The second student and teacher mobility was held in Zagreb, the capital of the Republic of Croatia. The organisers of the second mobility were the teachers and students of the First School of Economics. The mobility was held in the period from 2nd till 6th May 2016.

On the first day of the mobility the opening ceremony was held, which was attended by representatives of embassies of Lithuania, Italy and Portugal, as well as local media. After the headmaster of the First School of Economics opened the project week held in the First School of Economics, a workshop of traditional Croatian dances was done where the students 'broke the ice' and got to know each other a bit better. On the first day, presentations of students were held and there was a visit to see the permanent exhibition of the Museum of Arts and Crafts.

On the following day, a sightseeing tour of some of Zagreb's historical landmarks was organised for all students. It was a pleasant walk that was expertly guided. After the tour, students had enough time for free activities. On the third day of the mobility, students and teachers visited the surrounding area of Zagreb and participated in workshops of making traditional Licitar hearts and wooden toy ‘Klepetuša’, which are also a cultural heritage of the Republic of Croatia. They also prepared the traditional meal of the Zagorje region called Tenka gibanica (thin cheese and egg pie), which they had the opportunity to try.

On 5th May 2016, the fourth day of the mobility, a trip to Zadar was organised where the students visited the Archaeological museum and participated in the workshop of traditional stone carving. On the return from Zadar they visited the ethnic village in Rastoke, where they had the opportunity to see the traditional flour making process in a water powered mill. (cont. on page 7)

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The first day of the project meeting in Croatia started with the gathering of all project partners on the premises of the First School of Economics. After the project partners have been comfortably settled, the project meeting opening ceremony started.

The ceremony started with the singing of the Croatian national anthem in the a cappella version by Ivan Ljubičić, a student of the First School of Economics. In the course of the opening ceremony we heard from representative of the Lithuanian Embassy, Mrs Renata PELENOKAITĖ, representative of the Italian Embassy, Mrs Maria SICA, and representative of the Portugese Embassy, Mrs Soraia LOURENÇO. Lastly, we heard from the headmaster of the First School of Economics, Mr Franjo REP who wished all the participants a pleasant stay in Croatia and to be successful with our work during the project mobility, and officialy opened the the project week in the First School of Economics. After this followed a short dance programme of the Cultural and Artistic Society Mićevec.

After the official part and a short break for refreshments followed a walk through the First School of Economics and a workshop of traditional dances. During the first workshop students were able to learn the dance of the Turopolje region with the help of the Cultural and Artistic Society Mićevec, and by this “break the ice” for further project activities.

After lunch, which was organised on the premises of the First School of Economics, students gave presentations of their cities, schools and traditional crafts which they have learned to make, as well as those that they will learn to make thanks to this project. When all presentations were finished, the students of the First School of Economics who participated in the mobility in Portugal, showed a video presentation of their experiences from their visit to Portugal, which was a pleasant surprise for all participants.

After a short break for refreshments in the DIY room of the First School of Economics, students and teachers involved in the project visited the Museum of Arts and Crafts, where they were guided through the permanent traditional exhibition. After the museum tour was over, the students went home for dinner. With the museum visit, the first day of the project mobility ended.

Adam Vilček – Croatian student
On the second day of the mobility in Croatia, a sightseeing tour of the landmarks of Zagreb was organised for students and teachers. Under the expert guidance of the official tour guide from the Zagreb Tourist Board, Mrs Jarmila Hanuška, students and teachers started the tour in front of the famous Zagreb funicular, which connects the lower urban and upper historic parts of Zagreb.

When we arrived to the historic part of Zagreb, students and teachers had the opportunity to see the first landmark, the Lotrščak Tower. From 1877, every day at noon we can hear the Grič cannon fire from the Tower. From the same place there is a view of the lower part of the city.

Then we headed to St. Mark’s Square, where we had the chance to see the famous St Mark’s Church built in the 13th century, which is recognizable for its multicoloured roof with the coats of arms of the city of Zagreb and the coat of arms of the Triune kingdom of Croatia, Slavonia and Dalmatia. This square is the centre of Croatian politics, because the buildings of the Croatian Government, the Croatian Parliament and the Constitutional Court are located there.

After we headed to the Stone Gate and St Chaterine’s Church, and later we descended to the Ban Jelačić Square, Zagreb’s main square.

After hearing the story about the central statue on the square and the Manduševac fountain, we went to the Zagreb Cathedral, which is built in the neogothic style.

The sightseeing tour ended at Dolac, the famous Zagreb market, which is located between the Zagreb Cathedral, Upper town and Zagreb main square. The market is recognizable for its parasols in the shape of the Šestine umbrella.
On the third day of the mobility, students and teachers went to the Zagorje region, to a town called Marija Bistrica to visit the crafts that make the traditional Croatian products, Licitar hearts and wooden toys for children. First we visited the traditional gingerbread making craft of the Šćuric family, where Mrs Brankica Šćuric showed us the process of making Licitar hearts. Students and teachers could sample and taste the gingerbread which Licitar hearts are made of. After the tasting, a workshop was held where each student and teacher could make his or her own Licitar heart. The hearts that were made were given as a unique souvenir. After this workshop all the participants of the mobility were transported to a typical Zagorje hillside house, which had a magnificent view of the surrounding area. The Cesar family greeted all the participants and prepared the homemade traditional delicacies which the students and teachers could try. In the traditionally decorated Zagorje hillside house, a workshop of making a traditional dish called “Tenka gibanica” (thin cheese and egg pie) was organised. This dish was baked in a baker’s oven. The last activity of the day was a workshop of decorating the wooden toys. After the procedure of decorating the wooden toys was explained, students and teachers chose their own “Klepetuša” wooden toy and started decorating it. During the process of decorating the wooden toys, we could sample and taste both the sweet and salty versions of “Tenka gibanica”. Each student and teacher took his or her “Klepetuša” toy home as a reminder of this interesting day in the Zagorje region.

