

Pressrelease # 5

The implementation of the new Grundtvig project “Ageing well: don’t hesitate, be active” continued with an international meeting in Pardubice, Czech Republic from 9 to 12 March 2014. The Czech host - EDUCAnet Pardubice surprised all the participants with trip to Kunětická Mountain and visit in a famous traditional Czech Gingerbread Cottage and gingerbread making. It’s a very special way of producing souvenirs from gingerbread dough. Every participant had the chance to make their own gingerbread souvenir.



The place is very close to the Slatiňany Castle so the participants had the chance to visit the castle and to feel the spirit of ancient time. The town of Pardubice lies on the confluence of the rivers Elbe and Chrudimka. The place is full of historical buildings and make Pardubice very special town. But this region is famous also for its horse race called the Velká Pardubická Steeple-Chase, and local horse.

The agenda of the fifth project meeting was focused on the topic „Cultural Life in Our Town“. Presentations were made by Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie du Pays d'Arles, France; EDUNET Craiova, Romania; Fundacja Lokalna Grupa Działania Partnerstwo dla Warmii, Poland; Syllogos piriion thiras “ Ta eisodia tis theotokou ” , Greece; T.Goloskokovos užsienio kalbų mokykla, Lithuania; Tsentar za profesionalno obuchenie kam regionalen sayuz na tpek gr. Veliko Tarnovo, Gabrovo – Bulgaria and EDUCAnet - Střední odborná škola Pardubice, s. r. o. , Czech Republic.

The partners also made review of the project plan and project management; planned next meeting and following activities, checking tasks on website of the project.



The cultural part of the visit under the project included a trip to the Town Hall of Pardubice and guided sightseeing tour of Pardubice. After the great fire, most of the facades were rebuilt to the Baroque style with the typical terracotta elements. When visiting Pardubice everybody is impressed by the Renaissance Chateau, the famous Jonah's house decorated with plastic reliefs of the whale swallowing the prophet Jonah and the tower of the Green Gate and the Church of Saint Bartholomew.

It's an region famous not only with the ginger-bread souvenirs, but also with the unique Horse Museum where history of the horses as animals and as human friends can be found. There are presented the Kladruber Old White horses, small herd of the Czech Thoroughbreds and the Kladruber Old Black horses. The Kladruber horses are on the UNESCO heritage list. The Kladruber (Czech Kladrubský kůň) is the oldest Czech horse breed and one of the world's oldest horse breeds. It is considered very rare. The main breeding centre is in National stud farm Kladruby nad Labem in the Czech republic where Kladrubers have been bred for more than 400 years. Kladrubers have always been bred to be a galakarosier - a heavy type of carriage horse for the court of the House of Habsburg.

