## Meeting in Manisa Turkey

From 8 to 12 April 2019 teachers from partner schools from Germany, Iceland, Turkey and Poland participated in the evaluation meeting in Manisa, Turkey. During the meeting teachers discussed and evaluated all the stages and activities carried out in the project by each of the partners. It created the basis to use good experiences in the potentially new project the group may apply for in the nearest future.

The Polish partner brought and showed a film made by Polish students which commented the results of Polish final evaluation.

During one of the meetings the teachers spend several hours on discussing conclusions which the coordinator country can put into the final report. Each country brought their parts of the guidebook and the teachers discussed the contents, then the Icelandic partner collected the electronic versions to set them together in order to publish it.

The meeting in Manisa involved also visiting the school. The partners from vocational schools visited vocational classes by Turkish teachers, they could compare Turkish facilities to the ones they have in their own countries. Everyone agreed that the Turkish facilities are as impressive as the Icelandic ones. It is obvious that these two countries want to teach practically at school and they are well prepared to do that. Such vocational education is in favour of students who get both theoretical and practical education at school. At school the project teachers took part in a meeting with the Turkish headmaster and teachers. During the meeting we talked about the Turkish educational system, introduced the educational systems in our countries and compared the similarities and differences.

The stay in Turkey was not only work, each afternoon we spent on learning the Turkish culture, sightseeing and learning about our host country. We were taken to visit several mosques which are a symbol of Turkey and a sign of its religion. We visited the place of Holy Mary's death called Virgin Mary's House which connects Christians with Muslims. We experienced the atmosphere of Turkish countryside visiting the most famous mountain village called Şirince which had been the destination of many celebrities in December 1999 because it had been considered as the only place which would survive the end of the world:-)

The meeting in Manisa was a really nice time which we spent in a good balance of work and pleasure. Thank You for preparing such a good stay for us.

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