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Second Newsletter: Results of the First Hungarian Meeting of School Principals and Project Coordinators

Introduction

The first Hungarian meeting of school principals and project coordinators focused on introducing the schools, discussing sustainability topics, and addressing the organizational tasks of project management. The event provided participating teachers the opportunity to exchange experiences, develop ideas together, and initiate long-term collaborations.

Program Details

The meeting took place from July 16 to 20 and offered a diverse program combining theoretical discussions, practical activities, as well as cultural and community-building elements.

On the morning of the first day, participants visited the Evangelical Kossuth Lajos Gymnasium in Nyíregyháza. Guests gained insight into the school's sustainability initiatives and educational methods. Afterwards, participants were introduced to the digital project management tool ClickUp, which will facilitate future collaboration.

In the afternoon, the project's programs and events were coordinated, and details regarding project documentation and administrative tasks were discussed.

On the second day, the focus was on the financial aspects of the project. Participants received an overview of the rules for using funding, cost accounting, and documentation requirements. Special attention was given to reimbursable and non-reimbursable costs, as well as procedures for document submission and archiving.

Following this, the project's communication platforms (Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Podcasts) and their usage were discussed. It was decided that a short TikTok video on sustainability would be created monthly, and each partner country would produce four podcasts in German with English subtitles.

On the third day, sustainable teaching and environmentally conscious thinking were the main topics. In interactive workshops, participants discussed ways to measure and reduce the ecological footprint and to develop questionnaires for students. Hungary took responsibility for creating the questionnaire, which the other partner countries will translate into their respective languages and implement in their schools.

Additionally, the further development of the project website and social media platforms was discussed, to be coordinated by the Greek partners.

Beyond theoretical approaches to sustainability, participants had the opportunity to learn about the sustainable practices of a local company. During a presentation and company visit, the focus was on eco-friendly solutions, recycling, and energy savings.



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In the afternoon, upcoming tasks were discussed, particularly the challenges of the European Sustainability Week (September 20–26, 2025), during which a daily sustainability-related activity will be implemented.

On Saturday, participants explored the cultural and natural attractions of Nyíregyháza and the surrounding area. A visit to Sóstó provided insights into the local natural environment and topics of sustainable tourism.

On the last day, participants jointly evaluated the event, and certificates of participation were awarded. The meeting officially concluded with a farewell dinner.

Results and Future Plans

The meeting successfully achieved its objectives, as participants:

- gained a comprehensive overview of the project's goals and requirements,
- developed the sustainability program and future tasks,
- agreed on communication and financial management responsibilities,
- prepared programs for the next international meetings.

In the coming months, students and teachers from the participating countries will continue their collaboration in the spirit of sustainable development and will prepare for the next international meetings in Sicily, Slovakia, Greece, Hungary, and Strasbourg.

Summary

The kick-off meeting in Nyíregyháza offered an excellent opportunity to launch the project, build relationships between the participating countries, and deepen sustainable thinking in education. Through successful collaboration, the project can contribute long-term to promoting environmentally conscious behavior among students and teachers, as well as strengthening international relationships.





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