



## REPORT OF THE COMENIUS PROJECT 'S COORDINATOR

This year's work has been very intense and productive for the activities which have been carried out, the materials produced, the reinforcement of the knowledge and the cooperation.

During the preliminary meetings the partners had discussed and arranged the development lines of the project which have been carried out during the year.

The "Work Book" is the guide of the project DIDACT ENTERPRISE and it is supported by C.N.A. (National Handicrafts Confederation, our main partner) and it has been translated into the English language and then filled in by all the partners according to times and ways previously agreed upon. The same procedure has been carried out for the game CREAX.

During their stay in Greece and Portugal the teachers analysed the results and how the students had approached the activities, the different economic and working realities and the reason for such differences.

The use of a blog kept by all the members, suggested by Portugal, has become a very important way of communication among the students who used it periodically to exchange some information about their schools, the project, their cities and themselves.

Eight Italian students, 4 Greek students and 4 Turkish students took part in the meeting which was held in Santa Maria de Feira in Portugal. They shared their daily life with local families, went to school, took part in the school activities and went sightseeing.

The "Work Book" contains the development of the project but some important adaptations were made during the meetings in Aliveri in Greece and in Santa Maria in Portugal like for example a questionnaire concerning the expectations about the project itself, the economic reality of each country involved, the schooling reality. Thanks to it everybody has been able to know the differences among the countries and seek the reasons which often are historical, political or geographical.

In the light of these observations the members have prepared an interview to the entrepreneur which will be the new school year's opening activity.

During their meetings the members have agreed upon the need of creating a website for the project and Turkey will set it up as soon as the partners have decided on what elements should be included and how to present it.

Each country has produced a series of common products following the directions of the Work Book plus a series of personal documentations (photos, posters, videos, reportages) shared with the partners and shown outwards. For example Italy thanks to the cooperation of C.N.A. and Commune di Rimini, has held public meetings to present the project and has promoted exchanges among schools which are carrying out Comenius projects.

Also the other partner countries have promoted activities to show the project outwards.

The meetings have been very important to get the partners to know one another, to make communication and relationships easier and to live the reality of each member country.

It has also been important to keep in touch on the blog, by e-mails and telephone between one meeting and the other to deal with any difficulties or to exchange opinions or just to say hello.

To the students travelling to the other countries represents the materialization of their relationship and it is a unique experience of contact with another country, an occasion of comparison and dialogue, a chance to improve their knowledge of foreign languages.

The official language of communication has been English but informally also French and Italian were spoken by several partners.

At the end of this year the evaluation of the project is positive, there have been no obstacles to cooperation, on the contrary the exchanges have helped to overcome differences and the project has been a human and cultural enrichment for everybody.

The partners are now awaiting the next meeting in Isparta, Turkey between 16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2006 then the head teachers and the administrative manager's meeting in Portugal probably in March 2007 and the final meeting with teachers and students in Rimini, Italy.