

**LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME  
COMENIUS Sub-Programme  
COMENIUS REGIO PARTNERSHIPS ACTION**

**Project: "Diversity for special needs education"  
- "Diversitate pentru educatia cu nevoi speciale"  
COM -13 - PR - 28 - AG – TR**

**REPORT**

**Mobility, October 7-10, 2013  
Pitesti, Arges County**



## The members of the delegation from Turkey:

1. Mr. Ismail CETIN - The DIRECTOR of "Burdur National Education Directorate";
2. Mr. Mehmet CELIKOGLU - Vice Director of "Burdur National Education Directorate";
3. Mr. Kenan KABALAR – WebMaster;
4. Mr. Mehmet TEZCAN – Assist. dept head of "Burdur National Education Directorate";
5. Mr. Omer Salman COBAN – Assist. dept head of "Burdur National Education Directorate";
6. Mr. Gokhan GOZENE - Project coordinator;
7. Mrs. Arzu Aydogan CAKIR -Director of Burdur Special Needs Education School;
8. Mrs. Hulya Altug - Teacher at Burdur Special Needs Education School;
9. Mrs. Figen COSKUN - Teacher at Burdur Special Needs Education School;
10. Mr. Enver DINCER - The Director of Burdur "Imam Hatip" Secondary School;
11. Mrs. Ikbal Tulay GUNGOR - Teacher at Burdur "Imam Hatip" Secondary School;
12. Mr. Yilmaz ERCAN – TQM;
13. Mr. Mehmet DEVECI - Teacher at Burdur High School;
14. Mr. Hasan Husayin ICOGLU - Member of Special Needs Association;

## Mobility's objectives:

- Encouraging the meeting of the actors involved in the project and the knowledge of the context from each of the countries and regions regarding the education system, in general, and the education for special needs, in particular;
- Encouraging the experience exchanges between the ones responsible in education from the two regions (local authorities, representatives of the government, teachers);
- Identifying the transferable items, the good practices in implementing the education system for the students with special needs.

**07.10.2013**

***10h00- Round table–Victoria Hotel***

Work meeting between the representatives of the delegation from Burdur and the representatives of the Romanian partners - the representatives of the Arges County Council, of School No. 16 „Ion Luca Caragiale” from Pitesti and from the „Sfanta Filofteia” School Centre for Inclusive Education from Stefanesti.



During the meeting, the representatives of each partner institution introduced themselves and spoke about their own activity, personal objectives and the objectives of the institutions represented within this project.

The representatives of the two regions were delighted for the cooperation and the experience exchange within the project. Further, were presented the activities to be achieved by the project partners in the following period. Discussions took place regarding the communication strategy which is to be implemented within the project, the cooperation of the partners from the two regions at the achievement of the projects’ logo and website.

The representatives of the Arges County Council presented the mobility’s agenda (the work visit’s one) for the four days period, starting with the activities to be achieved during the first day. The representatives of School No. 16 „Ion Luca Caragiale” from Pitesti pointed on the visit’s objectives, which they were about to host during that afternoon.

***11h00 / Visit at School No. 16 „Ion Luca Caragiale” from Pitesti.***

The students of the „Ion Luca Caragiale” School welcomed the guests with an artistic programme which consisted in songs and dances. Further, the representatives of the delegation from Burdur-Turkey visited the classrooms, the laboratories of informatics, biology and physics, the library, the classrooms assigned for the step-by-step system, the sports hall and the dining room. During the visit, they received information regarding the way of organizing the instructive-educational system directly from the teachers and they had the opportunity to ask questions to the students.



The second part of the visit included discussions with the teachers from the "I.L. Caragiale" School, concerning the organization of the instructive-educational process, the institution's management, the school and extra-school activities, the cooperation with the parents, the current and the future educational projects.