Iva Primorac – Croatian student
TRIP TO ZADAR AND RASTOKE

On the fourth day of the mobility, students and teachers went on a trip to Zadar. Because of the strong “bura” wind, the trip to Zadar took a little longer, but the sunny weather and the Adriatic Sea mended the impression of the long trip. In Zadar, students and teachers visited the Archaeological museum. A tour of the permanent exhibition was organised, and after the tour a workshop of traditional stone carving was organised. With expert guidance, the bravest students took up the hammer and chisel and contributed to the carving of a stone head. The local media covered this workshop.

After the workshop and visit to the museum, students and teachers used their free time to see Zadar, to enjoy the sunshine and sea and had time for lunch. At a scheduled time we headed for Rastoke, a part of the Plitvice Lakes, a famous National Park of the Republic of Croatia. At Rastoke, with the guidance of the Rastoke fairy, we took a tour of the ethnic village and saw an old water powered mill. The miller showed us how water from the river goes through the mill and turns the big stone which grinds the wheat and turns it into flour.

After we continued with the tour of the village and enjoyed in the beauties of Rastoke. We took a group photo with the Rastoke fairy, who wished us a safe trip to Zagreb.

Paula Mizerak – Croatian student
On the last day of the student and teacher mobility in the Republic of Croatia, a meeting of teachers was held. At the meeting, an analysis of the carried out activities was done and we agreed on the activities to follow. During the teacher meeting the works of the Italian students were seen. They prepared sketches of the proposed designs of folk costumes. A voting was done on the best design idea and we chose the one which will be used within the project.

After the meeting, students and teachers went to the Ethnographic museum in Zagreb. In the museum, the participants of the mobility were divided into two groups. With expert guidance, the first group saw the permanent exhibition of folk costumes from all parts of Croatia. The second group participated in the ceramics making workshop. The groups switched and the workshop and tour were repeated for the other group.

In the afternoon of the last day of the mobility, an evaluation of the project mobility in Croatia was done on the premises of the First School of Economics. Students and teachers expressed their contentment of the organisation of all activities. In the evening, a farewell dinner was held on the school premises, where all students, teachers and parents who participated in the project were invited. All the food was prepared by the parents of host students. The headmaster of the school, Mr Franjo Rep, also joined the farewell dinner and he handed out the certificates of participation and closed the project mobility in the Republic of Croatia.

Karmen Biočić – Croatian student
EVALUATION OF THE 2ND LEARNING/TEACHING MEETING

The 2nd learning/teaching meeting was held in The First School of Economics in Zagreb, Croatia on 2nd-6th of May, 2016. On the last day of the project meeting all the participants had to complete the prepared evaluation form and evaluate the main activities of the 2nd project meeting: students’ presentations about schools, cities and old crafts and the workshops. They were asked to point out the things they liked about the presentations and workshops as well as to express their best impressions and wishes for the future meetings.

The Project meeting in Zagreb was very well organised. It had an intensive programme with thoroughly chosen sightseeing trips and workshops. All project partners were surrounded with hosts' friendliness and attention during all the activities. It was great that there was a balance between workshops and free time which was spent on personal exploration of the city. The Croatian teachers had thought over every detail to make partners feel comfortable and welcome. Not only the Croatian students and their parents were very supportive, attentive and helpful.

It is important to recognise that the presentations about schools, cities and crafts are gaining some new aspects which put them into a higher level. This time the presentations had more videos and some relia which appeal to those who watch them. While watching the presentations about schools and cities the students compare their own school and city with the partners’ schools and cities; they are amazed how different, simply unique partner schools and cities are. Despite of being interesting the presentations were very informative giving more information about the population, facilities, celebrations in partner schools. The presentations enhance the Project participants' cultural outlook and students and teachers' motivation to visit partner countries, cities and schools as well as to try and practice the techniques of their distinctive crafts.

The workshops of Croatian distinctive old crafts - Licitar hearts and Wooden toys were highly enjoyable activities as all the participants of the Project meeting stressed them as being quite simple but very fun and creative activities with beautiful final products to take home. It gave a unique chance to feel and touch Croatian culture and history. The workshop of making a traditional dish was good but some participants were disappointed not being able to see the process, it could have been arranged in shifts and foreign students should have a priority in such workshops. The other workshops - stone work and pottery were quite good but with little students’ involvement.

To sum up, the 2nd learning/teaching activity meeting in Zagreb (Croatia) was highly meaningful and effective and all the participants of the Project meeting had a wonderful week in Croatia which was full of unforgettable experiences, warm communication and emotions.

Irena Laužadienė, the coordinator of the project

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On the last day of the mobility a meeting for all project partners was organised. After the meeting, the participants visited the Ethnographic museum in Zagreb where a workshop of ceramics making was prepared. In the evening, a farewell dinner was held on the premises of the First School of Economics. The dinner was prepared by parents of host students, and all students, teachers and parents who participated in the project were invited.

Igor Čizmadija, Croatian project leader
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