

Report of the C1 Meeting.

Aubenas- March 3rd to 9th 2016

Day 3, Thursday . After landing in Lyon Saint Exupery airport, we shared a bus with the Romanian students and teachers from Lyon airport to Aubenas. There, the Spanish and Romanian students started a friendship that continued during all the time in Aubenas, and probably beyond that week.

We arrived at Aubenas quite late, where Eric and the French hosting families were waiting for us in the bus station. Our students joined their host families and teachers were commuted to the hotel by Eric where we joined the rest of the teachers to greet each other and have dinner together.



Day 4, Friday . In the morning, the Action French team and directive team offered a reception at the school, some students made performances playing rock music; sang songs and played cinematographic music. After that, representatives of the different countries gave presents to the school and to the



coordinator and thanked the warm welcome. At the end of the act, while having some typical French sweets, students and teachers started to break the ice for the first time. The French students had decorated the place with students photographs of the foreign students taken from Facebook.





After some interviews and photos with the local press, we were divided in four groups and guided by four French students who showed us the different departments of the school. We visited different classrooms where different subjects were being taught, the library, sports room and other facilities.



In the library there was an exhibition of caricatures made by Sertan Aksakal, member of the Turkish team. they had been exhibited before in other 4 European cities.

After that, the teachers had the first work sessions in the library, where we talked about the next mobility to Turkey, the programme for that afternoon and we made the general questionnaire for students. Some gifts from the French team were given to the teachers before the work session. After having lunch at



school, we were divided in three groups, some teachers visited some places near Aubenas with Eric, another group and all the students were watching a documentary about cinematography and about the Pont d'Arc Cavern with Christoph, and the coordinators group had a work session again with Gladys in order to complete the general students' questionnaire and to create another one for the Aubenas students' mobility. At night, there was a party and dinner at *the Vintage Café* in Aubenas, where students and teachers had an enjoyable time.

Day 5, Saturday. We left Aubenas very early to go to Nîmes in order to participate in the film festival that was taking place in this city. We went to the cinema 'Le semaphore' only for our large group of students and teachers. A specialist explained about the Nîmes festival and the three films we were going to watch.



The films were: *The Suffragettes*, released last November, *Hector* and *Burn burn burn*. After watching the first film, we had our lunch and visited the city, mainly the Arena amphitheatre and some streets around this building and had a coffee. We returned to Aubenas in the evening. At night we had dinner in a typical restaurant in the city centre, near the town hall where we tasted traditional meals.

Day 6 , Sunday. We got up early again to go to the scheduled visits. The visit to The Pont d'Arc Cavern was in the morning. It is not allowed to visit the original cave, where only experts who study these archeological findings can enter. When we arrived at the place, we firstly visited the Gallery, a permanent exhibition where there are interactive touch screens, life-size woolly rhinos, mammoths, and bison from the steppes, simulating the environment, flora and fauna where men and women lived 36 000 years ago. After



that, we visited the replica of the Cavern where a guide explained the painting techniques and their meaning, and different aspects of that age. In the afternoon, we went near the scenery where the original cavern is, visiting the Pont d'Arc on the river Ardèche. Then, we did a bus tour around Gorges de l'Ardèche and stopped in a lookout to take photos before returning. Before arriving at Aubenas, we visited a nice little village, Vogue, its castle and a modern art exhibition inside, a river with ducks and a



wonderful landscape. At night we had dinner in a restaurant near the hotel, Bufalo Grill, an American style restaurant, where we were talking, getting to know each other and having a good time



Day 7, Monday. Teachers and students went to the school in the morning to participate in the programmed workshop. Students had to write a script, record and edit it to create a short film, based on a fake interview.



At 12:00 all the teachers attended a reception led by a representative of the Mayor, and some gifts from every country were given. While the students were creating their short film, the teachers of the foreign countries were organized in two groups in order to create short films too. The two teams were Romania-



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Poland and Turkey-Spain. Both teams enjoyed a lot writing and recording the scenes in the library and places nearby. At the end of the afternoon, the students had finished creating their short films.

Day 8, Tuesday. The students attended another workshop where they could learn new edition techniques. Meanwhile, the teachers had another working session to decide the exact dates for the next Turkey mobility, which will be in May, from 23rd to 29th. We also reviewed the work to do on the Action

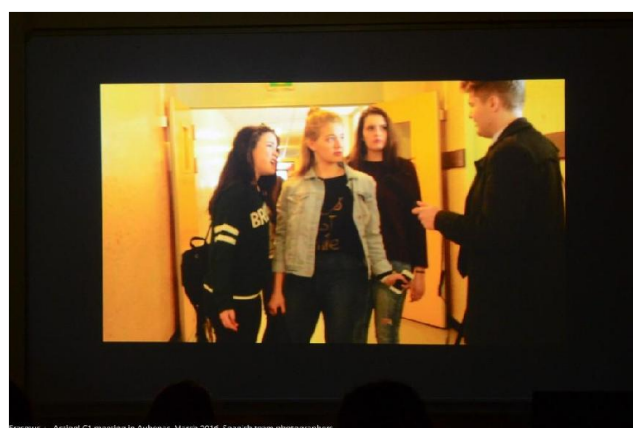


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webpage and work out on the teacher's questionnaire to evaluate the meeting in Aubenas. After that, the students showed the result of their work to the whole group of students and teachers, as well as the short film created the previous day. It was expected that the films made by the teachers were shown but they both couldn't finish them because of technical problems with the computers compatibility. The expectation among the students about our short films was really high, so they were a little frustrated. We promised to



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finish and show them later.

During the evening, all of us had free time to visit Aubenas for our own, and some students were decorating the place where the goodbye party was going to take place. At eight o'clock all of us joined the



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party where we all had dinner, and the French team gave the certificates of attendance to the students and teachers, and some gifts for the students. Students said goodbye to each other, shared a lot of hugs and said a little sad goodbye to this unforgettable week full of new friends and experiences, for some of them the best week of their lives.



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