



„Speak up, even if your voice shakes”
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Project "Speak up, even if your voice shakes" is directed at the students and teachers of Zespół Szkół Ogólnokształcących n 6 in Bydgoszcz (Poland), Istituto di Istruzione Superiore don Lorenzo Milani in Gragnano (Italy), Hebbelschule Kiel (Germany) and Gimnazija Bežigrad in Ljubljana (Slovenia).

The aims of the project are to increase students' competence in soft skills, enhance skills connected with self-presentation, increase their competence in social skills and team building (working with classmates and in international groups). The pupils will enhance linguistic competence and increase motivation to learn foreign languages. They will develop skills connected with ITC (using multimedia tools, searching for information). Last but not least, they will raise their awareness about the refugee crisis in Europe.

Our Mission is to prepare students to be enthusiastic, caring, self-motivated life-long learners and active inquirers who respect different cultures and values. We aim to develop critical thinking, effective communication and creativity so that the students become responsible, active and compassionate world citizens. We believe that each student should strive to understand people with their differences and develop empathy and respect. The teachers involved will get acquainted with new methods of teaching and learning and exchange ideas and experience.

All the participants will learn about the cultural heritage of partner countries and increase tolerance towards other cultures and citizens of other nations. We will strengthen the European dimension of participating schools.

Activities description, participants profile and number:

During the twenty-four months of the project there will be four international meetings, each partner will host participants of the project once. 96 participants, 72 students and 24 teachers will take part in international mobilities. Moreover, there will be two meetings for the coordinators of the project. In between meetings all the participants will be using Twinspace as a platform for communication and cooperation.

Methodology of the project:

In order to conduct the project formal and informal methods of work will be used. We will organise separate workshops aiming at integration, focusing on self-presentation and intercultural communication, a debate competition as well as a savoir-vivre and diplomacy training.

Estimated results effects of the project:

Students will increase linguistic and interpersonal competences. They will overcome the barrier of speaking in English and will enhance their vocabulary. Participants of the project will practice speaking, writing and translating in the foreign language. They will learn how to be a professional public-speaker and how to prepare an effective self-presentation. They will acquire skills valuable not only during graduation exams but also on the job market. All the effects and products resulting from the project will be shared and made available to the communities of participating schools. Due to experience exchange in the field of methodology teachers will develop their teaching skills and by this will increase the level of education in the respective work places.

Potential long-term profits:

Boosting the level of education and educational offer of the schools, increasing the quality of international cooperation, strengthening tolerance, openness and respect amongst employees and students.