**Tuesday, October 8, 2013**

**The seminar for launching the project with the theme « *Education with special needs: its role and importance in the mass education* »**

### **The Conference Hall of Victoria Hotel**

In the opening of the works, the Vice-President of the Arges County Council, Mr. Florin Tecau, welcomed the representatives of Burdur Region and the General Inspector of the Arges School Inspectorate, the Manager of the Committee of School and Vocational School Orientation for Children/Students and Youth with Special Education Needs and the Manager of the Direction for Social Assistance and Child Protection, pointing on the fact that the Arges County has a major interest in education and especially in the education of youth with special needs, supporting the cooperation projects of this type.



Through the cooperation projects with other regions, both the Arges County Council and the representatives of the school institutions involved managed to learn from the experience of other states and to take up models of good practices.



At the end, the Vice-President wished good luck to the partners in the project and ensured them of the support of the Arges County Council in what concerns the project's development.

The Manager of the Burdur National Education Directorate, Mr. Ismail CETIN, wished to thank the representatives from Arges for their receiving and opening and shared his trust regarding the project's success.

After the opening speeches, the works continued with the presentation of the project, the activities, the objectives and the expected outcomes, followed by the presentations achieved by each of the partner institutions in the project from the two regions.



Lifelong Learning Programme



Education and Culture DG



Ministerul Educației, Cercetării și Inovării  
România



**COMENIUS  
PARTNERSHIPS**

**"Sakarya" General School**, where functions a special class since 1987, changed its structure during the years, from the separation of the two forms of education in 2002, till the division in 6 education institutions starting with 2012. (The Association of the special education, the elementary school, the Association for special education in general school, the Association for special education in vocational school, the Special School with applications stage 1, the Special School with applications stage 2, the Special School with applications and practice).



"Sakarya" General School disposes of 48 staff, of which 25 specialised teachers, 3 visual arts teachers, 5 technology and design teachers, two music teachers, two physical education teachers, one psychology teacher, one educator, two nurses and administrative and auxiliary staff.

Within the school function: 13 classes, 5 workshops for practical applications, 2 painting workshops, one covered sports hall, one sports hall in the outside, an informatics laboratory, a movie room, a dining room and a hall for performances, a room for psychologist, a medical cabinet, a room for practice, a hall for theatre. The school disposes also of a park for play and a park for students with physical disabilities, coops and animal kennels. (for rehabilitation ).

The programme starts at 09.00 in the morning and ends at 14.40 in the afternoon and daily are being sustained classes for 6 hours. A class lasts 40 minutes, the breaks are of 10 minutes, and the lunch break is of 60 minutes, the meal being ensured by the school to the students free of charge and also the transportation with 4 mini buses adapted to the children is free of charge.



The parents/the guardians, according to their wish, are given the possibility to remain inside the school, where are being organized classes and seminars for them by the specialized staff (inside the school there is also a hall for rest). The school participates to Sports Olympics organized both at the national level and abroad, having a Sports Federation for youth with disabilities.

Within the Association of the special education, in the vocational school are manufactured the following: rubber shoes made of polyethylene,

pictures made through burning procedure, engravings, decorative objects, hammock chairs, bender hangers, camp chairs, camp tables, wheeled tables for serving, posts for flowers made of metal, antimacassars and table cloths, ornamental flowers and fruit made of soap paste.

Within the special school with applications and practice, are being manufactured: jewellery, beads panels, decorative panels, simple stained glass, wool decorative panels, pillow cloths, wood painting and ceramics, prints on leafs and wool, decorative objects made of etamine.

Followed the presentation of **BURDUR LİSESİ**, with a total of 80 students, of whom 262 are girls and 218 are boys, being students with disabilities. The High School disposes of 36 teachers, 21 classrooms, 4 laboratories, a bedroom for 170 students and dining room. The High School participated also at another Comenius Project entitled "*Self esteem, ambition and personal growth for pupils with learning disabilities and/or behavioural problems*" in partnership with institutions from Germany: Gluckauf Schule, Belgium: Zeelyceum, Great Britain: Exeter House School and Greenside Special School.

