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Description of the project

In our various societies, we are confronted with a grave problem of drift from the land. Because of the economic difficulties of numerous persons leave countrysides for the big metropolises and even for the foreign countries.

This phenomenon touches mainly young people, young women (often very awarded a diploma), the professionals (medical, social, cultural services, etc.) what is not without consequences for the small villages because all the structures disappear (post office, day-nursery, school, stores, etc.) and certain regions “orphans” are much less attractive.

Nevertheless we observe in certain regions an inverse phenomenon with a return of persons motivated for a new life plan in rural areas. We see appearing from projects of alternative tourism, organic farming, small business sector, of agro tourism, which allow to restore life in regions and to re-revitalize the economic activity.

Within the framework of the project of educational partnership financed by the European program Grundtvig, we wish to collect actors of various European regions so that they can exchange ideas on the strategies of rural development and it with the aim of recreating economic activities in these various regions of Europe.

01. - 14.11.2011

Preparation meeting in Latrape (France)

From 1 till 4 November 2011 the partners Peuple et Culture (France), IMKA Livani (Latvia), Agentur für interkulturelles Lernen (Germany), Samothraki Municipality (Greece), Kamienna Gora Municipality (Poland) and Europe Unie (France) met in Latrape (region of Toulouse) to discuss guidelines of the project. This working session allowed the various partners to agree on the calendar and the progress of the mobilities and to take advantage of the region to realize some visits in connection with the project.

The preliminary preparation meeting was an opportunity to visit some partners connected to the project. The first visit was at Nathalie and Christophe “the Apiary of Donkeys”:
production of honey and rental of donkeys.

Nathalie, a former sales manager and Christophe, a meteorologist, left their jobs to go back living in the countryside and creating their educational farm.

04. - 08.03.2012

Mobility in Livani, Latvia

First mobility took place in Latvia from 4th of March till 08th of March in Livani. Participants arrived in Riga late in the afternoon, but very early in the morning by train left Riga to arrive in Livani. The temperature was about -12C.

05.03.2012

Līvāni is a town (population approx. 10,000) in central Latvia. It is situated at the junction of the Dubna and Daugava rivers, approximately 170 kilometers east of Riga, the capital. Livani is located in Latgale region. Territory of the Region is 14 547 square kilometers, which is 22,52% of territory of Latvia.

The first meeting was held in Latgale Art and Craft Centre, where the participants were welcomed by the Chairman of the Regional Council Andris Vaivods and the Managing Director of the Centre Uldis Skreiveris. They presented Līvānu history, economy and development tendencies in Livani city and Livani county.

Participants visited exhibition of Latgale Art and Craft Centre where are presented many interesting tools and objects created by people with craftsmen "golden hands" and a unique 94-meter long national belt.



Next visit took place at the sheep farm "Zīlītes". The farm has about 100 sheep. Farmer Bronislava Zile showed her fall collection of rich apple harvest. Bronislava presented for tasting dried apples, pies, apple peel tea, which is particularly healthy.



During the meeting with the owner, the participants visited the camp where the apples are stored for the winter period. Bronislava grows organic apples and participates in the program "Healthy Eating for Schools" by selling apples at schools during the winter.



Latgale is the Catholic part of Latvia and the city Aglona with its basilica is a very important spiritual center for the people of this region. So it was only logical that we visited this important site. Aglona is the most important Catholic religious center in Latvia and a holy place. Every year on the day of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary - 15 August - Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from all over Eastern Europe come here. Aglona is a picturesque town surrounded by lakes.

Aglona Catholic Basilica is one of the most impressive churches in the Baltic States, and many legends are told about the miracles that have happened here.

Last visit of the day was to Aglona Bread Museum. Participants to the Bread Museum are welcomed by the mistress of the house herself, wearing a Latgalian folk costume, with Latgalian folk songs and with her address in the Latgalian dialect. To welcome the guests, Vija Ancāne involves them in a dramatized performance.

The museum was lighted by candles, on the table stood steaming herb tea in earthenware mugs and aromatic rye bread lay on a tablecloth of linen. As the group took the dinner in the museum, different local ecological dishes and drinks from Latgalien were served. At the beginning, the participants were taught to recognize grains of rye by sight and taste. Vija Ancāne has collected dozens of proverbs, beliefs, stories, customs related to growing grain, to baking and eating bread.

Here participants were listening to the ears of rye whispering in the wind, to the sound of threshing flails and learned old dances and games related to corn and bread. The participants were offered to taste bread. Vija Ancāne told and showed how to bake bread and all participants had the opportunity to be involved in the process of baking bread and later to receive as a souvenir from this place their own baked bread.

The museum has collected hundreds of tools related to grain processing and baking: flails, baker's peels, kneading troughs, etc. During the short period since the Bread Museum was opened it has received thousands of visitors from all over Latvia and also from abroad. Vija Ancāne sincerely honors the Latvian rye bread. Hardworking and faithful to all things Latvian, and with a strong wish to teach young people respect for the history of their country, Vija Ancāne has build from a scratch a museum which is now well known all through the country.

Evening has also cultural part when in a warm and friendly atmosphere participants learned Latvian bread dances fulfilling them with Mediterranean temperament.

After visiting Bread museum participants went to Daugavpils- the second largest city in Latvia to stay in the hotel there.



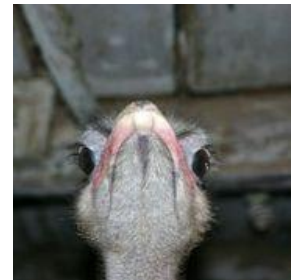
06.03.2012

Morning starts with a dancing tables where every participant share the new experiences obtained in Latvia as well as their own life and professional.

The second day in Latgale starts with visisting a farm. The farm "Viesturi" started to operate in 1989 as a household farm on the area of 24 ha of land. New residential building, cattle-shed, hay barn, garage are included in the household. Currently farm "Viesturi" with household "Akati" covers the total area of land of 1087 ha. Every year 62.30 ha of the agriculture land is being processed here.



The farm is engaged in the biological agriculture: grows crop, potatoes, strawberries, cherries. They also deal with the biological pig-breeding and cattle breeding. In year 1998 a non-traditional agricultural direction was started: babies of the African ostrich were purchased, special winter and summer homes for them were built.



Gradually mini zoo of birds were made in the farm: peacocks, pheasants, decorative ducks, turkeys, African black ostriches, Australian emu and French grey goose were purchased. A special pond for the recreation of tourists were dug out and in the perspective there is a plan to create around the pond a cultural historical scenery of the nature park with the appropriate greenery of the species of trees.



