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**Multilateral Comenius Partnership – 2010/2012**  
**Project - “Class in the nature, nature in the classroom“**  
**Report on the *Comenius* Partnership Project Meeting**  
8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May – Don Benito (I.E.S. Donoso Cortés), Spain

The third meeting of the project took place in Don Benito (Spain) at *I.E.S. DONOSO CORTÉS*

The participants were:

- Bulgaria – 3 teachers and 2 students
  - Italy – 2 teachers, 5 students
  - Portugal – 2 teachers and 6 students
  - Latvia – 3 teachers and 2 students
  - Slovakia – 4 teachers and 6 students
  - Turkey – 2 teachers, 2 students
- **7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> May:** Arriving days. The Latvian and Turkish teams arrived in Madrid on the 7<sup>th</sup>. They stayed in a hotel there. The rest of the teams landed in Madrid the following day and all of them were taken to Don Benito by bus.

Students were hosted at a student residence, where they were accompanied by Spanish students participating in the project, and teachers from our school.

- **9<sup>th</sup> May:** Project opening meeting at “IES DONOSO CORTÉS” Secondary School.

Introduction of representatives from:

- Town Hall ( Education Councilor)
- TRC coordinator (Teachers and Resources Centre)
- Power Point presentations about each school

Then we visited the Assembly Town Hall and the Ethnographic Museum, where we thank them their cooperation.



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In the afternoon, while students were at a school farm making bracelets with plastic caps and recycled materials, there was a coordinators' meeting, where it was agreed:

- Order and dates for the visits of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year were established:
- Italy: 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011
- Slovakia: 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012
- Turkey: 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012
- Bulgaria: 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012
- The coordinator of the project explained to us the way of collecting the materials in our website for the intermediate products and how to elaborate the report of this first year.
- As a final product, it was agreed to prepare an European Herbarium. Each country should collect samples of 10 plant specimens typical of each place (10 plants x for 7 partners x 3 samples of the herbarium for each partner=210 plants samples from each country). In addition. These samples will be exchanged on the last visit in Bulgaria. Thus, each country will make 3 handmade European herbariums, with 10 samples of their own country and 10 from each other countries. They will be displayed on a A4 sheet (120: to be slightly thicker). On the sheet, a sample of each plant and an explanation in the language of each country and in English will be shown.
- It was also suggested and decided to scan them to get a digital proof for the final report
- In our next visit, Miro will take the cards with 5 typical plants of our countries (idea of Miro about a common material/presentation).



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Teachers and students attended to a Lecture commemorating the Day of Europe, at the House of Culture in Don Benito: *Europe from an American point of view*. And the closing of the Comenius Week 2011. Popular dances were performed by the local group "Los Caramanchos"

- **10<sup>th</sup> May:** Leave to Monfragüe National Park. There, we visited the Interpretation Centre. Then we walked to *El Salto del Gitano* to watch the vultures and black storks. After lunch, in Trujillo, a guide showed us the historic centre, castle, museums, etc.



- **11<sup>th</sup> May:** The Bulgarian team left to Madrid early in the morning. The rest of teams went to Mérida and visited the National Museum of Roman Art, Theatre and Roman Amphitheatre, home of Mitreo, Temple of Diana ... After lunch, they went back to Don Benito.

After dinner, close to midnight, the Latvian and Turkish teams left to Madrid.

- **12<sup>th</sup> May:** The rest of teams left to their own countries.