

The Bettola meeting 15th – 19th April 2015

The Italian adventure for the Comenius partners started on a hot Wednesday, April 15th. A quick stroll was enough to discover Piacenza centre: the theatre, some old churches, an ice-cream along the narrow antique streets and finally local dishes for dinner.

On Thursday morning, the group of partners from Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, Slovenia, Sweden paid a visit to the Istituto Agrario "Raineri", a high school aimed to forming specialised students in agriculture and breeding. The students attending the culinary & hotel management section served lunch in the school canteen. Before the group started to a late afternoon excursion to a coffee roasting factory and dinner in a typical restaurant in the town centre they ran the first work session.

The next day started with a trip to Bettola where the partners were welcome by pupils, teachers and authorities at school. The mayors of the Nure Valley underlined the importance of the event inside the Comenius partnership. After that, lunch was served. In the afternoon the second work session took place. Dinner was Held at Muntàd'i Ratt.

On Friday the group left early for Istituto Comprensivo di Bettola, the seat of the Italian partner, where they were warmly welcome with songs and speeches by the pupils, the teachers and the mayors of the Nure Valley. Then the third work session followed. After lunch the group left for Cantine Romagnoli on a guided wine-production experience and then an extra excursion to Castell'Arquato, an example of a peculiar historical medieval village surrounded by vineyard hills. The day ended with everyone seated at La Carrozza toasting before typical Piacenza dishes and wines drunk from traditional bowls.

Saturday led the partners on trip to the worldwide famous Le Cinque Terre, a UNESCO seaside resort rich in emotions, colours, perfumes and tastes. By coach, ferryboat, train and on foot, along the medieval pilgrim way and down to the Ligurian sea, the journey twisted from La Spezia to Monterosso, a lovely place for quick shopping and a tasty lunch near the sea. In the afternoon the group went on visiting each of the other "five lands": Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola, Riomaggiore, the ideal places for climbing high over the sea to La Via dell'Amore (Love path) and for a delicious ice-cream. Once back to Piacenza, Nessie Pub pizza restaurant was ready to entertain and appease everybody's hunger for the last supper together.

On Sunday morning, from very early hours till afternoon, one by one, group by group all the partners left Piacenza on their journey home.