Scenery is formed around the dwelling house. Pine forest that stands close to the dwelling house gives fresh air with the therapeutic effect. Mini zoo of exotic birds "Viesturi" offers excursions around the mini zoo, a possibility to view peacocks, pheasants, turkeys, African black ostriches, Australian emu, as well as piglets, cows, rabbits, sheep's, goats and other household animals. Places for tents in total silence at the shore of the lake embosomed by forest. Exotic mini zoo has not become a business industry in the Latvian countryside, while ostriches are able to attract tourists.



Lunches for the participants were served in the new built guest house with an exotic menu where traditional Latvian dishes were served together with meat of nutria and omelet of ostrich egg.



Next visit was to woodchip plant opened by a young man. Special equipment was bought in Germany. So everybody has a chance to see the process of production. Town Kraslava is buying material from him to enable the heating system in the town.



His mother is dealing with growing flax and producing flax oil, which is very healthy product and is sold in whole Latvia. It was interesting to observe how the oil is produced.

In the small village Indra participants visited the exhibition of works of applied art. The exhibition centre located not far from border with Belorussia was built with the funding of EU and is the only place in the area where local women can come together and create beautiful scarves, carpets and clothes from flax and wool.



Sauna Aulejas region: For Latvians, the sauna is not just a place to ensure bodily hygiene: in the sauna, the soul is cleaned just as much as the body. This is why it is possible to experience unforgettable bathhouse rituals in almost every guesthouse in Latvia. As late as in the middle of the nineteenth century, there was a bathhouse on every farmstead – or, rather, in the remotest corner of each farmstead, as this small building was used by the household not just for “sweating” (i.e., washing), but also to allow a woman to give birth in peace and quiet, undisturbed by anyone. When progress brought hot water and a bathtub into Latvian homes, it seemed that the sauna had lost its use, but soon enough it had to be admitted that a sponge and a piece of soap are not enough to feel cleansed. There is a need for the special bath rituals that purify not only the skin but also the spirit.

There are a lot of sauna schools in Latvia where professionals are trained to fill different sauna rituals to help people to relax and keep young spirit in their souls.

Such opportunity was also given to participants. Dinner was served in guesthouse Zemites. Anita Resčenko, she is also leading sauna school in Aglona, for two hours were involving all participants in sauna rituals either inside and outside (-14C) eating strawberries and making strawberry masks.

Finally, Anita drew a strawberry on the cheek of participants. It was already 2 am when participants got to the hotel in Daugavpils.

07.03.2012

Morning starts with a dancing tables where every participant share the new experiences obtained in Latvia as well as their own life and professional.

First visit to Polycarp Cernavska ceramic house - museum exhibits "Polycarp Čerņavskis - master and personality", which can track the growth of the pottery of the holding vessel fabrication to sophisticated and complex decorative ceramic forms of fun for the master play of colors and variety of ornamental articles. Now the museum is opened for young ceramists where they have their workshop and participants have a opportunity not only visit, but also try to make small dishes. Everybody enjoyed workshop to see how the potter's wheel top vase, and opportunity to try themselves the bowl turning and shaping. Besides that ceramics house is offering school tours, a team plays as a holding vessel subject and reading Latgalia names, special program for various events (weddings, anniversaries, etc.), attractive way to spend time with family and friends. With a pleasure participants obtain unique and nice pieces of Latgalia ceramics.



After lunch in Livani, participants have a last meeting with people from Latgale and Livani, as well as Concert offered by children folk song and dance ensemble Ceirulitis.



Evaluation of the mobility.

Latvian tradition folk dances where danced together with children enjoying every minute spend in Livani.



The bus brings participants to Riga late in the evening.

08.03.2012

Participants departure from Riga.



13. - 17.05.2012 Mobility in Die, France

In this month of May 2012, more than 20 participants met in the old monastery of St. Croix, 6 km from Die in the Drôme, at the foot of the Vercors in the French Alps.

The project, which had started in Latvia in the month of March 2012 will permit volunteers from different countries to visit various regions, discover and become aware of the situation of the rural world in Europe between desertification, productivist agriculture and alternative initiatives in favor of local development.

Coming from Latvia, Poland, Germany, Greece and France, the participants discovered over 4 days only a region known for the quality of its landscapes. However, the isolation and roughness of the land have made it know rural exodus, worsened these last few years by the erosion of public services. But over around twenty years, projects and activities in favour of local development oriented towards ecology bring out the value of nature and of more convivial and human social community links, which reunite tradition and modernity.

The old monastery of St Croix reflects the environment with its charm and patrimonial, landscape qualities, together with a generous and simple welcome, anchored, including for the meals, in the local life.



14.05.12

The first day the group visited the monastery, its installations, history and botanical garden with aromatic herbs along with a botanist guide. The president of the association Terre de Liens “Soerd Wartena” came to explain the association project which tries to answer the problems of settling the young farmers buying land with the help of an alternative bank the Nef to make them available to farming projects and fight against desertification while facilitating biological farming and local production.



The participants could then taste the Clairette de Die at Achard cellar and discover the first family business of biological sparkling wine thanks to Mrs Achard’s welcome.



Then the group visited Vachères, not far from St Croix, a farm oriented towards the production of goat cheese run by a German couple, Oda Schmidt and Jochen Haun, watched the milking of goats and understood the possibility of living well on a little mountain farm.

In the evening they enjoyed local products in the presence of Veronica Mantel, specialised in natural cooking, cheese from the valley and appreciated local lamb.

15.05.12

Next day was a day of excursions with the first part at a farm for herbs and aromatic plants in Châtillon en Diois, who was presented with much conviction by Thibert Vink. The farm, where 34 people work, is new in this sector, and can now look back on an impressive development. The property has a network of farms and customers throughout Europe and the world. It produces more than 600 tonnes of organically grown plants per year.

On a market more and more invaded by multinationals, the business project associates a great rigor on the ecological plan going from straw buildings, with solar energy for the environmental conditioning and production mode, to human projects, concerned with the workers' living conditions

After this visit, the group crossed the magnificent Gât Gorges to meet at la tour at the foot of the 'sucettes de Borne for a picnic at the chalet de la tour with Jean Paul Berthouze, GFA representative. Spring flowers were presented via a walk with 2 guides: Florent and Gregory. Jean Paul Berthouze explained how the inhabitants of Borne refused, 20 years ago to let this domain become hunting grounds and gathered all their contacts to buy it back in the form of a cooperative with 600 parts of capital. The domain is today protected and welcomes flocks and holiday hikers during the summer. The picnic in the chalet was a true international feast, thanks to the talents of the volunteer cook of the association.

