

REPORT OF PARTICIPATING TEACHERS

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1. Introduction

Teachers – Lizabete Gomes and Olga Afonso

Country – Portugal

Mobility – Germany (Heilbronn)

Date – from 23^d to 29th December 2019



2. Brief description of the country and the region (history, economy, people,...)

Country capital: Berlin **State:** Baden-Württemberg **Capital Adm. Region:** Stuttgart

City: Heilbronn **Population.** 123 000 people.

Heilbronn is a city in Baden-Württemberg, Germany. It was one of the most devastated European cities during World War II. It is an independent city (Kreisfreie Stadt) or urban district (Stadtkreis), that is, it has district status (Kreis).

In Heilbronn, the Swabian virtues join the Franconian lifestyle, diligence and respect for traditions meet with tolerance and joy to drink good wine. Set in a wide and pleasant landscape, surrounded by extensive vineyards, Heilbronn pleases with its beautiful location together with picturesque and historic buildings.

The city lives on the river Neckar and with it - and sometimes also on it: there is even a boat-theatre, the only floating stage in southern Germany. You can discover Heilbronn and the surrounding area also during a walk with one of the many boats of the Neckar, the Heilbronn boat-taxi is available for exclusive walks along the side canals and the harbor, one of the largest river ports in the country. During leisure, the inhabitants of Heilbronn also try to stay near the water, walking on skates, taking a bike ride or strolling along the green edge. And in summer, the "Hip Island" with sandy beach and bars, is a good request to pass the time.

3. Brief description of the School

Class: 5th to 10th grade **Age of children:** 12/16 years **Subjects:** All

The school Mörike-Realschule was founded around 1850 as a city school for girls in the port market of Heilbronn. After the destruction of the school building in 1944, the school was housed in several buildings. In 1951, the new women's schools were built. Its current location in the Sontheim district, on the perimeter of the city of Heilbronn, was rebuilt in 1979.

4. Brief description of the activities of the Meeting

Upon arrival, on Monday, we were welcomed by the host teachers and host families at the train station. Our students went with their families and the teachers went to the hotel before meeting with other teachers at "Lehners".

On Tuesday, all the teachers and students met at school, where we attended different lessons. The headmaster welcomed us and gave a brief description of the school. The students did various presentations: about their schools, routes of different products and interviews to local farmers. At the end, students and teachers played a kahoot quiz.

In the afternoon, we did a city tour and then everyone ate ice-cream.

At 6 o'clock the school dance started, and teachers and students had a lot of fun together. While the students stayed at the dance, the teachers had dinner at a Steak House and exchanged opinions about Erasmus projects and experiences.

On Wednesday, we (students and teachers) spent the day at Experimenta Heilbronn, a science center. There, the guest students cooked traditional dishes in the restaurant kitchen and the host students attended a laboratory course about food and the body. In the afternoon, we all visited the different exhibitions.

We had dinner at "Pier 58", where we talked about the school system in the different countries.

On Thursday, we went on a guided tour in the bottling soda water company, "Alwa mineralquelle", where we were able to see the whole process of bottling water. We also visited "Gummibarenland" and went to a candy museum, it was delicious!

After having lunch in Ludwigsburg, we visited a pumpkin exhibition at the city's castle and we saw Rapunzel's Tower!

Dinner took place at a vegan restaurant and, once again, we talked about our Erasmus project, possible future projects, customs and traditions of the different countries, among other things.

On Friday, we spent the morning at school. While some students cooked traditional recipes, others attended lessons. Meanwhile, the teachers visited the different parts of the school and observed various lessons. We also did our meeting, where we discussed the activities to be done for the last session of the project, in The Netherlands. We defined activities and set deadlines.

For lunch, we ate the food prepared by the students, it was a moment of companionship, which ended the activities with the students.

In the evening we went to an amazing beer festival, "Cannstatter Wasen, with teachers from other schools in Heilbronn.

On Saturday, we spent the day at BUGA, the state garden show, hosted in Heilbronn. At dinner, while we had another delicious meal, we analysed the week's program, which was definitely positive.

On Sunday, the host families brought our students to the train station, Uli was also there and we all said goodbye. We were all very sad to leave...

When we arrived at Stuttgart, we did a city tour to learn about the history of the city and its monuments. Afterwards, we went to the airport by tram and flew to Lisbon. When we arrived at

school, our headmaster was there, waiting for us. The students went with their families but asked if they could go back to Germany!



5. Final considerations

To conclude, we must say that this week was magnificent, we had the opportunity to discover and value new cultures, learn about new opportunities to develop entrepreneurship, enhance the value of Europe as a shared market, and of course make new friends, share and live new experiences. We were also able to share ideas about teaching systems, methodologies in the classroom, school environment and project activities.

We would like to thank Uli and the whole team from Mörike-Realschule and also all the teachers from the different countries involved in the project, for such a fantastic week.

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The teachers,

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