

BRINGING EUROPE HOME AT SCHOOL "BEHAS"

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2ND SHORT TERM JOINT STAFF TRAINING EVENT

BEHAS 2nd Short Term Joint Staff Training Event was carried out in **Kocaeli/ Turkey** between the dates **7-11 May, 2018** with the active participation of 15 representatives from **BEHAS** project partners.

Welcome Dinner

On **7th of May**, which was the arrival date, after met at the hotel, the partners had a welcome dinner organized by **Kocaeli Provincial Directorate of National Education** and had the opportunity to meet the new participants who hadn't involved in previous meetings.



2nd Short-Term Joint Staff Training Activity started with the welcoming of all the participants by Deputy Director Mr. **Irfan Zeki ER** on behalf of the host, in the conference centre of Emexotel in **Kocaeli**, which was the venue of the meeting. Apart from representatives from the BEHAS project partners, there were also 15 local participants whose schools are involved in **BEHAS** activities.

As the main theme of the training activity was **Europe Day**, the workshops of the first day involved presentations on common practices on the basis of the **Europe Day** action plans which were already uploaded and discussed on the moodle Platform, as well as the organization of an experiential activity by each team, as it was decided in the previous meeting in Innsbruck.

During the workshop, the partners presented the following activities focused on **Europe Day**:

Greece: The myth of Europe's rapture and mainly actions connected to artistic education.

Latvia: an experiential activity in the hall of the conference centre, where the participants had the chance to paint on a big canvas with the basic colours without trying to mix each others color and finally crating a unique piece of art.

Italy: the actions of their school and experiential activity, which was a board game about European countries' traditions, customs and cultural elements.

Romania: the action plans of their school and an experiential activity called "wooden spoons dressed in traditional costumes". The participants worked in groups, painted pictures depicting traditional costumes with the colours of their countries' costumes and glued them on their wooden spoons. Then, another experiential activity, in which partners had to paint plastic eggs depicting something related to their country.

Spain: activities of their school concerning the celebration of Europe day.

The participants also had the chance to learn about Primary Education in Turkey and sample projects conducted by Kocaeli Provincial Directorate of National Education by the presentation of Asst. Professor **Ismet SAHIN** from **Kocaeli University**.

SCHOOL VISITS AND ACTIVITIES

The training activity also included visits to a primary, a secondary and a private school where different Europe Day activities were presented and performed.

- **Hacı Halim Karşlı Primary School**
- Each partner country planted trees representing their country and institution with students
- Bicycle tour with bikes having European flags on them
- **Ataturk Secondary School**
- European Hymn performed by students (9th semphony)
- Painting European flags
- **Bahcesehir College**
- Rulo activity (more than 50 pupils, wearing T-shirts that depicted mottos and images connected to Europe, drew pictures of people who were holding European flags, European Aquarium, music room (song related to Europe), dance show, sport activities

KOCAELİ PROVINCIAL DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL EDUCATION

The partners visited the premises of **Kocaeli Provincial Directorate of National Education**. They were officially welcomed by the Director Mr. Fehmi Rasim CELIK, discussed about the progress of the project and exchanged gifts. They also had the chance to meet the administrative staff of the Directorate and discuss about administration issues of **Primary Education in Turkey**.

Evaluation

The partners reviewed and discussed about the action plans uploaded on the Moodle platform and assessed the training workshops. The Austrian partner (moderator) distributed a questionnaire he had prepared in order that the participants can provide feedback on the meeting activities.