Back, Ods a photographer and "land art" artist came to present with his partner, also an artist, their work which questions the landscape and rural world under aesthetic and sometimes humoristic forms.

16.05.12

The last day left the free morning to discover and take advantage of the market of Die and his local producers by almost wintry time (weather), to go to warm itself at noon in a restaurant specialized in the local production and a welcome "A family resemblance".

The director of the training center in the rural jobs: CFPPA, Stéphanie Devernay accompanied with Dominique explained then their project and the various offers of trainings



proposed, directed to the ecology and the organic farming within the framework of the local project of development which directs the region of the valley of the Drôme to the ecology and the biological production: "biovalley".



At the end of such a program of meetings, the participants were impressed by the commitment, the convictions, as well as the pleasure shared in the work around the projects. The met persons demonstrate that it is possible to take back the initiative and to change the society at the local plan with a wider ambition when we really want it.

The biological and ecological aspects of the initiatives that have evolved here interested and surprised the group by their successful and innovative nature.

Contacts were knotted and it is possible that exchanges take place afterward around the organic farming and around an ecological lifestyle which the participants left convinced of the interest as much on the economic plan as on the human plan and especially of its concrete accessibility.

25. - 28. 08.2012

Mobility in Samothraki, Greece

Meeting place

The 3rd study visit of the Grundtvig I will survive programme was held in Samothraki. Samothraki is a greek island located at the North Eastern Aegean Sea at the borders of Greece with Turkey. Samothraki is 22 miles far from the mainland and is expanded in 178 sq. m. It is connected with only one ferry route with Alexandroupolis and the journey takes 2 hours 30 minutes. The island is facing problems of exodus of population and problems of being both border and island region at the same time.

24.08.12

First day of the programme was spent in Alexandroupolis, the port where we are about to take the ferry next morning for Samothraki. There, Orestis Chatzopoulos, partner of Samothraki' s Municipality welcomed us at the hotel and guide us to a nice beach restaurant where we had our first dinner altogether tasted seafood.



25.08.12

Following a 2,5 hours trip by ferry we arrived on the island of Samothraki. There a bus transferred us to the bungalows MARIVA at the village Therma. There we just left our languages at the reception and we walked a stoned nice little road to find our restaurant - a typical greek taverna where we tasted typical greek menu : muzaka tzatziki and and greek typical drink "retsina".



After our lunch we made a little promenade next to little river called "Gria Vathra" and reached a small lake with nice cool and refreshing water, where we swam. It was really refreshing as the temperature was 32 Co degrees.



In the afternoon we start up our working programme at the old school of Therma where the Mayor of Samothraki Mr G. Chanos welcomed us, presented the island and the main goals of the local authority. Mr Seba Maass, German Coordinator, presented the philosophy of Grundtvig and Mrs. Mary Papathanasiou, Greek Coordinator, presented the daily programme of our project as well as the map of the island and the main economic activities of the population.

Following, each one of us presented himself and thus helped us to know each other and to learn each ones background or occupation.

Closing the day we had dinner with grilled local meat-pork products and we had the chance to watch and to dance local traditional dances.

Sunday 26.08.12

We visited Thermal Springs- Municipal Enterprise. We visited the inside pool as well as the natural springs where the water comes out at 120 o C !!! We use the open "no entrance pool" for foot diseases where older people usually use.

Following we walked about one hour to Fonias Canyon where when we reached the first lake and waterfall we had a presentation of "Canyoning" by Kostas Stavrianakis owner of Terra Natura, a company which is based on Samothraki and offers trekking mountain-biking and canyoning services.

After the long walking and swimming experience we had a presentation by Terra Natura discussing on the difficulties to establish such a company on the island as well as on whether such an activity is profitable or enough to make you survive on the island.



Then we visited Taverna Karidies where the owner George Aggelonias presented his enterprise. How his grandmother started the restaurant and how they are developing their business despite the economic Crisis in Greece based on the absolute use of local products (products are coming mainly of the village they live -not even of the broader of the small island!). We tasted several different dishes of goat really delicious - as goat is the gourmet dish on the island.



During our rest time at noon (4-6) we use the municipal bikes offered to us by the Municipality to visit the closest beach at Therma where we swam at the nice clean sea of Samothraki Therma .



At 18.00 we were on board to a nice small boat named Thodora and we had a little boating together with a fishery vessel. Both boats stopped next to each other in the middle of the sea looking opposite the imposing mountain and Mr Nikos Nomikos described to us the difficulties and the circumstances of fishery on the island.



Following Fisherman' s presentation and discussion, Mr Babis Vaikouzis presented the activity of "Scuba diving" as he runs complementary to other profession, a business offering diving to tourists.

During the evening we visited Chora – Samothraki s Capital which is a traditional village and there we visited the Traditional Bakery at Chora where Mr Ioannis Antoniou, presented the traditional bakery he runs, which is a family business – legacy of his grandfather as well as about the architecture of Chora.



At 21.00 we visited the Culture Cafenio at Chora where we had visited a small exhibition of Local handicraft and local producers.

And following we attended a music event from the Association of Friends of Music Armonias Genesis with local traditional songs from the children choir.

27.08.12

We started really early in the morning, so that we are at a local sheep's and goat's farm at 8.15 so we watched the milking procedure. There we saw local species of goats and sheeps and discussed with the owners -a young farmer C. Tsaousis and his parents in law- about the breeding problems and the profession of live stock keepers.



Following we visited an Organic Vineyard where the whole Atzanos family (a young couple Panagiotis and Carlota with their daughter and the man's parents) welcomed us and they presented the several species of vines, the cultivation method, the wines produced and of course problems and future plans at this profession.



The next visit was at the local cheese maker Panagiotis Papanikolaou where we tasted 3 different types of Samothraki's cheese (feta- soft yellow cheese "kaskavali" and yellow hard cheese "kefalograviera"). It was really impressive to hear the speech of the young man who wants to remain traditional and work for high quality products on low price. He is running 2 shops or retail selling one on the island and one in Alexandroupolis in order to keep the price of cheese low and to offer cheese of high quality to the final consumers. He is using only milk from sheeps and goats inside the island so that the final product do not loose quality.



This noon we tasted local goat "on the spit" at a traditional taverna at the village Profitis Ilias. Following a rest of 2 hours at a close beach - as the temperature was 35 degrees that day- we visited a bee keeper and Honey Producer Mr George Vasiloudias who hosted us at his field and present the whole procedure of breeding bees and honey harvest. His father presented the olives cultivation as the laboratory of honey production is in the family's olives field. We tasted Samothraki's honey and following we visited a private Garden of Organic Herbs where Mr Manos Rodopoulos and his French wife Mrs Florence hosted us in the most warm way and guide us through their magnificent garden of herbs where they produce several herbs and floral water.

