



Greetings from tomorrow

LEARNING/TEACHING/TRAINING ACTIVITY:

COURSE “How to Save the Planet”

Satriano di Lucania, Italy, 5.02 - 09.02.2018

Travel Diary – The Romanian Team

The students in the Romanian team: Daria Berteau, Alexandru Irimescu and Octavian Sandu are going to write about one of the most impressive experiences which they have ever taken part in. This course has proven to us that any human being, even as individuals, can make a change in our daily routine to help the environment and reduce pollution. While improving our communication abilities, we had the opportunity to learn more about the situation in which Earth is nowadays and we have come to the conclusion that we need to look for solutions to prevent global warming.

We will present our one-week trip, together with our teachers Constantin Hriscu, Daniela Busuioc and Ramona Bojoga, in a small and peaceful town situated in the Southern Italian region of Basilicata. Besides its unique murals, traditional paintings on the exterior walls of every building, Satriano amazed us with its united community and welcoming citizens, since we had the occasion to participate in one of their most important celebrations, The Carnival of Satriano di Lucania.

But now let's go back to our schedule and the activities we participated in.

Sunday, 4th February



Early in the morning, our team had to meet in front of the International Airport of Iasi to check-in and say goodbye to our parents. We were quite nervous, but also excited to meet our hosts. We took a 3 hours flight to the Ciampino International Airport in Rome, the capital of Italy. After getting to the train station by bus, we took a high-speed train and, in less than an hour, we arrived in the well-known Naples. That is where we first met the Italian teachers participating in the project.

After waiting a few hours for all the teams to arrive, in which we had plenty of time to get to know the other participants, we got on a bus and later that evening we finally arrived in Satriano. We were pleasantly surprised to see that the entire town had gathered to welcome us to their community. We met our hosts and their wonderful families, then we went home to accommodate.

Monday, 5th February

The next morning we all met at school and each team introduced themselves, then presented a short video with their country, city and school, their daily routine and the places that should be visited. After that, we participated in a communication workshop where we had the chance to learn more about each other.



In the afternoon, after having lunch at the canteen, we participated in a treasure hunt. We were divided into four teams and each team had to find certain murals in the town. The first team to guess correctly all the 6 murals received a prize. In this activity we had the opportunity to find out more about the history of Satriano di Lucania and their traditional murals.



Tuesday, 6th February

All the participants in the project had to meet in front of the school at 8:30 a.m. to prepare for a new activity. We watched a presentation in which we were introduced to what global warming means these days, especially in the case of Italy. Since it was the 18th anniversary of one of the Finnish participants, the teachers surprised him during the presentation with a birthday

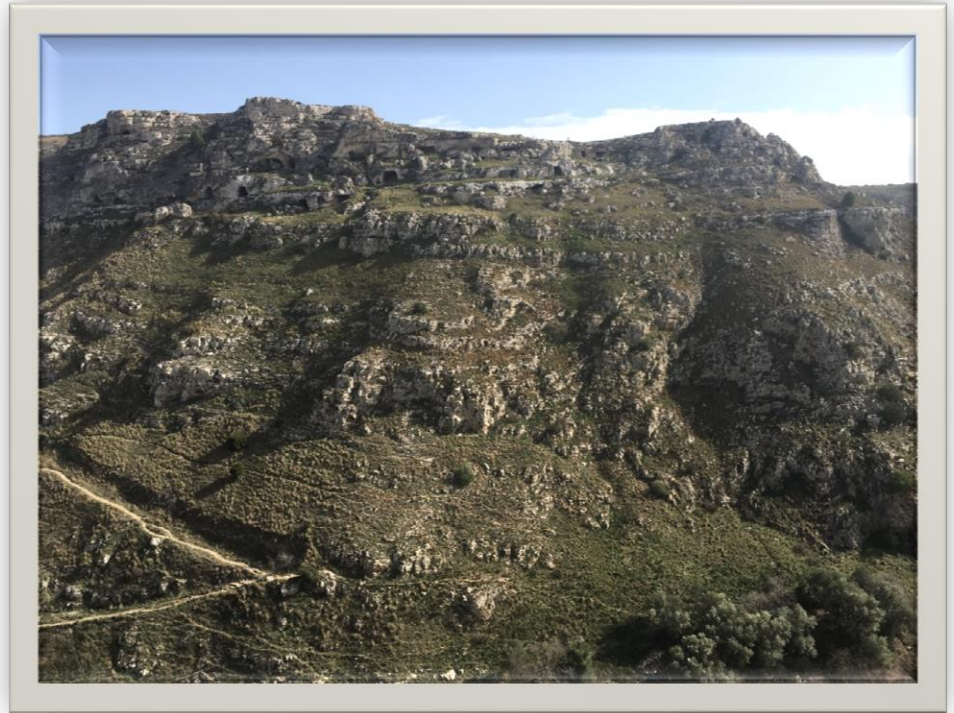


cake. After a short break, the 6 teams in which we were divided this time had to answer to a quiz based on the information we had just learnt.

After the winning team received their presents, we visited the ancient tower of Satriano, where we had the opportunity to discover the history of this town.

After having lunch at the canteen, we took part in a workshop called “Opificio delle @rti”, where the ancient and modern crafts meet.





