students perfected their works in the same international workshops – Prejudices and Realities of Lithuania – and showed them during the closing of the meeting. So, the TV show, the radio program and the magazine were presented.

After the speech of the coordinator, the guests were awarded with the certificates of participation.

At the end of the meeting the teachers and students were given the assessment sheets.

The results showed that for the majority of the teachers and students LTTA in Lithuania helped to broaden the mind, to bring new values, to reduce the negative prejudices, to improve the dialogue among the countries and to promote the EU.

International workshops helped to develop the English language skills, IT skills, creativity, ability to work in the team and to share the responsibilities.

Portuguese students most of all liked the dolphins, the culture of Lithuania, the outcomes of the meeting but they didn't like the weather, transportation and food. One Portuguese teacher gave only the highest marks for everything and the other one – almost for everything.

German teachers and students liked hospitality, communication with people from different countries, excursions, getting to know the culture of Lithuania. Some commented on the country – wrote that it is beautiful and that they already miss it but they didn't like the program, the changes of the program, organization, location and transportation.

Italian students also liked hospitality, communication with people from different countries, excursions and also wrote that they would miss Lithuania but they didn't like transportation, accommodation and food. Both Italian teachers gave only the highest marks for everything.

Romanian students liked interacting with the others, some emphasized the interaction with their hosts, some liked sightseeing, some – school and workshops. They didn't like the program, the changes of the program, organization, transportation and accommodation. Romanian teachers gave almost all highest grades and liked collaboration between the teachers and students most of all.

After the closing of the meeting the participants of the project were given some free time and in the evening there was dinner for the teachers booked at Viva La Vita Restaurant at the hotel "Amberton" where they were staying.

2015 05 23, Saturday

The guests from Portugal, Germany, Italy and Romania were taken to Vilnius. The Germans, Italians and Romanians were taken to the airport and took their flights home.

2015 05 24, Sunday

The guests from Portugal left Lithuania.

During the meeting of coordinators it was decided:

to prepare dissemination activities (students teaching students) till the end of June:

People	Nature	Culture	History
Portugal	Romania	Italy	Germany
Letter Jumble	Board Game	Word Search	Quiz

to confirm that TPM in Lithuania will be held on 20-25 September, 2015,
to think about the frames of tv, radio and magazine,
to send digital posters to the host country and be ready to present them,
to send the results of the surveys in a bar chart – like diagram to the host country and be ready to present them,
to send the most important information not only to the coordinators but also to the teachers who are coming to the meetings.

Aušra Skeivyte – the coordinator of the project in Lithuania

P.S. I am very grateful to those teachers and students who put all their heart, knowledge and skills to make our meeting in Lithuania successful.