This day ended with an ethnic specialities party accompanys by Samothraki's Photos presentation by a young local photographer of the island Sofia Bourdanou, local music by young local musicians and a buffet several home cooked dishes by Association "NIKH"- production of Traditional local Products.

28.08.12

Last day begun with a visit to the Archeological Site of Paliapolis and then follows a Presentation of “Astraea” Olives by G.Stavrianakis and a visit of the Local Products Open Market in Kamariotissa.

Programme ended up with the Evaluation of the Programme where each group described the impact of the programme and each one of us spoke on the plenary about the whole experience of this mobility.



26.-30.11.2012 Mobility in Neuruppin, Germany

Meeting place

The city of Neuruppin is located about 65 km northwest of Berlin in Brandenburg and is the capital of Ostprignitz-Ruppin. Neuruppin is a prosperous and attractive city at Lake Ruppin and well connected to public transport in Berlin. The group was accommodated in SPORHOTEL & SPORT CENTER Neuruppin Trenckmannstraße 14, 16816 Neuruppin in single and double rooms. In addition, a seminar room was at our disposal.

After the arrival of the participants on Monday evening, 26/11/12 at Sporthotel Neuruppin there was a brief welcome and after dinner a first short “get to know each other” exercise.

27.11.12

Tuesday morning began with the introduction of a first language animation that functioned as icebreakers and created a relaxed atmosphere. Name games and greeting rituals and formulas in all languages helped to overcome the contact and language inhibitions.

Then all the participants in the plenary, the organizations, the executive team, the seminar schedule and the Grundtvig program were presented. In addition the participants were asked about their expectations of this meeting. It became clear that many hoped for suggestions for their own professional perspective in their rural area.

In the afternoon we attended the private Montessori school in the Wichmannstr.17 and the neighboring Montessori Children's House, Am Alten Gymnasium 14 in Neuruppin. Both institutions are run by independent agency of IBiS Integrative Bildungsstätten GmbH. They can also be seen as an attempt to "survive" with progressive educational offers in rural areas.

The school director gave the participants an overview about the concept of the school and the special Montessori materials with which the children learn. Afterwards there was a guided tour of the school. Then we went to the children's house. Here, an employee explained the characteristics and pedagogical materials, led by the rooms and described the daily routine.

In both institutions, the participants then had the opportunity to try the Montessori materials and ask questions.



For most people it was the first visit of a reform pedagogical school and the first experience with Montessori materials. Some obviously had trouble imagining independent learning without frontal teaching. But others were visibly excited and wanted such an alternative school in their rural area.



Then we went to the gallery "Am Bollwerk", An der Seepromenade 10, who was walking distance to reach from the school. The gallery owner Cornelia Lambriev-Soost met us and told us about the structure of the gallery, the current state and perspective.



The evaluation of the day was done in the Sporthotel.

The group spent the evening at the restaurant in the UP-HUS Siechenstr.4, the oldest building Neuruppin town and one of the few that the great fire in 1787 did not fall victim to.

28.11.12

The 28.11.12 we went to the village Rohrlack. Here we visited in the Dorfstrasse 18 the "Landkorb", a organic delivery service. This plant has established to deliver organic fruit and vegetables from the region in so-called "Abo-Kisten" to ecologically aware customers especially in Berlin.



Kirsten Sattler started 15 years ago with her husband in order to supply, after half a year 6 customers. They now have 30 employees and provide weekly about 1700 boxes to Berlin.

Mrs. Sattler led us to the fields in the greenhouses, the warehouse and the packing station. Meanwhile, 50% of the assortment come from its own production, the remaining goods is made by other producers.



For all participants, it was interesting to hear which developments are possible. It was also impressive to see how small the company started.

Afterwards we visited the stud farm Lindenhof in Barsikower Weg 6 in Rohrlack. Besides a regular riding and pension stable and the stud the Lindenhof offers mare milk and mare milk products. But we learned that the owner Siegfried Doerge has meanwhile stopped making horse milk products, because he is overburdened with the distribution and sale. An attempt to organize distribution through a network of horse milk producers failed so far.

Mr. Doerge showed us nevertheless, how he milks the mares and everyone could taste the milk. Also this example was interesting, as it pointed out the difficulties of a company in the countryside, especially if one a self-employed individual person is.



After lunch we were at a visit date in the city located bakery

"Vollkern". Managing Director Mr. Apitz explained the concept of his organic bakery and the development of the company and then led us through the rooms. The bakery "Vollkern" also benefits from the close proximity to Berlin and makes daily deliveries to a lot of organic food stores in the city. Also, there is collaboration with the distribution of the "Abo-Kisten" of the "Landkorb".



In the late afternoon we went back to Sporthotel to evaluate the visits in plenary. The majority of the participants ended the day by visiting the Fontane Therme.

29.11.12

Next day, the group went to Brunne, a village about 20 km southwest of Neuruppin located in the area called "Rhinluch".

Here lives and works goldsmith Rima Chamma. She showed us how she makes her filigree jewelry made of different materials and explained how and where they sold them.



So she is traveling to markets and events in the region, regularly invites to "open shop", and uses of course the proximity to Berlin to also there establish contacts or to sell her jewelry. Rima Chamma also clearly pointed out the difficulties of self-employment in the countryside and specifically mentioned that she also carries also a second job in order to "make ends meet". The permanent search for ways to present and sell her jewelry is very tiring.

Thereafter we continued to the neighboring village Lentzke: Stajkoski family has bought an old farm in the Dorfstrasse there. Peter Stajkoski has set up the "Gallery in the Blue House" and organized various meetings and symposia with artists, especially from Eastern Europe. We visited the rooms, while Mr. Stajkoski explained the development of the gallery.



Alexandra Stajkoski also lives on the farm and has made a few years ago as a freelance yoga teacher. She teaches Ashtanga Yoga for adults but also for children in the entire district.

Meanwhile she offers Yoga workshops in her own rooms, in schools and other entities. She also talked about the difficult initial phase and the permanently search for possibilities to offer her skills.



After a short presentation of Ashtanga yoga we went for lunch to Brunne to the BS Ranch Tours.

Björn Synakewicz founded his company BS Ranch Tours before 15 years and offers riding tourism. He is owner of about 25 horses and a herd of cattle (French Salers) and he has a stable building converted into a rustic group accommodation with a large living area. This so-called "long house" can be rented for private parties, and also serves as an international youth exchanges accommodation.



