

WELS, Austria

(December 2018)

The first meeting of our new Erasmus+ project called „Educating Innovative and Creative European Citizens“ with partner schools from Austria (BRG Wels Wallerererstrasse), Czech Republic (TSG a ZŠ Táború, Slovenia (Gimnazija Škofja Loka), Germany (Geschwister-Scholl-Schule in Konstanz), Italy (Istituto IPSSAR Paolo Borsellino Palermo) and Poland (Liceum Zbigniewa Religi v Gilowicach). All participants met on the first Monday of December 2018 at school and made final preparations for the project week programme.



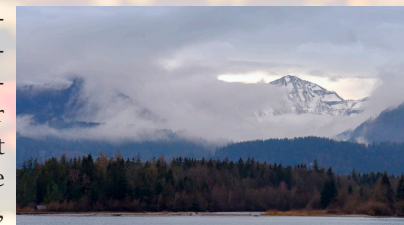
On Tuesday we went by train to Linz. There we had a little trip around the city - we saw the old marketplace, the Danube river, the castle on the hill and the biggest but not the highest cathedral in Austria. After that we went to the train station and took a train back to Wels and there we started workshops about quizzes of our home town. Everybody learned something new about Austria and had a chance to share some information about their own country. In the evening everybody went back home with their host families.



The next day was time to explore the city of Salzburg, where we saw Mirabell castle, the river Salzach, famous Mozart, medieval university buildings, and of course many Christmas markets. The second part of the trip was to a beautiful city Sankt Wolfgang next to lake Wolfgangsee. We really enjoyed local markets, bought some Christmas decorations and tried typical food and drinks like mulled wine and punch.



Thursday was dedicated to the visit of the historic center of Wels where we visited archeological museum set up in the former Minorite Monastery, Stadtplatz, one of the most beautiful squares in Austria and numerous ancient buildings including: the Ledererturm tower and the characteristic church of St. John the Evangelist. Also we visited other important ancient buildings: the Rathaus, the town hall and the house of the Salome Alt. Back at school, after lunch, a nice workshop allowed pupils and teachers to prepare traditional Christmas cookies and other Austrian specialties. Finally at school, we were welcomed by the school Headmaster Lisa Grünseis. Students of each school illustrated their city and the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage present in their territory with a power point. The coordinator of the Gisela Gutjahr project illustrated the features of the project,



the aims and the expectations but above all the important training implications for the cultural and human growth of the pupils involved. Mobility certificates were handed out to all participants. In conclusion, a greeting buffet with all the host families and the teachers of the project was done. It was the right opportunity to share this important and significant experience of cultural growth eating biscuits, sweets and specialties prepared both by the school and by families.



The last day of the project meeting, we went to the historical city of Steyr, with lots of tourist attractions, especially the historic town centre is great for sightseeing. Gisela made for us city guided tour. We saw parish church from 15th century, Marienkirche Church and Michaelerkirche Church from 17th century on the other side of the River Steyr. After the city guide tour we visited the Christmas market and very nice café in the square. Before noon we went to Christkindl. After lunch back at school was time to say good bye to all our friends and we finally left the school and went home. See ya in February in Palermo!

