

„WE IN EUROPE – SHAPING THE FUTURE“

Together in Europe:
Kerpen pupils go to Hungary



The Spanish pupils were welcomed at the
Cologne Airport



The Hungarian pupils were greeted on
Gran Canaria by the Spanish pupils



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The teachers' exchange between 29th September and 12th October was a wonderful intercultural encounter.

While the topic *Roma* was examined in Spain under the leadership of the Hungarian coordinator, the topics *refugees* and the *diversity of Africa* were the main focus of the German coordinator in Hungary.

How many refugees live in Germany? What are the criteria for them to be accepted or deported? How do refugees live in our hometown of Kerpen. These were the questions which were answered in small groups with the help of presentations, but also with gestures and signs whenever the language didn't suffice for understanding.



In the video a Syrian refugee, Mohammed, reported on the obstacles he had to overcome to get to Germany. He fled his country because of the war taking place and he emphasized that in his country Christians and Muslims lived next door to each other, just as in Germany. Together we reflected on "How can integration succeed?"

"*Show Africa*" was one of the integration projects which was implemented and evaluated in three countries in a parallel way. In Hungary a fashion show was performed in handmade African clothing to emphasise the culture of Africa.



While the participants worked on the topic “***Culture and Diversity of Africa***” (countries and capitals, famous people, fashion show) in Hungary and dealt with the traditional professions in Africa in Germany, the Hungarian pupils concerned themselves with the (partial) aspect of “*Africa’s Challenge and Chances*” in Spain. Thematic subtopics such as education, poverty, the position of women and their perspectives were some of the most important points.

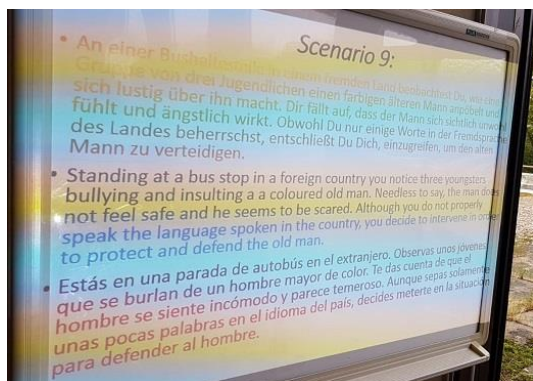


The topic of tolerance was treated during the mobility in Hungary according to the motto “Say it with Music”. The pupils went to the Baktalórántháza city hall square wearing their homemade African clothing and sang the project hymn “*Basta ya!*” “*Enough!*” at the top of their voices. The headmaster, József Gerják, his deputy and other Hungarian pupils and teachers accompanied them to support the Erasmus+ pupils from both countries and recognize the work of the prior week.

After the song the Erasmus+ pupils showed themselves from their best side to the song *Waka Waka* by Shakira (left) and presented their costumes in a performance worthy of film and TV.



As a conclusion they danced to the Hungarian song *Édentől keletre*, a song of hope. The audience as well as the headmaster were enthusiastic about the work of the pupils. The Erasmus+ pupils were proud of what they accomplished in the short time. The audience joined them in dancing to the refrain of the song “You are welcome”,



The Hungarian partners pursued the same goal as **“Say it with Music”** in Spain as the Spanish partners in Germany where these performed scenes from the book *„Zigeuner: Begegnungen mit einem ungeliebten Volk“* by Rolf Bauerdick in the integration project **“Improv Theatre”**

The **interaction between Erasmus pupils with Roma and their culture** was one of the highlights of the programme in Hungary. We drove to the Roma cultural centre in Nyírbátor where we were treated to homemade Pojácsza (Hungarian white bread) and stuffed cabbage. Ilona, the director of the culture centre and our all-round talent Marika, a teacher at the school, told pupils and teachers about the work in the centre with the Roma.

The work in the centre especially concentrates on the conservation of Roma culture and traditions such as music and dance. On the other hand, support programmes help the Roma to find work and promote integration here in Hungary. We witnessed their work at a concert with dance interludes and later had the opportunity see traditional Roma costumes and to sing along, snap our fingers and, of course, dance. Thanks to the cordiality of the children, youths, organisers and director, we felt welcome and are looking forward to our reunion in April.



A further (partial) integration project in the programme of the three partner countries was **“interculturality in a different way”**, emphasised interculturality by planting an intercultural herb garden in flower pots made of recycled plastic which highlighted the symbolic character as well as an overarching goal: raising the awareness of young people as far as the necessity to work actively in the areas of ecology and waste separation. More and more young people in Spain and Hungary are interested in ecology because this topic belongs to a globalised mobile world. Migrants and refugees who come to Europe are educated in these topics as well.



The pupils prepared bottles by cutting holes in them and painting them individually. The paint often reflected the colours of the national flags of Germany, Spain and Hungary, but peace signs also appeared. Then the bottles were planted with different seeds. In the end we hung our homemade “flowerpots” in a greenhouse. We’re curious when we can see the first results!

While the Hungarian pupils carried out an ecology action together with the inclusion class of the school on Gran Canaria, the Spanish pupils in Kerpen finished an herb garden for the pupils' kitchen.

Then the pupils prepared tasty German sandwiches with fresh cheese and fresh herbs.
Delicious!



IMPRESSIONS OF THE TEACHERS' EXCHANGE IN THE THREE COUNTRIES



Education in the project week in Germany



“Streams of migration from all over the world” was the main topic for the pupils of Class 6.7 during the project week in Germany. The enthusiastic pupils worked in different workshops under the guidance of Ms Schimikowski and Mr Tripp: a collage with a world of news about immigrants, a gallery walk with opinions about *Latinos* and a short play about refugees answered many open questions about this topic. Here you can notice that the topic of immigration requires early education. The outstanding results can be seen on **18th December, the Day of Migration**, in the foyer of the school.



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11th December Christmas boxes for the underprivileged (2nd break – Aula)

***13th December Photo exhibition in the House for Art and History, Kerpen
during the 5th mobility in Kerpen***

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