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Languages are the most powerful instruments of preserving and developing our tangible and intangible heritage. All moves to promote the dissemination of mother tongues will serve not only to encourage linguistic diversity and multilingual education but also to develop fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue.

/From the United Nations International Mother Language Day site/

Realising the variety of languages spoken in Europe we were inspired to carry out the following activity putting effort into the promotion of different languages and multilingualism.

We designed an unusual lesson consisting of mini-sections where our students had the opportunity to learn some basic words and structures in different languages. The teachers used various methods - songs, guessing the meaning, similarity of the words in different languages, etc.

It was especially challenging for the Russian teacher who was expected to prepare a mini-course of the Russian alphabet as well. The students could enjoy a nice small exhibition of Russian culture, traditions and typical objects connected.

The German teacher attracted students' attention playing the guitar and singing together with them. They appreciated the time when learning was a pleasant game in friendly atmosphere

Learning French was supported by carefully chosen materials and great enthusiasm of the teacher. The introduced activities encouraged students to consider learning more than the short lesson could provide them with.



Both Spanish and Italian lessons copied the basic features of native speakers - they were energetic, noisy and fun.

The mini-lessons were finished by a short video or taking pictures of some typical things representing the culture. Our students were offered a variety of unusual activities which allowed them to become fluent speakers in just a few minutes. They really enjoyed the atmosphere and the multicultural feeling which was reflected also in the posters they created later.



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Erasmus + provided us with opportunity to develop our teaching skills, on our way to find the best and most suitable methods for our students, we realised how much potential we – teachers have and how creative we are. The very first idea was to prepare creative activities, to promote learning languages and get learners motivated and involved. Our students benefited from diverse teaching styles and creative learning activities.

Feedback from our students showed that one of the most successful activities we tried to implement were our minilessons in various languages and probably that's why we decided to inspire our partners and at the same time to meet our students' needs. When we were planning a transnational meeting in Slovakia, we knew that our students would appreciate to meet our partners. That's why we asked them to prepare such short minilessons and let our students enter their country, language and traditions.

Being a part of Erasmus + enabled our students to learn not only new words but also experience our partners' culture. The lessons were a great success cause meeting people from various European countries made our students feel Europeans, it enabled them to communicate, to create bonds with our partners. What they really appreciated was the fact that it was an authentic situation and except for learning something new they were able to test their language knowledge.

We do thank you our partners that they put such effort into those lessons and prepared creative activities that were stimulating, attractive and enjoyable. Catalan traditions, Estonian songs and dance, Swedish quiz, all the activities contributed to successful implementation of this approach into practice. Except for nice photographs and short videos these are some students' testimonials.



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"I really enjoyed the project with the teachers from abroad. It was quite nice to learn some words and traditions from them. Ten out of ten would recommend."

Martin

"It was the most interesting lesson, I think. We learned a lot of new information. I had a great time. They showed us some of their traditions. I would be happy if there was lesson like that once more."

Rachel

"I liked it because it was something different and we also learned something."

Jana

"It was really funny and interesting to meet people from other countries and to learn another language. We should have more lessons like that."

Zuzana

"The lesson with guests from European countries was very interesting. I really admire the connection that our school was able to make with teacher from countries which are quite far from Slovakia. It's really a good opportunity to practise English as much as possible because the teacher couldn't speak Slovak at all. The only thing I didn't like about it was that we didn't have much time to talk to the teachers."

Terézia

"I really liked all of the activities we did. For example, I find learning how to say different things in other languages fun and it's also interesting to see how some languages have similar words or pronunciation. I just wish we had spent more time with them."

Martina

"I liked the ideas of telling us something interesting about their countries in a funny way."

Alica

"The meeting with foreign teachers from Catalonia, Sweden and Estonia was really interesting. I found out lots of new facts about each country and its culture. I really enjoyed it."

Daniel

"It was interesting to meet those people from different countries, but I think that it was too short to talk with them. I think it'd have been better to talk with them longer and probably they could tell us something about their day and how they live, about their country And compare life in our country with life in their country."

Tatiana

"It was funny and I really enjoyed that. It was a change from normal lessons. I would like to have the same lesson one day maybe about other countries."

Jana

"I really like learning new words in other languages with native speakers. I also found special activities very interesting."

Peter

"I was always fascinated by Sweden, Norway and Estonia, so I am happy that I could learn some words and also it was really funny when they were trying to learn words in our language."

Baška

"I like their energy and willingness to discuss with us."

Kaťa

"Definitely the best activity for me was dancing with Estonian people. But I really liked the quiz about Sweden."

Adrián

