

Bulgarian reflections
on the fifth EVIVE workshop
Bordeaux, France, 19th – 21st May 2015

THE EVIVE EUROPEAN VALUES WORKSHOP

Introduction

The fifth and final EVIVE workshop was held in the middle of May 2015 in Bordeaux, France and was hosted by our partners from Cap Ulysse.

We were glad to meet again Marilou and to get acquainted with Elisabeth Silva, the European projects manager at Cap Ulysse, and Brandon, a recently started intern.

The meeting was devoted to finalization of the European Value Curriculum and discussion of tasks remaining to be done by the end of the project.

Day 1: Tuesday, May 19th 2015

The first meeting day had the emphasis on vocational education system in France. The workshop was opened in the afternoon of May 19th by Mark's, Marilou's and Sebastian's welcome words.

Our French partners held an interactive presentation on values, involving everyone to share their opinion through voting and comparing the vote with the educational situation in France.

After the live presentation, Mr Doignes, Vocational training centre manager (GRETA), encouraged a discussion on the vocational education system in France and special values, which should be provided to the learners.

This served as a bridge to our next activity – the visit in vocational high-school “Lycée Professionnel Les Menuts”.

Students and teachers of the school described in details the vocational education opportunities and the different paths students could choose in the educational system. EVIVE partners were presented with the school's specifics and learning topics, followed by a walk in the high-school premises.

This was the closure of the official workshop phase, and the partners continued to the informal part- having the social dinner in a restaurant in the centre of Bordeaux.

We all celebrated Sebastian's birthday, a very nice event to share.



Day 2: Wednesday, May 20th 2015

Wednesday at Cap Ulusse went very smooth. In the morning session we discussed the working progress and the future steps.

Evive partners were occupied with finalization of the European Value Curriculum and discussion of the didactical material while the learners' group brainstormed over the task to create a poster concerning topic: How can we foster future work on European values? The poster was later presented within the partnership.

A bit tired and hungry after the first session we had a French buffet lunch with traditional meals and wines from the region, served in Cap Ulysse.

In the afternoon the EVIVE partners shared impressions in short presentations about lessons learned in the process, a valuable experience for all.

Marilou organized a guided visit of Bordeaux, leading us to the most impressive parts of the city and showing us the beauty of Bordeaux. Afterwards we had some free time sightseeing and a dinner in another restaurant.

Day 3: Thursday, May 21st 2015

The last meeting day divided the group in two parts. The project partners stayed in Cap Ulysse to discuss the tasks to be completed and further steps under Evive, as well as opportunities for future collaboration.

The learners' group accompanied by Brandon, visited Eurodesk Bordeaux for a workshop in transport, accommodation and travel legislation in Europe. There they interacted with interns and students.

After the evaluation session and the "goodbye" pictures, partners departed for their home countries.

Conclusions

The whole EVIVE experience was very inspiring and fulfilling, leaving us with a deeper understanding of European values and education across Europe.

All workshops were very interesting and well organized.

It was a pleasure to be part of this team.

