



## Meeting in Germany

Heilbronn 3to9dec2017

### REPORT OF TEACHER PARTICIPANT

#### 1. Introduction

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**Country** – Portugal

**Mobility** – Germany (Heilbronn)

**Date** – from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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

**Country capital:** Berlim    **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.

Heilbronn 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.

Heilbronn no Neckar: the city lives on the river 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    **Subject:** 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

The program included a welcome dinner that allowed the presentation of all teachers involved in the dinner's project. And the dinners of the other days allowed for discussions on German culture, as well as clarification on the activities to be developed in the project.

On Tuesday we integrated a compulsory study visit for the students of the 10th graders to the concentration camp in Dachau, evidencing the tragic recent history of the 2nd world war. It was surprising how serene and sober the students internalized the terrible acts inflicted by their ancestors on that spot.

On Wednesday, we were presented with host school spaces and, in a meeting, each partner presented their school and region. Christmas gifts were exchanged, the Portuguese team handed out Christmas cards prepared by the students and a jar of Honey whose label was drawn up by the ICT students. The Spanish team offered a clod of Alicante. Each country submitted three logo proposals that were voted, and a German logo was chosen to represent the project. The dates of the meetings were changed, with Spain moving the first meeting from March 12 to 18, 2018, and Portugal will meet in February 2019. The meeting in Estonia will be held from 24 to 29 March. September 2018. Doubts about the financing of the project were clarified. In the afternoon, the tour bus allowed you to know the history and economy of the city of Heilbronn.

On Thursday, the morning meeting made it possible to clarify the implementation of the planned activities, namely the start of mini-businesses. In the afternoon, in international groups, teachers made traditional Christmas cookies and cakes from various countries at school kitchen.

## **5. Others Topics**

The main negative aspect is the increase in meals, travel and overnight stays, having exceeded the limit assigned by the project budget for this meeting.

We take the opportunity to travel to Germany to develop knowledge of culture and education in Germany. So we visited an exhibition of contemporary art in Heilbronn and went to visit in the historic city centre of Stuttgart, the botanical garden and the museum of the train station. We would like to emphasize the sympathy and welcome of the Germans in their support in carrying out the missions, and in carrying out the activities foreseen in the program.

## **6. Final reflection**

The added value of the work developed by Portuguese teachers is based on the exchange of ideas with their peers about a diversity of aspects (teaching systems, methodologies in the classroom, school environment, project activities, mini-enterprises, logo contest, christmas presents and others). The presence among the promoters of the project clarified doubts of strategies and allowed to planning and implement the activities.

Many thanks to Uli and to the Mörike-Realschule.

Vila Nova de Poiares, December, 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Os Professores

(Alcino de Oliveira Simões e Rosa Maria Almeida Maia)

# Appendix

## Planning Meeting in Heilbronn Program – Food Connects Europe



**Mörke-Realschule  
Heilbronn**

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<b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>		
Afternoon	<b>Arrival</b> Teachers arrive at Heilbronn main station and we will welcome you and bring you to your hotel.	
19:30	Meeting and snacks at Lehnerts Wirtshaus (next to ibis Hotel)	✓ Dinner 10 – 15€

<b>Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>		
	Breakfast at hotel	
06:34	Take bus 61 (direction Gänsäcker, Flein) to school Bus stop is right outside the ibis Hotel: Neckar-Turm am K.-Schum.-Pl. ; get out at Sontheim Hochschule. The bus driver sells tickets in the bus. Bus leaves bus stop in front of main station at 06:33	✓ Bus tickets (return) to school 4,20€ p.P.
07:00	Bus from school to concentration camp in Dachau – together with 10 graders	
11:00	Tour at concentration camp in Dachau	Bring warm clothes, the tour is mostly outside.
13:30	Short Lunch Bus back to Heilbronn	✓ Snacks 5 – 15€
about 18:00	Arrival at Heilbronn	
19:30	Dinner at restaurant "Charivari"	✓ Dinner 10 – 20€

<b>Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>		
	Breakfast at hotel	
08:04	Take bus 61 to school Bus stop is right outside the ibis Hotel: Neckar-Turm am K.-Schum.-Pl. ; get out at Sontheim Hochschule. Bus leaves bus stop in front of main station at 08:03	✓ Bus tickets (return) to school 4,20€ p.P.
08:30	<b>Welcome and Tour of school</b>	
09:00 – 09:55	Presentations about schools	<b>Bring your presentations!</b>
9:55-10:15	Break	
10:15-11:15	Meeting Time	
11:20 – 12:20	Meeting Time, Logo Competition and Secret Santa Activity	<b>Bring your Secret Santa presents.</b>
12:20 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 16:00	Hop on – hop off city tour (starting from school)	
19:00	Dinner at restaurant "Vinum"	Dinner 10-20 €

<b>Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>		
	Breakfast at hotel	
07:42	Bus to school	bus 61 to Sontheim Hochschule
08:00 – 09:55	Meeting Time	
09:55 – 10:15	break	
10:15 – 12:20	Meeting time Optional: Lesson observations	
12:20 – 13:20	lunch break	
15:00	International Christmas Cookie Baking at school kitchen.	
19:00	Dinner at restaurant "Burger Heart"	Dinner 10 – 20 €

<b>Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
	<b>Departure from Heilbronn Train station</b> Teachers walk to station	