After a rich meal Synakewicz Björn explained his idea and the development of the company BS Ranch Tours. As a one-man operation, he is constantly going to operate the various pillars of its business and to improve processes. On the other hand, the small size of his holding prevents the commercialization, which he would not strive for.

The interesting exchange we had to end then, unfortunately, because they were waiting for us in the local distillery of Brunne. The distillery is part of the Brunner family Neumann. Produced there are spirits and liqueurs from wheat grain after house recipes.



The distillery is supplied with its own raw materials (approximately 600 ha arable land) and the exploitation of the stillage as cattle feed for their own herd, save the owners an effective circulation.

After a tour with explanations for modern manufacturing method, Mrs. Neumann went briefly to the history of the distillery and the possibilities of distribution and sales.

Back to Sporthotel we evaluated the different visits of the day.

At 19:00 our group was invited to the vernissage at the Galerie Am Bollwerk in Neuruppin.

From 20:00 there was a nice buffet for the group at the restaurant "Magnolias", in which the specialties of the participants were presented too.

Also the persons we visited during the seminar were invited to the buffet, and the majority followed the invitation. So there was a colorful party, much exchange and towards the end, a mishmash of international favourite music.

11. - 15.02.2013 Mobility in Rieux, France

Meeting place

At the foot of the Pyrenees, 45 km in the South of Toulouse, the village of Rieux Volvestre, is a medieval village.

Volvestre, rich in cultural and sports leisure activities, it is the place for an ideal reception for thematic stays, working seminars, colloquiums... We find thus numerous small economic activities created by persons who have returned there to live in a rural environment.

The group was accommodated in a collective structure " The Mill " where we could meet in one of the meeting rooms to work.



Rural exodus in Volvestre

In our various societies, we are confronted with a serious rural exodus problem.. Because of economic difficulties, numerous persons have left the countryside for large cities . This phenomenon affected mainly the often very qualified young people, women, which is not without fatal consequences, because day-nurseries, schools, stores close. We also notice the disappearance of doctors for the rural environment, of all kinds of social , cultural ,transport services , libraries disappear and thus these orphan regions are even less attractive.

Nevertheless, we observe in certain regions such as Volvestre, the opposite phenomenon with the return of persons motivated for a new life plan in rural areas. We thus see the emergence of projects of alternative tourism, organic farming, craftsmanship, agro tourism which restores life back in regions, and revitalize the economic activity.

The objective of this mobility to Rieux thus was to show how persons had created a viable economic activity in rural areas.

All the participants arrived on Monday, February 11th at the end of the afternoon, with for some, a lengthy and tiring travel.

Before diner a welcome cocktail allowed to make a fast presentation of the week program and the participants.

12.02.13

On Tuesday, February 12th we started the day by a general presentation of the week, of the Grundtvig program and of our expectations of the informal training of our project.

The Blog presentation and the videos allowed to show participants the work realized during the previous mobilities. All the participants discribed their expectations from their stay in France.



Then we made a deciphering in the village, with a visit of the

museum redrawing the history of the village and a visit of the Cathedral. The beginning of seminar already allowed to raise numerous questions on life in rural areas, because the participants from other countries found that the village seemed dead, many houses were closed, few or no persons in streets except for some elderly!!

The afternoon was dedicated to two visits:

The Apiary of Donkeys held by Christophe and Nathalie. He, a former meteorologist and she, a former sales manager, left their jobs to create a farm with the production of honey, the rent of donkeys and an educational farm. Now settled for 5 years, they have met numerous difficulties, but today they do not regret their choice and are happy to be able to live in the countryside far from the stress of the city.

The second visit of Firm Séglane of Sir and Madam Bonzom, had as an objective, to show how the transfer of a farm between parents and children was made; they had restarted the production of chicken and fat duck.



13.02.13

On Wednesday, February 13th we began the day with the visit of Renova studios. Open to private individuals and to producers, the Studios of processing fruit and vegetables for the manufacturing of juices, jams, soups and diverse cans of food, allow to develop economic activities. They allowed numerous installations in the region.

At the beginning of the afternoon, we visited an isolated circus school in the countryside. The circus school and equestrian acrobatics Monascintilla de Latrape has worked since 1993 in the arts circus and the equestrian acrobatics with young people. The will is to allow all our members to discover the artistic and technical world of the circus, to bloom, to open to the social life, to win confidence. Its reputation allows to attract numerous children to make some equestrian acrobatics or activities connected to the circus. A very good example which shows that in spite of isolation, it is possible to be successful and to attract people from the area.



Following this, we were at Patricia's Lariguet's. Savoyard of origin, Patricia Lariguet followed her husband, a researcher at the university of Toulouse and settled down on the hillsides of Volvestre and more exactly in the small village of Latrape. Doctor in science and biologist, Patricia moved into the agriculture world, but not just any, that of the aromatic plants which can grow around our home; it is also healing plants which she cultivates and which allow her to make homemade cosmetics, 100 % natural. These products are manually completely, developed from plants, from raw beewax, from local essential oil.



The active ingredients of plants are extracted either by maceration in some vegetable oil, or by distillation allowing to obtain a hydrolat, or by maceration in some alcohol.

We then finished by the visit of the host house Villa Monplaisir with 4 hostrooms, a yurt, a holiday cottage and a balneotherapy space, this structure suggests a hosttable in the evening and a well being care . In this case, also as in the previous examples, one little notice: that, in spite of the isolation and without being in a tourist region, we manage to find a clientele, which allows a living from this activity.



14.02.13

On Thursday, February 14th we visited the Gardens of Volvestre. A garden of Cockaigne is a biological farm of insertion where are produced the biological vegetables certified and sold in the form of baskets delivered every week. You can visit it, you can meet the truck farmers, discover the fields and nurseries, greenhouses. Every week, 17 000 families, members of the Gardens of Cocagne receive their basket of organic vegetables cultivated in " their Garden ". In fact, they buy much more than vegetables, because a Garden of Cocagne is not a simple truck-farming certified AB organic farm. It is an association law 1901, thus non-profitable, that ,since 1991, employs persons on break with the world of work, women and weakened people who would be excluded without this type of social and occupational support.



Following this, we met Mister Dieu L' snail of Fousseret. He ,too, after a professional experiment in town, wished to move by creating his breeding of snail in rural areas, also in an isolated place. Today, an educational farm welcomes classes of children, tourists and numerous visitors. He made various changes so that the children can understand better the life of snails. Interesting and very professional experience in its initiative.



