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C1 – „The European Green Deal – turning an urgent challenge into a unique opportunity"
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The Economic College „D. Cantemir" Suceava coordinates the Erasmus+ KA220 "Let's Go Green!" project, between January 2022 and December 2023, in partnership with European schools: Gymnasio L.T. Chalkis, Chalki, Greece, Istituto d'Istruzione Superiore Francesco Ferrara Mazara del Vallo Italy, Ogolnoksztalcace im. Unii Lubelskiej w Lublinie Lublin, Poland, Neringos gimnazija Lithuania Neringa, Lithuania, AEVA – Associacao para a Educacao e Valorizacao da Regiao de Aveiro, Aveiro, Portugal.
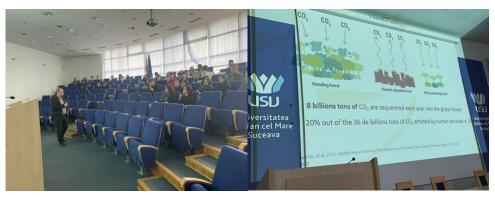
Between 27.03 – 31.03.2023, teachers and students from partner schools participated in the fourth mobility within the project, in Suceava, Romania, learning, training and teaching activity organized by Colegiul Economic "Dimitrie Cantemir" Suceava. The activities had as a central theme **„The European Green Deal – turning an urgent challenge into a unique opportunity".**

The activities during this LTT focused on informing the students about the European Green Deal and its action plan, understanding the climate change and its impact on individuals and society.

During 5 days proposed activities were targeted on encourage information sharing, inspiration, and foster students understanding of the threat and the challenge of climate change and environmental degradation and on how to counter it, on arranging and caring for an eco-garden and an outdoor sensorial path in schools can lead to reduced stress, anxiety and better school results for students. The project LLT's results were: webquests related to the project topic, interactive quizzes developed by students, focusing on the topic, Hall of Fame: examples of successful environmental projects, presentations and

students' vlogs and podcasts. There was created both real and virtual spaces for students and teachers to express their ideas and creativity and work together on ambitious action.

On 27.03.2023 took place the official welcome at „Ștefan cel Mare" University – Faculty of Forestry Suceava. Conf. dr. eng. Liviu Nichiforel made an interactiv presentation about the measures to protect our fragile ecosystem, the use of renewable sources of energy production, measures to reduce pollution quickly and efficiently, the effects of deforestation on the environment and about aforestation strategies in Romania.

To get in touch with Romanian traditions, students and teachers participated in a cultural moment: traditional music and dances from Bukovina and experienced Romanian folk dances, under the coordination of the school folk ensemble.

To get to know each other, students participated at icebreaking activities organised by Romanian students and teachers in the school gym.

On Monday afternoon, at the school, the IT presentation of the countries and schools involved and national presentations about current situation in each country: local activities on excessive exploitation of natural resources and consumerism.

Students from each country presented examples of successful environmental project (routes, eco-farms, school projects, young people who made important strides to protect the environment, environmentally friendly local initiatives) - Hall of Fame.

On Tuesday, 28.03.2023, students and teachers participated at an educational visit to at Mălini, where they planted trees at Mălini Silvic Bypass, within the action initiated by the Mălini Forestry Directorate "Planting a Tree Month". Students made InstaStories, vlogs, podcasts.

In the afternoon, students visited the farm from „Acasa in Bukovina" guesthouse and tasted the traditional dishes from authentic Romanian village farm. To capture ecological aspects, students participated in a photo contest: "Our feelings for the environment".

On Wednesday, 29.03.2023, students and teachers participated in an educational visit to the Egg Museum Vama. The museum hosts a collection of 3000 exhibits gathered from throughout Romania and abroad and gives visitors the chance to discover the traditions from the area and the art of decorating the Easter eggs. After the visit they participated at the workshop: decorating the Easter eggs.

