

As part of the Erasmus+ project, "Multimedia Technologies for a Friendly Future Education," two study visits were held - job shadowing to Porto, Portugal.

The first of them took place on 21-27 November 2015 and the second one on 26 March – 1 April 2017. The first visit was attended by the school principal Mrs. Jadwiga Janusz- Sender and an English teacher and the coordinator of the project Mrs. Mirosława Sabała- Podgórska.

The second visit was attended by a science teacher Mrs. Aldona Kaczmarek and a history teacher and the second project coordinator Ms. Anita Palimaka. The host school was the Lycée Français International de Porto.

It is a private school where the language of instruction is French and English and Portuguese are also taught (Portuguese being a native language.) The school is one of 494 French international schools scattered all over the world, one of which is located in Warsaw.

Students of various nationalities attend the school. 60% of them are Portuguese, 30% French, 10% are of different nationalities. A month before each visit, the coordinators and the host school planned a visit schedule and signed a document regarding the specific competencies that the participants would gain during and after the mobility.

During the two visits we got familiar with the organization of school work and observed classes in different age groups. The school has about 800 students at the age of 3 to 18, and it is divided into age units that occupy separate buildings. There are no educators, older students are rated on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being the best and 5 the worst grade. Students in younger classes obtain descriptive grades.

General meetings with parents are held twice a year and there are also individual meetings. The school is open to learning about culture and art and organizes classes at theatres, museums and concerts. The classrooms are equipped with modern multimedia equipment: interactive whiteboards, projectors and computers. Biology, physics and chemistry classrooms are equipped with modern workstations with sinks, power connections and computers. The school has a rich library with a multimedia center. There is a school canteen for students and teachers, which serves two-course dinners.

There is always a choice of vegetarian dishes, and students always get fruit or yogurt and water.

The school staff were always willing to share information, exchange opinions and compare work at both schools. The students got familiar with our school by watching a presentation. Classes start at 8:35 and each without exception takes 55 minutes. The last class finishes at 4:50. Breaks are short and last 5 minutes. The exception is the lunch break, which lasts for an hour. The class size is up to 23 students. The monthly tuition is 500 euro and all the educational materials including textbooks

are purchased by the school and are free of any extra charges.

During each week at the Porto school, we learned the specifics of the teachers' work. Most of the teachers, even though they work at a French school, are employed full time on a Portugal contract, which assumes 22 teaching hours a week. The teachers are required to evaluate students after each class. The results are used to sum up each unit - in the form of tables and graphs.

Each teacher also has an electronic manual, which is used as needed. In addition, as a result of the reform, the teachers are obliged to prepare their own aids, which are printed and photocopied on a daily basis. The participants of mobility, full of positive impressions and new contacts, equipped with basic, practical knowledge about the French and Portuguese education system, returned to Poland. They had been able to observe some useful techniques and working methods that can easily be transferred to our school.