

“Integration, Volunteerism and Adult Learning, through an Intercultural Pathway” - IVALIP

4th Partnership Meeting Report

**Bratislava, Slovakia
December 4-8, 2009**

Saturday – morning, December 5th

The official part of the meeting was open by Slovak organizers and Mrs. Luisa Loucao – responsible co-ordinator of IVALIP project and Mr. Lubor Matejko, vice-president of Foundation of transnational education and research, the Slovak partner and organiser of meeting in Bratislava. During opening part responsible co-ordinator of IVALIP project gave information and short introductory about formal activities. The participants from Lithuania, Portugal, Poland, Turkey and Slovakia started job by presentations. Every partner informed about results of the trainings provided in their institutions. The first preliminary part of partner´s presentation was focused to specific experience in the learning process of activities from volunteer “train-the-trainer” seminar in non-formal education. The discussion was creative and by proposal of partners some descriptions regarding to accuracy of the data has been corrected, other descriptions has been requested more precious.

The next topic of the programme was discussion about website content. The opinion of all partners was in the end of discussion conformable.

Saturday – afternoon, December 5th

The question of virtual game was discussed during the afternoon session. Proposal of partners was to prepare computerised game. According to the information of Slovakian partner the useful and high computerised game included sophisticate programme need very high financial costs. After a constructive discussion all the partners finally agreed with the proposal of Slovakian partner to create an interactive game developed and made without expensive external IT and programming experts. The Portugal partner promised to send a part of the

game scenario to Slovakian partner at the beginning of January 2010. Then Slovak partner will apply the scenario ideas into a form of the "hypertext game". Slovak partner will present the first version of this part of the game for evaluation and commitment to all partners within two weeks.

In the framework of the next part of the meeting the Slovak partner institution presented the first research results on theoretical fundamentals of volunteering. The main topic was the comparison of legal system of volunteerism in selected countries. Very precise and rigorous analyse established background information for actual valid topics in practice of legally developed countries and in other side information about absent core topics in selected countries. The Slovak authors of analyse recommended strongly to main problems concern the social position of volunteers, insurance of volunteers, possibility to accept the volunteer activity as labour to law system etc. Discussion on actual topics concerning the presentation closed the first working day of the meeting.

The opportunity for social communication and friendship offered evening walk to the old town centre, the visit of Christmas square and testing of special local refreshment.

Sunday – morning, December 6th

Sight-seeing of Bratislava, the capital of the Slovak republic, city of administration, culture education and services was on the programme in the morning. Professional Bratislava's tour-guide showed to all participants the history and architecture of main squares and small streets in historical centre. The visitors they understood, that Bratislava was multicultural city in past and in present time, is representative of multicultural population, too.

Sunday – afternoon, December 6th

In the afternoon organisers offered opportunity to visit Small-Carpathian region. The visitors could obtain firsthand knowledge about the life of local people, their main activities and most important business in this area. Testing of local products was a nice conclusion of the day.

Monday – morning , December 7th

Partners from Giresun Halk Egitimi Merkezi ve Aso Mudurlugu (Turkey) presented the first proposal version of the project brochure.

The content of brochure will present activities of all participant partners of the IVALIP project. Missing data and information is necessary to send the Turkish partner. There are:

- information about the organisation
- country demographical information
- staff photos

The final version of the brochure will be ready and Turkish partner will present this one during the meeting spring – last meeting in the year 2010.

Monday – afternoon, December 7th

The topic of afternoon session was negotiation of next phase activities.

After several comments and notice from individual partners was the proposal of the plan accepted. The correct plan with clear personal responsibility for tasks is published in attachment.

The second part of working time was about dissemination. Every partner did report the results till present time and their development process of new activities in the future.

The main ways of dissemination had been provide till present time:

- Information by IVALIP web page (Lithuania, Portugal)
- Non formal education course or activities (All partners)
- publishment by articles, or interviews in media (Slovak partner)

All partners proclaimed sure, that

- a) the web page (resp. Lithuania),
 - b) published theoretical legal issues (resp. Slovakia),
 - c) game (resp. Slovak and Portugal),
 - d) brochure (resp. Turkey),
 - e) exchange of knowledge and experience during meetings (resp. Portugal)
- there are start line and they are very useful for developing of next activities in competency and in the area of every individual participant partner.

Tuesday – morning, December 8th

Evaluation of the meeting in Bratislava was done by questionnaires. All participants took part and expressed their opinion.

The results of evaluation:

Accommodation – excellent

Organisation of meeting – excellent (only Polish participants expressed less evaluation level)

Social programme – excellent (only Polish participant expressed less evaluation level)

Content of meeting – professional programme of the meeting was organised by workshop. All programme topics has been regarded to project which was accepted by national authorities of Grundtvig programme. Discussion was open for every partner and all participants. Possibility to say individual opinion or proposal was done for everybody during huge workshop. Only Polish partners commented discussion as long.