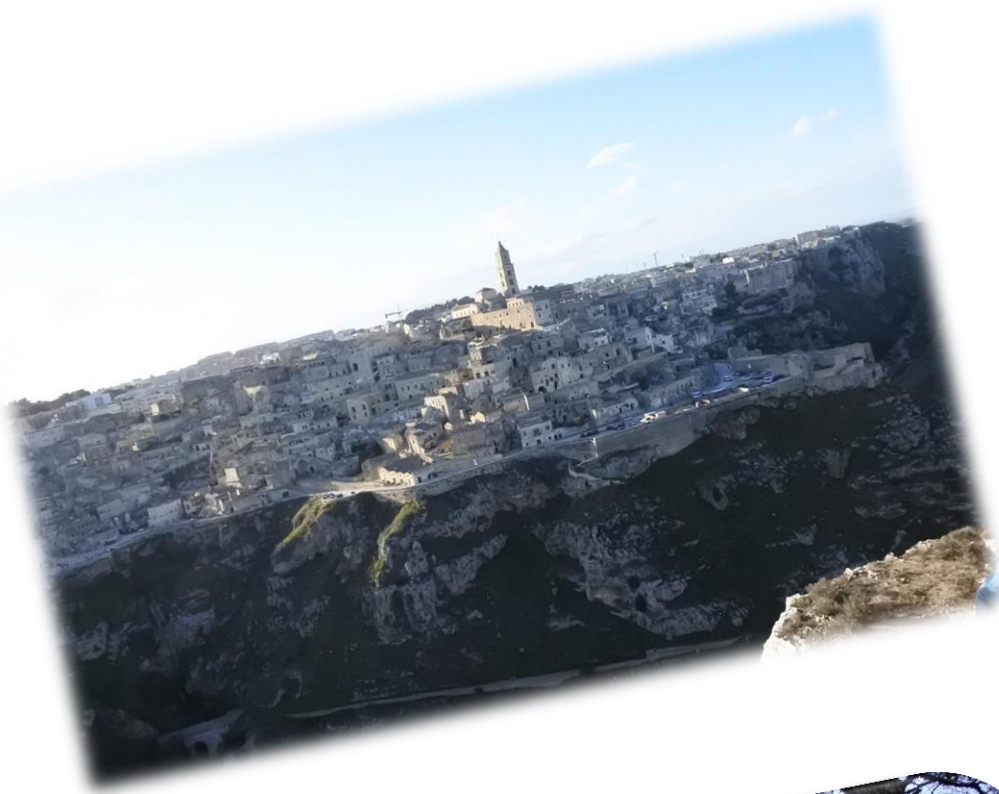
Wednesday, 7th February

All of us had to meet at the school in order to take the bus, a 2-hour ride to Matera, The European Capital of Culture in 2019. Our visit started with a cave, part of the old city, dug in limestone. Then we

climbed up the hill to see the oldest part of the city which has entirely been excavated in rock with no later human intervention. It's more like a system of caves. Shortly after noon it started raining so we went to a traditional restaurant to have lunch. After that we had one hour to explore the surroundings and buy souvenirs. Our trip wasn't over yet, another small village dug in stone was waiting for us so that was our next stop but not before we stop to see a panoramic view of Matera. By the time we arrived, the sun had already set and the temperature dropped significantly.



Finally, after seeing the city, we got on the bus and went right home, had dinner and slept like a baby.



Thursday, 8th February



In the morning we met with the representatives of the association “Al Parco” at school and shortly after went hiking in a national park whose official color isn’t green, it’s

black
because one species of



black storks lives here and underneath the park there actually is oil. Then they showed us how they used to make the carnival costumes and how they make them nowadays, more efficient and reusable. We took part in a workshop, “The Tree Man”, in which we had to make our own costumes. It was lots of fun

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hungry so for lunch we went to the “Crazy Horse” pub.

In the afternoon we went to the carnival, which happens every year around this time of the year and everyone in Satriano is involved, the kids, the parents, the elderly. Later we arrived in Abbamonte square where the fire of friendship was ignited and the party continued for another 2 hours of dancing and eating.





Friday, 9th February

Unfortunately, this was the last day we were able to be surrounded by our partners from the project. In the morning we had a memorable activity, we planted an olive tree in the school yard as a symbol of our project. After that we went to Sant'Angelo le Fratte where we had a painting workshop on canvas. We had to draw some paintings to put them out in school in the evening so we have expressed our creativity having a lot of fun with all the project partners.



After that we had lunch at the "La Cantina" restaurant with hand-made pasta done during the home economy workshop.

In the evening we had a party organized by host parents, students and teachers and we also saw our paintings exhibited at the school entrance. And after that, the party started. We had a variety of traditional food and everyone enjoyed our last day together.



Saturday, 10th February

It was a rainy day and the time to say goodbye for the last time and this was also the last journey through Italy. So we had to say goodbye and to go home. Of course everybody cried and then we had a two-hour journey to Naples.

We arrived at Naples, we had a snack and then we visited the city until around 5 o'clock when we headed to the airport.



We had the plane leaving at 8 o'clock and during the flight we hit turbulence near the end of the flight and meanwhile we talked about all the beautiful moments we had in Italy.

We arrived at Otopeni at ten and after that we had to wait for a bus that took us to Iasi after a seven-hour journey.

CONCLUSION

To sum up, this was a great experience for our team to travel to Italy and to discover their wonderful country. They shared their experiences and traditions and, moreover, they made us feel great during the week, we made new friends and had the opportunity to explore some of this wonderful country, Italy.

We want to give a lot of thanks to our teachers for their support, our hosts who took care of us during these days and to the coordinators of this project who gave us the chance to participate in this memorable experience!