At the beginning of afternoon, we visited a place of welcome The House of the Earth, In a classified building, splendidly renewed, the House of the Earth is a certified Associative Cultural Coffee Bar of welcoming and friendly Country, a pleasant place to relax by sipping a glass in the warmth, in the winter or outside, on a terrace, in the summer. The House of the Earth also offers a program rich in discoveries: concerts, workshops, debates, exhibitions, strolls... A small catering is assured on the occasion of the special evenings.

To finish the day we were in an artist studio. Quetzal is the name of a sacred bird in Mexican mythology and the symbol of freedom. Anouk JULIEN uses this name for her site quetzalcreation.wordpress.com

She creates and designs silver jewellery, in France, which is then made by a Mexican jeweller in Mexico.

This way, she participates in arts and crafts fair trade, contributing to the socio-economical development and autonomy of the community. She is a member of the Sol violette currency fair trade www.sol-violette.info

Anouk is a painter as well as a designer and organises exhibitions in various festivals and halls.

Having a big on-the-spot room we took advantage of the place to make the final evaluation of the stay.

A big interest in the various visits, but what stood out more than the success of the experiences, was the approach and initiatives of the persons who welcomed us, who stuck well to our program "i will survive".

In the evening, all went to taste and enjoy the specialities of the various countries and continued to exchange over the past week.



15. - 19.04.2013

Mobility in Kamienna Góra Community, Poland

Meeting place

The participants from four countries were hosted by the Polish partner of the project – The Village Community of Kamienna Góra. The Community of Kamienna Góra is a part of the Lower Silesia province and is situated in the southwest of the country. The community is located in the mountain areas belonging to the Sudety Mountains and borders on Czech Republic. The participants were accommodated at “Zadrna” hotel in single and double rooms. There was a seminar room equipped with multimedia projector and Flipchart boards at the participants’ disposal. The participants were moving around by private bus rented by the organizers.



The participants travelling by plane arrived to the Prague Airport where they were picked up and transported by bus to the place of the project. The German group arrived to Chełmsko Śląskie directly by bus. On Monday the participants had the opportunity to spend together a brief evening when the first informal conversations and getting-to-know each other attempts took place.

16.04.2013

The Tuesday programme started with the short introduction of Grundtvig programme and „I will survive” project. A lot of participants had already had some knowledge about the topic since they were attending the other mobilities in their countries. The next part of morning schedule was the meeting round. The participants shortly introduced themselves and pointed out their expectations towards the project.

For most of them that was the first visit in Poland thus they were curious about the way of living and functioning in rural areas as well as about the country and its inhabitants. A few exercises carried on then helped the group to get to know each other, gain some dynamics, overcome language barrier and memorise strangely sounding names. The participants felt more casually in each other company. The morning meeting was also an excuse to present the place of the meeting to the participants.

One of the elements of clarifying the specifics of the region was the projection of a short animation about the history of Poland and Lower Silesia, as well as geo-political division of Poland including the district (powiat) of Kamienna Góra and the localization of places visited during the Polish part of the project.

The organizers received a positive feedback, the participants asked a lot of questions, they were clearly curious and astonished about the presented facts. Lot of them, especially the participants from Latvia noticed the similarities in the course of history while for some of them the presented knowledge was entirely new. The morning programme was concluded by the presentation of week schedule and detailed explanation of day programme.

The first encounter with local community was an attempt to suit the programme to the outside events and took place during the explorations of the market in the town of Kamienna Góra. The participants had an opportunity to shop and to take a look at the functioning of local products' sale. They purchased vegetables, fruits, plants and souvenirs. The large group of foreign guests caused a stir among the locals.



During the early afternoon meeting in the Office of Village Commune of Kamienna Góra the group was received by the village community mayor Stanisław Szmajdziński, who, after the official welcoming, was eagerly replying to numerous questions of his guests. The questions were mostly concerning the economical structure of the community, the contribution of agriculture in the employment, the situation at the work market, opportunities for the youth, the ways of promoting the community, tourism, the natural condition etc. The participants took the initiative in posing questions thanks to what the meeting had a dynamic course and created space for the following questions during the informal time.



After having lunch in "Ratuszowa" restaurant, where the participants tried some specialties of traditional Polish cuisine, the group visited the „Arado” museum. The museum has existed for only two years so far as the touristic attraction of the area of Kamienna Góra and it displays the undergrounds and collected artefacts for the World War II in an interactive way. The path is situated under the Kościelna Mountain (Parkowa Mountain) where one of underground complexes is situated.



This object has the surface of 1300 m² and the cubature of 4350 m³, the longitude of corridors is 350m, with the width of 3m and the altitude from 2,1m to 2,5m. The main attraction of the complex is a great hall of 55,5m longitude, 7m width and the altitude of 5,2m. It is easily observable that the hall wasn't finished, and it was probably planned to be enlarged later. The group visited the tunnels which were hollowed out by the forced labourers with the intention of placing there: firstly, the design offices for the „Luftwaffe” aviation and secondly the machines producing the most modern aerial constructions and weapon.



The visit in the museum was the pretext for an informal discussion about ethical dimension of creating touristic attractions of the places of military operations and about the perception of war in different countries.

On the other hand, the nature of the following visit in the Weaving Museum, which showed the group the main abundance of the area of Kamienna Góra, the history of weaving and the times of best prosperity of these terrains, was completely different. In The Weaving Museum the participants had some time for rest and preparation of day evaluation. The dinner was an opportunity for degustation of Polish and Jewish cuisine and a chance to dance and enjoy the time with Klezmer music. In that way, the participants discovered wider cultural context of the visited area, which is full of mixture of traditions, customs and cultures.



17.04.2013

The day programme started with the visit in the homestead of Berdychowski family. The family has been keeping the homestead for 20 years breeding 55 milky cows and selling 400 000 litres of milk a year to the local dairy cooperative, which associates almost 120 members. The whole farm is self-sufficient because it covers the cultivation of nearly 120 hectares of land.



The participants were impressed by the good condition of the farm, some of them asked detailed questions concerning the ways of cows' feeding, the grown race, the prices of milk purchase and the profitability of this kind of agricultural activity as well as how the European Union supports the Polish agriculture and how the image of agriculture has changed after the accession to European Union.



A next point of the programme was a visit in "Wańczykówka", a small family homestead occupied with the cheese manufacture. The owner told us about the legal struggles connected with this kind of production as well as about the difficulties with the development of the infrastructure caused by the farm's localisation in the neighbourhood of the historic Cistercian abbey.



The participants posed questions about the promotion, the sales points and the channels of distribution of ready products. They also had opportunity to try and buy the cheeses produced by "Wańczykówka" as well as other products within the frameworks of the eco-basket from the bio-farm which do not own the UE certifications.