Followed the presentation of "**Imam Hatip**" **Secondary School**, a school oriented towards religion, founded in 1978 and settled in the centre of the town. Within the school, learn 231 students. The classes last 7 hours per day, 4 hours in the morning and 3 hours in the afternoon, with a one hour lunch break. The school is built on a large land of 7940 square meters, and in the centre there is a garden and a sports field. The school disposes of an informatics laboratory, a dining room, of rooms for teaching foreign languages, mathematics, religion, social science, Turkish language, a science laboratory and a library.

Followed the presentation of the partner institutions from Arges- the "**Sfanta Filofteia**" Centre for Inclusive Education from Stefanesti. Being a reference unity for the special education in Arges since 1967 and the first school with this specific in our county, the "Sfânta Filofteia" School Centre for Inclusive Education from Ștefănești achieved the miracle of the fulfilment of some great destinies marked by circumstances independent of anyone's will. Known as a special school for girls with boarding school until the 1990's, this unity of education became a mixed school with a double regimen for its students, internal and external, and from the year 2000 were created conditions for class frequency also in semi-boarding school regimen, ensuring to the children meals, writing materials and services for physical and psycho-social recovery. The years 2005-2006 brought strict laws which definitely improve the life and the study conditions of children in distress: G.D. 1251/2005, Law 448/2006, etc. From 2007 were granted substantial funds for the arrangement of special cabinets (physical therapy, psychological counselling and speech therapy) and improvements in the book funds of the library.

**The General School No. 16 "I.L.Caragiale" from Pitesti** was founded in 1977 and has a number of 600 students and 40 teachers. The students come from Pitești and from other nearby localities and are in between 6 and 14 years old. The school disposes also of a kindergarten for children with the age between 3 and 6 years old. The students from primary education can choose the traditional education or the "step by step" alternative. Here are students whose parents cannot help them at homeworks. The school programme is from 8 o' clock in the morning to 16.00 in the afternoon. The school has a reduced frequency programme, "The second chance", a programme which offers to students over 16, who couldn't finish their studies, the possibility of finish the secondary level. Many of the students come from the rural area and didn't finish school in due time because of several reasons like poverty, lack of support from their parents' side, the family's level of education and the wrong mentality. There is also a number of students with special needs, others who come from families with great financial problems and students whom



Lifelong Learning Programme



Education and Culture DG



COMENIUS  
PARTNERSHIPS

families are working abroad.

The School participated at other COMENIUS Programmes, like Comenius Regio 2009-2011 with Latvia, Comenius Multilateral Romania-Turkey-England-Poland-Latvia.

**The "Youth& Future" Association** is a non-profit organization, of which team consist of university professors and students, but which invites students and youth from all the field of activity to join those who try to bring a fresh inspiration of action, proposes itself to stimulate the youth' integration in the modern society through self education, civic education and involvement in cultural activities, tourism and sports promotion, contributing to the development of a balanced personality! Through the opening of new opportunities of development and through the already achieved experience in European education projects of the organizations' staff, as well as through the specialized and superior education of most of the Association members, YF-YOUTH&FUTURE wishes to make the youth of the al XXI-st century's society acknowledge the fact that self education, as well as physical and intellectual education, the encouragement of interest for culture and contemporary art, are not only a "wood language ", but also realities which can form a balanced and harmonious personality, which can be imposed without being perceived as ostentatious. The purpose of the association is encouraging the youth' integration in the society's activities, regardless the age, nationality, race, religion or sex, through the organization and the management of some activities like social/professional/economical orientation/reorientation of youth, cultural -artistic activities, as well as instructive-educational, moral-civic, scientific, sports and recreational, economical, tourism regarding and health, ecological and environment protection, activities which are meant to ensure health and protection at work, elaboration and development of local strategies connected to migration of the working force or other relevant fields of activity, transfer of skills between social partners, in the decentralization context of administrative decisions in economics and social points.