Another educational visit was to the Voroneț monastery, inscribed on the UNESCO cultural heritage list in 1993, famous for unique shade of blue known as "Voroneț blue", whose color mix remains a mystery to the modern world. At a time when Western European Christians were erecting cathedrals that overtook in size and beauty everything that had been built until then, the Bukovina region followed a different direction. The painted monasteries of Romania impress with their perfect blend of nature, man, and artistic creativity. The Voronet Monastery charms the visitors with its 500-year history, its legends, and especially with its artistic value.

Built in 1488, the construction of Voronet Monastery was finished in record time – three months, three weeks and three days – today being part of the UNESCO heritage as one of the Painted Churches of Moldavia. The exterior murals have preserved their hues despite centuries of inclement weather, but the ingredients used in preparing the paints are still a mystery.

The scenes in the murals depict, like a movie, the history of Christianity, presented in an original manner, very much influenced by folk beliefs, by the Eastern culture, but also by the Orthodox thought. The painting of The Last Judgement, depicted on the southern wall, gave the monastery the name of "The Sistine Chapel of the East", following Michelangelo's masterpiece in the Vatican.

In the afternoon, students attended an educative workshop at school: Excessive exploitation of natural resources. Students created posters as a result of these activity.

On Thursday, 30.03.2023, students and teachers attended a webquest "EU climate policies and the European Green Pact" - https://createwebquest.com/node/67575 and a practical workshop: working in international groups, participants talk about the impact of awareness campaigns in relation to environmental degradation in daily lives.

Students participated in an outdoor activity: students created a sensory path in the school yard. The sensory paths give students a chance to spend a few minutes of their school day walking, jumping, bouncing and "pushing themselves through their distractions".

Ice breaking games in the school gym. Learning Capoeira

In the afternoon, students and teachers participated to an educational visit at Suceava fortress, Bucovina Village Museum. Students made InstaStories, vlogs.

Suceava Fortress, built at the end of the 14th century near the medieval city of Suceava, was the main residence of the Moldavian rulers for almost 200 years, today a national historical monument.

Bucovina Village Museum is an open-air museum in the city of Suceava, which highlights the popular cultural-architectural heritage of Bucovina. The interest which this type of museum reveals, bases on several defining elements: the exhibition in a natural environment, different construction techniques and specific decorative elements with symbol value, the recreation of a traditional way of life, the document value with educational purpose, the exhibition of the ethnographical collections as close as possible to the utility of the object within the background and not only as museum object, allow the visitor to understand and value, Bucovina's traditions.

On Friday, 31.03.2023, students and teachers participated in an educational visit to Suceava townhall. Workshop: Green travel in our town - electric public transport, bike paths. Teams from Romania, Italy, Portugal, Lithuania and Greece discussed and promoted the Green Deal Strategy together with the deputy major of Suceava. Quiz: *How walkable is your town?*

Students produced the first part of the Green Deal Toolkit: worked on interactive quizzes, using the latest technological resources/platforms, focusing on green and eco-friendly means of transportation used to minimize damage to the environment, with hints and clues for the wrong answers and reliable sources for more information for each correct answer.

Workshop: making "mărțișoare" from recyclable materials

Working on the project results on international level participants improved communication in English language and vocabulary in environment related areas, IT, social and cultural skills. Also, they developed their critical thinking, teamwork spirit, responsibility for nature, sustainable attitudes, ecological and economic actions, in order to ensure comparable or better living conditions for present and future generations.

Outdoor education – educational visits (students participated in a variety of adventurous challenges), curiosity and fun during activities (posting InstaStories, photos on social media) increased the quality and quantity of the learning process. By participating in all activities and coming into contact with different cultures, students became receptive to European heritage, became more sensitive to the meaning of European culture, ecologically aware and willing to consciously protect the environment.

The activities carried out in school workshops and open discussions gave students the opportunity to show their artistic and creative potential, to participate in experiences that helped them learn not only scientific information, but also practical ways of action.

Participating in lessons using webquests, using Microsoft and web 2.0 tools and the Google game in an intercultural way stimulated the students' academic success, improved their English level and specific vocabulary related to the environment.