A lot of participants were interested in the manufacturing process, the sources of ingredients as well as the ecological dimension of the venture. The cheese is manufactured from the cow milk coming from 15 cows from own breed.

The next destination was a historical village of Chełmsko Śląskie, which used to be a town known from the manufacture and merchandise of flax and linen. In Chełmsko the participants learnt about the traditional ways of linen manufacture. The workshop took place in a wooden complex of ancient weavers' houses.



The participants participated actively in the workshop, everybody could have tried how the tools should be used, touch the final outcomes, pose a question to the expert. The continuation of the discovery of tradition was a visit in village Cultural Centre, where the participants were served with lunch prepared according to Polish customs of celebrating Easter. The entertainment during the meal was provided by the folk group, which performed songs as well as invited the guests to join the amusement, dancing and singing.



The group was astonished by the hospitality and openness of the hosts, the visit has left a lot of good memories and great appreciation for the organizers of the reception. The participants has a chance to meet the village inhabitants (nearly 20 people), exchange the experiences, ask questions as well as sing the songs coming from their own cultures.



The group spent the afternoon and the evening in the agricultural guesthouse „Pustelnik” run by the family of Tomasz and Małgorzata Wiernicki. They told about the evolution of their activities in the rural area since the graduation from agricultural high school; about the search for own place to keep the homestead, completing their incomes with the furniture restoration and nowadays also keeping a large guesthouse and providing some touristic services.



The participants lavished praises about the decor, surroundings, resourcefulness and innovativeness of the hosts. In the meanwhile the participants had some time for everyday evaluation and a rest in the nature. The dinner with the Polish participants of previous mobilities was an opportunity to refresh the acquaintances, common entertainment and conversations.



One of the highlights of the evening was the lesson of traditional Polish dance Polonez in which whole group took part eagerly.

18.04.2013

The morning of the last day in Poland was spent in the village of Raszów. One of the points of the programme was taking part in the bread-baking and butter-making workshops, for which the participants were divided into two groups so that each of them would have an opportunity for active participation.



In “Dom Pachnący Chlebem” (The House with the Smell of Bread) the group discovered the story of the marriage of Agata Szwed and Krzysztof Matusiak, who, after many difficult life experiences, decided to create a place where they would bake bread in the unity with nature and each other. The introduction to the workshops displayed the participants how important the role of bread is in the Polish culture and tradition.



After that, the participants had an opportunity to bake bread on their own, thank to what they discovered the recipe and mechanisms. Some of the participants were eager to exchange their experiences, recipes, tips and were asking about the details. The common tasting of homemade bread, freshly made butter and other natural products was another opportunity for exchange of opinions and experiences concerning the ecological food and local products.



The groups participated in the workshop alternately thus while one group was baking bread, the other met with the inhabitants of Raszów who work in the village.

The participants visited a homestead, which was engaged in agricultural tourism, goat breeding and carpentry. They also saw the homestead breeding the genuine horses, taking part in the UE programme aiming at the conservation of Polish races.



One of group's impressions was, that a lot of activities in the countryside were led by the families and it needs to be led in many directions or on a large scale, what was similar to the experiences of participants in their countries.

The afternoon was spent in the village of Krzeszów, which is famous in Poland and Europe for its baroque Cistercian complex, which lies at the Saint James' track.

The participants had an opportunity to visit the monument with a guide who was trying to display the role of Cistercian monks in the development of craft and region, the richness of Baroque as well as Czech, Polish and German influences in Lower Silesia.

The visit was preceded by a lunch prepared by the local association „Stowarzyszenie Optymistek Krzeszkowskich” (The Association of The Optimists of Krzeszów) which associates women in different ages (mainly over 50) over the purpose of activities for the sake of the village and local community.

The representatives of the association described quickly the nature of their actions, showed the participants around the exhibition documenting one of their recent projects „Obraz przesiedlonych” (The image of displaced ones) and then they accompanied the group during the meal, what was a next opportunity for intercultural education, the exchange of knowledge and experience. The project was a point of interest for local media. The expression of that were the interviews given by organizers for two TV channels, two newspapers and the regional news website.

The first part of Thursday evening was devoted to common summary and the project evaluation. The participants expressed their positive impressions of the organization of the stay and its attractiveness. They were positively surprised with Polish hospitality, openness and diversity of ways to survive in rural areas. The nature and architecture - the lasting impression was made by the environment.

According to some participants, the programme was lacking space for everyday evaluation with whole group, the exchange of impressions concerning all the countries and additional questions about situation in Poland. The display of examples of good functioning in the countryside evoked the questions about the other side of life in these terrains: about the struggles, economical conditions and the emigration of young people. Lots of them remained without answer. Thanks to the visit in Poland some of the participants had an opportunity to verify the stereotypes and general opinions about the country and its inhabitants. They were astonished by the pace of development of economy and society, they noticed great potential stuck in the people and the region.

In the second part of the evening the participants presented their specialities brought from their countries. A numerous group of Polish guests was eagerly posing questions about the products and their recipes. The evening concluded with the common barbecue enriched by the traditionally prepared venison with the Old-Polish ceremony.

The programme was concluded by the Friday departure of the participants.



22. - 26.05.2013

Evaluation mobility in Samothraki, Greece

All the partners of the program Grundtvig "I will survive" found themselves for the evaluation and to work on the final report.

A public meeting was organized in the municipality of Samothraki. All the Greek participants came to speak with the presence of the major of Samothraki about their experience in this program.

We agreed that this project was very rich in experience for all the participants, the team and the partner-structures and that it would be very necessary to continue this important work.

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ten, bei Moskau den Zug mit Zar Alexander II. zu sprengen. Dieses Attentat misslingt. Der Zar stirbt anderthalb Jahre später bei einem weiteren Anschlag.

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DAS URTEIL

Eine Vermietung unter Angehörigen ist ein beliebtes Steuersparmodell. Allerdings werden die steuerlichen Vorteile nur dann anerkannt, wenn das Mietverhältnis einem Fremdvergleich standhält. Die Kriterien dafür hat jetzt das Finanzgericht Berlin-Brandenburg aufgestellt. (AZ: 9 K 9009/08)

DAS GIBT'S AUCH

Für seine einsamen Stunden im All bekommt der japanische Astronaut Koichi Wakata einen sprechenden Roboter zum Gefährten. Der 34 Zentimeter große Android kann Wakatas Gesicht erkennen, sich auf Japanisch mit ihm unterhalten und Fotos machen. Ein Name für den Roboter wird noch gesucht. (AFP)



weltweites Zuchtprogramm für Wisente teil, das Erhalt und Wiederansiedlung der Tiere gewährleisten soll. Mit Unterstützung wird das Projekt von der Heinz-Siemann-Stiftung.

