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# Mobility Report

## Erasmus+ Project Smart Waste Management for Smarter Cluster Schools KA22- School Exchange Partnerships

**Mobility title:** RECYCLE! European trades of Circular economy.

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**Event:** Short- term exchange of groups of Totoraičio Students

**Host organization:** Marijampolės Jono Progymnasium

**Place:** Marijampolė, Lithuania

**Date:** 14- 18 March, 2022

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On Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, the partner schools were greeted in Marijampolė. Daily schedule was sent with all details of planned activities. The weekly program of the activities was given to the guests.

### **DAY ONE: Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March**

The hosts prepared a short welcome reception for their guests. They were welcomed with bread and salt, the traditional food given by receiving special guests. The students from the local school gave the piano performance. The headmistress Gražina Jakovickienė gave a welcome speech. Later, each partner school gave a 10- minute presentation by singing their national songs or dancing. Later, the announcement to stop the war in Ukraine was declared.

The participants met the representative of the town council Karolis Dvylys who presented Marijampolė and the project "Green Town". A discussion about the perspectives and future expectations was carried out. The questions Why? What? How? were discussed and answered. Later, the host school was introduced to the guests.

A visit around the city, taking photos of the signs or good practice of recycling in the city took place. While taking the tour the participants were introduced with MALONY, an art project taking place in Marijampolė every summer. Electric power stations for cars, LED lamps, smart traffic lights, the poetry park designed for the inhabitants and tourists were photographed and presented on Classdojo program.

After lunch, we gathered at the school for the online meeting with the founder of the company ŪKAI. The company makes socks using recycled plastic and works with the plastic bank that saves the oceans from plastic. It's a good example of circular economy. Students were able to have a look at the products. They also discussed the benefits and impacts of such companies for the future.

We ended the day by answering the feedback questions on Mentimeter.

### **DAY TWO: Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March**

We started our day by meeting the representative of the biggest food company in Marijampolė "Mantinga". The participants were introduced with the green business policy that the company has been following for the last few years. The representative and the participants discovered new ideas for green business and brainstormed them on WordArt.

The interactive lesson exploring the circular economy using the learning design of Ellen Macarthur Foundation was held. Students and their teachers were introduced with the key words LINEAR ECONOMY and CIRCULAR ECONOMY. They were introduced with the global process of circular economy, European trades of circular economy and the practice of circular economy in Lithuania. Afterward, the teams worked in groups with different teachers and teachers from cluster schools, discussed and looked for new ideas how different things used in everyday life could be used to make jewelry or beauty items and applied the gained knowledge in practice. They made vases, earrings, necklaces, toys, etc.

In the afternoon a local teacher shared her experience of how to bring things back to life. She informed the participants that all the items she uses in her life and work had never been



bought in a shop. The teacher presented her clothes, bags, pencil cases, trays for cups, trash bins, shelves, etc. and noticed that all of them were made of paper. The teacher shared her practice with the participants and invited them to make the trays and trees of life using paper, hot glue and paints.

The second day was ended by giving the feedback of the day on Padlet.

### **DAY THREE: Wednesday, 16th March**

Wednesday was designed for using circular economy in art and fashion. A lecture and personal experience was shared by a local DT teacher and her students. The collection of faces with emotions made of second hand materials were presented first. A collection of dresses and musical instruments made of bottle tops was introduced as the winner of the top prize in various international competitions. The third collection of the T-shirts with a message to Ukraine was the last but not the least.

Later the participants were invited to make art and clothes using the only items and materials left from the previous activities. The important thing while making the collection was to give a message to the world. Working in groups students made a set of clothes for the fashion show and a picture. The collection had different messages, such as PEACE, LOVE, HOME COUNTRY, RECYCLING, etc. The pictures were left to the host school as a remembering gift.

In the evening the guests were invited to a local restaurant in the countryside to try traditional Lithuanian meals, such as cepelinai, kugelis, šaltibarščiai and raugintų kopūstų sriuba. This experience showed that every country and culture is unique. You must not like it, but you must respect it.

### **DAY FOUR: Thursday, 17th March**

The morning hours began with a big "THANK YOU" to our planet for sharing the beauty and the treasures with each of us. A good way to show our love to our home was to plant something green. For this reason, each team brought some seeds from their countries to be planted in the alive corner of the host school. The planted flowers, spices or vegetables will be grown in the area of the school and by the families of Erasmus+ students. After the activity, each partner shared their experience of the alive corners set in their schools.

In the afternoon an activity "I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand" was organized. Students prepared quizzes for other partners using different iTools (Kahoot, Quizizz, Learning Apps, Google forms, Plickers, blocket) to test the knowledge gained during the week. The teams did the tests, checked their knowledge and collected points for the right answers. The winner team received a special prize.

After lunch an Intercultural evening party was held. The guests were acquainted with the traditional Lithuanian clothes, regions, songs, dances and games. They not only got to know the traditions in theory but also in practice when they were invited to join in dances, songs and games. During the party the reflection of day 4 was done.

## **DAY FIVE: Friday, 18th March**

The final day was started with special keys for changing bad habits. Each team presented their special key for changing the plastic bag habits and explained how it had been developed. Also, a collection of reusable bags was presented by our DT teacher and her students. New ideas for some new symbolic Keys which can change the habits and transform the entrepreneurial experience were discovered and presented on lino.it.

Later, the activities and the objectives carried out and gained during the mobility days were discussed and evaluated by making word clouds. During the closing ceremony the diplomas of participation were awarded to every participant. We said our goodbyes with appropriate gifts, sharing positive impressions and photos.

Marijampolė  
22nd March, 2022

Headmistress: Gražina Jakovickienė

