

## **The description of the 2nd Project meeting - Poland**

The second international working meeting of the ASAP Project took place between 3rd to 6th February 2010 in Krakow (Poland) at the National Museum in Krakow.

**The Traian Demetrescu Culture House** was represented by 9 learners of the 16 selected NGO's and 3 staff members.

**eCoherence** was represented by 2 staff members and 1 learner of the NGO Echomediens

**The Gokkusagi Egitim, Kultur ve Yardimlasma Dernegi** was represented by 5 learners and 2 staff members

**The ROC Leiden** was represented by 4 staff members

The meeting agenda contained the following aspects:

- A presentation of the Polish partner and a visit at the National Museum of Cracow;
- Presentations of the other project partners and of their activities;
- A workshop called "Artistic performance and photography for sustainable development";
- A workshop held at the Malopolska Culture Institute entitled "The relationship between people and their cultural heritage";
- Visiting the city and its main tourist attractions;

The first day in Krakow started with a meeting organized by the Polish representatives, Anna Grajewska and Lidia Koziel-Siudut, who briefly presented their institution's activities and their activities involving the community. Afterwards, the other project partners presented their institutions and the activities they have undergone during the last 6 months. Next, all partners visited a Francisco Goya painting exposition at the Museum as well as the Gallery of the XX Century Polish Art. During this visit we were also able to observe a children's artistic creation program which was taking place at the Museum at the same time as our visit.

In the second part of the day all project partners participated at a workshop called "Artistic performance and photography for sustainable development", which was organized by the Polish partners. People worked in mixed groups at an innovative project about communication through images and how to make your message understood.

The second work day took place at the Malopolska Culture Institute where we also took part at a workshop dedicated to rebuilding the bonds with the past as well as the relationship between people and their cultural heritage. The meeting ended with a guided tour of Krakow, where learners from the 4 participant countries had the opportunity to visit the main historical objectives, including the Jewish neighborhood and the Wawel Royal Castle. During the entire meeting, the Polish hosts also talked about their traditions, including traditional dishes and the life-style in Krakow.

At the same time, the staff representatives of the 5 partner institutions attended an executive meeting where they planned the next project activities. The meeting had the following discussion points:

- Setting the next 3 meeting dates of the project that will take place in Romania, France and Turkey;
- Discussing important aspects of the following meeting that will take place in Craiova, Romania;
- Analyzing the project logo made by the Polish partner and new ideas of modifying it;
- Presenting the yahoo discussion group made by the 5 project partners and approving;
- Creating a web page for the project that will be made by the French partner;
- Analyzing several methods of making a publication that will be drawn up during the project. The details will further be analyzed during the meeting in Romania. The Romanian partner is responsible for making a draft of the publication;
- A feedback regarding the meeting in Poland;

Here are some of the participant's opinions about the meeting:

„Our organization develops local, national and international activities so the meeting helped us learn new methods of integrating our focus group into the process of sustainable development.”

„The activities undergone during the meeting were interesting and educational, but unfortunately there was little time for interacting with the other participants.”

„The visit at the museum was an excellent opportunity to find out more about the art history in Poland. Another important aspect of the meeting was the photography workshop. Each participant sent a vacation photo that was afterwards „re-enacted” by the participants. This activity made it possible for the Polish, Turkish, Dutch, Romanian and French partners to get to know each other better. There were interesting workshops that allowed me to rediscover myself and understand the way that Polish people can blend the old with the new without affecting the environment. This meeting determined us to assume responsibility for protecting the environment and assuring the sustainable development of our city that we can later pass on to the next generations.”

„I believe that this meeting was very well organized by the Polish and Romanian partners, because it combined fun activities with useful information. We had the opportunity to learn interesting things that we can put into practice in our organization, but we were also very glad to visit the Auschwitz Museum so we can see the cultural heritage that our Polish hosts told us about during the workshops.”