In the session dedicated to discussions between participants, took the floor: the General Inspector of the School Inspectorate in Arges, who appreciated the initiative of the Arges County Council of participating in this project, which he sees as an opportunity for the teachers and the education institutions involved in the project, of learning from the experience of their partners from Burdur and of bringing improvements in the education act, but also in what concerns the management of the education institutions.



Mr. Adrian Macovei, the Manager of the Direction of Social Assistance and Child Protection, presented in brief the structure of the institution which he manages, the services offered to the persons with special needs, within the subordinated institutions, the structure of the child protection social services from Arges and favourably appreciated the experience and the good practices exchange between the two partner regions in the project.

Mrs. Gabriela Pendiuc, the Manager of the School of Arts and Trades from Pitesti, congratulated with the partners for the project's approval, wished them good luck in the implement procedure and made a presentation of the institution which she manages, pointing on the results obtained currently and the projects which were implemented both on the local and on the international level. At the end of the seminar, the participants were invited to lunch at the Victoria Restaurant.

### **Visit at the "SF Filofteia" School from Valea Mare and at the complex for children in distress**

Due to the fact that the classrooms and the workshops are in a process of renovation, achieved through a project financed within the regional Operational Programme from the European Fund of Regional Development, the delegation could visit only the administrative buildings and the dwellings' complex for students who are institutionalized in the centre.

They visited the small houses, each of them consisting of 3 rooms for 3-4 persons, with common spaces for spending free time and achieving recreational-education activities,



kitchen and toilet. In each of the houses, the youth are being supervised by specialized staff, trainers who help them both at homeworks and at the achievement of other daily activities. The staff is constantly attending the children during the entire period of their presence in the centre.

Were presented works achieved by the youth with special needs from the centre, hand-made objects, decorations achieved within the recreational activities, objects which, within the project, will be send as a gift to children from Burdur.

At the end of the visit, the members of the delegation from Burdur received symbolical and traditional gifts, through which it was expressed the wish of promoting culture and traditions from Arges.

Following this desideratum, the members of the Turkish delegation visited the Viticulture and Fruit Growing Museum in Golesti. At the museum, the guests had the opportunity to



Lifelong Learning Programme



COMENIUS  
PARTNERSHIPS



admire the traditional dwellings from all the areas in Romania, the Romanian traditional costumes from different areas and traditional work instruments.

The evening concluded with a festive dinner in Victoria Restaurant, where the delegation from Burdur assisted to an artistic programme with dances and traditional music from Arges and Muscel areas, performed by well known artists from the county.

### **Wednesday, October 9** **Visits in territory**

The members of the delegation from Burdur went in the princely town of Curtea de Arges, where they visited the « Marina » Centre for children with special needs. They were delighted by the proposed visits, interacting with children from schools, speaking to them and taking pictures. The teachers and the managers accompanied the guests, constantly explaining to them the system of education used for persons with disabilities. One of the visit's guides from Curtea de Arges was the Mayor of the town himself, Mr. Nicolae Diaconu, who was present at the "Marina" Centre for Children, leading them also to the new building of the Centre, in Valea Sasului.

In order to get acquainted with the beauties of the Arges County, he organized some visits for the partners from Burdur to the Curtea de Arges Monastery, the Vidraru Dam and the Poenari Fortress. Lunch was served at the « La cetate » Boarding house and after that, the delegation came back in Pitesti.

**Thursday, October 10**, starting with 9 :30, in the great hall of the Arges County Council took place the work reunion: « School education in Romania, situating the children with special needs in the state/private education » : the two systems of special education from Arges and Burdur were presented in a comparative manner and were identified the main themes which are to be studied within the reciprocal future visits.

During the meeting were presented the conclusions of the work visit, were carried on discussions regarding the activities to be achieved within the project, were discussed the responsibilities of each of the partner institutions in the project, the manner of communication and cooperation in the achievement of common activities.

At the end of the meeting, the members of the delegation from Burdur received certificates of participation.

It was established for the next meeting to take place in March 2014, in Burdur region.

October 2013