Rund 4 000 Wisente gibt es noch weltweit. In Deutschland ist mit etwa 500 Tieren die größte Po-

Art sind daher weniger natürliche Feinde oder schlechte Umweltbedingungen. Den Wisenten könnte das endgültige Aus drohen, weil die genetische Vielfalt fehlt. „Trotz ansteigendem Bestand ist die Art durch die hohe Inzucht nach wie vor stark vom Aussterben bedroht“, heißt es vom Forstamt Nöthen.

Internationale Gruppe lernt vom Ruppiner Land

Austausch über Strategien gegen Landflucht

Neuruppin (bk) Um zu sehen, wie die Menschen in der Region das Leben in einem dünn besiedelten Gebiet meistern, haben 30 Menschen aus Lettland, Polen, Frankreich und Griechenland Neuruppin besucht. In den vergangenen Tagen trafen sie Künstler, Pferdehof-Betreiber und besichtigten landwirtschaftliche Betriebe, um zu erfahren, welche Wege möglich sind, um Menschen auch in ländlichen Gegenden zu halten. Denn die Herausforderungen des Bevölkerungsschwundes und einer alternden Gesellschaft sind nicht

nur im Norden Brandenburgs ein Problem. Europaweit verlassen zunehmend mehr Menschen kleinere Orte, während sich eine wachsende Zahl in den Großstädten ansiedelt. Mit dem Projekt „I will survive! – Strategien gegen den ländlichen Exodus“ hilft die EU Menschen dabei, eigene Lösungen für ein Leben in dünn besiedelten Gegenden zu finden. Das Projekt ist eingebettet in das Programm „Lebenslanges Lernen“. Dieses unterstützt Erwachsene bei der Erweiterung ihres Wissens. (Neuruppin)

Stolperstein für Max Kreide



Erinnerung: Gunter Demnig setzte in Lindow einen Stolperstein für den 1943 von den Nazis ermordeten Juden Max Kreide. Die Junge Gemeinde finanzierte die Aktion. (Lindow) Foto: Holger Rudolph

Mit mehr Druck für den neuen Radweg

Wustrau-Altfriesack (jw) Die Wustrauer und Altfriesacker geben den Kampf für einen Radweg zwischen den Ortsteilen nicht auf. Das Land hatte den Ausbau wegen finanzieller Engpässe auf eine bestimmte Zeit verschoben – obwohl die Sanierung zugesagt war. Nun will Ortsvorsteher Hans-Albert Rammann in den Landtag in Potsdam fahren, um dort sönlich vorzusprechen. Vor Weihnachten will er einen Brief mit dem Antrag der Einwohner an Infrastrukturminister Jörg Voigt (SPD) schreiben. Sollte nicht helfen, wird der Druck erhöht. (Fehrb.)

Voll

Frankfurt (Oder) (n) Brandenburger Volkshafen für ein erweitertes Netzwerk am künftigen Hafen steht offenbar den Erfolg. Sowohl die Initiatoren als auch die Landesregierung am Freitag, dass derliche Zahl von 8 Unterschriften erreicht wird eine fröhliche am Montagabend im Rathaus, frohlockte Schubert vom Akti Berlin-Brandenburg über 79 000 Untersc

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Bonne lecture

Ca se passe aux jardins...

L'accompagnement socio-professionnel aux Jardins du Volvestre : le PASS PRO de l'Afidel

Depuis le 1^{er} février, une nouvelle accompagnatrice socioprofessionnelle est arrivée aux Jardins du Volvestre, en binôme avec Jean-Louis Gougnard : Marie Respaud. Elle s'occupera du suivi individuel de nos salariés. Elle va les accompagner dans les démarches de recherche d'emploi et dans l'élaboration de leurs projets professionnels.

Création d'une instance santé et sécurité au travail (ISCT)

Les Jardins du Volvestre appliquent, depuis le 1^{er} janvier 2013 la convention collective SYNEST au 1^{er} janvier 2013. Nouveauté : une nouvelle instance ISCT- (Instance Santé et Conditions de Travail). Des réunions régulières seront organisées pour faciliter les échanges entre les salariés et l'employeur. La première est prévue ce jeudi.

Visite de l'association « Europe Unie »

Jeudi, le 14 février, nous avons accueilli sur notre site les partenaires du programme d'échange européen.

L'association « Europe Unie » est partenaire d'un programme de partenariat éducatif Grundtvig financé par l'Europe.

Il y a 6 organisations européennes, dont 2 françaises, 1 allemande, 1 polonaise, 1 lettone et 1 grecque.

Le thème de cette formation : « Comment lutter contre l'exode rural ? »

L'objectif c'est d'aller dans chaque pays partenaire pour voir les initiatives en milieu rural.

Du 11 au 15 février c'est Europe Unie qui accueille les partenaires et qui organise le programme de visite de la semaine.



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Les diplômés

l'association EUROPE UNITE qui a été créée en 1988, sous l'impulsion et avec l'aide de l'Union PEUPLE ET CULTURE, reste aujourd'hui un partenaire privilégié.

Son principal objectif est la mise en place d'échanges internationaux, de partenariats éducatifs et de formations informelles. Quatre ou cinq échanges sont réalisés chaque année, soit en binational France-Allemagne, ou en multinationale France-Allemagne-Bulgarie, Pologne, Georgie, Arménie.....

Les thèmes abordés sont la valorisation du patrimoine, la prévention de la drogue et du dopage, par la pratique du sport, l'apprentissage interculturel au travers d'activités scientifiques pour protéger la nature, le dévelop-

ment durable en Europe.....

Ces années, quatre nations : l'Allemagne, la Lettonie, la Pologne et la Géorgie, se sont donné rendez-vous à Hiers Voivostie du 11 au 15 février 2013, avec le thème "Vaincre luttant contre l'exode rural en Europe".

Au cours de ces 5 jours, ont visités le patrimoine du Val-de-Vosges, des entreprises, des fermes et goûté les délices du terroir.

Après le rapport / évaluation en 14 février, une trentaine de personnes ont assisté à l'intermédiation de cinq ressortissants européens, par la confrérie du Chaoudelet de Carbone.

Les échanges multinationaux ont été aussi l'occasion de déguster et partager leurs produits.

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De g à d. M. Jean-Luc Menu (Coordinateur) et M. Borio (Animateur Interculturel)