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Meeting in Budapest

In April 2024 the C4C project partnership organised a 3-day meeting for students and teachers involved in the project. During the meeting, working in international groups (France, Italy, Poland and Hungary), young people improved their knowledge and skills in environmental protection.

The event programme was very well structured and included a city tour and participation in various activities prepared by the Hungarian hosts. Participants were able to visit various sites related to climate change and sustainability, such as a waste water plant, a climate park, a weather station, a community garden and a manufacturer producing educational games. Participants also visited the European institution "Európa Pont", where they attended a conference on climate change and took part in an interactive activity on the role of European institutions in climate protection.

We would like to thank our Hungarian hosts for their excellent organisation and hospitality. Their commitment and care made this trip not only educational but also full of unforgettable experiences.



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Participants' reflections

5 days total, 2 days of travel and 3 days of meeting : an unforgettable experience in which we were involved together with the youth from the #C4C project

The meeting was a unique experience for the youth to discover a different way of travelling, meeting and reflecting together. For many young Italians, the trip was also their first trip abroad and they were really enthusiastic about it.

Another great value was that it was an experience that was financially accessible (because it was free of charge) to everyone thanks to EU funding, even to people with less financial means.

On the first day we met, with icebreakers who made the atmosphere immediately pleasant and we tackled the "Cityrally," an adventure that combined team building and sightseeing, followed by the evaluation of the experience.

The second day was full of discoveries: we visited different locations and entities dealing with environmental issues, choosing from options such as wastewater treatment plants, a meteorological station, climate parks, community gardens and an educational games workshop. We then shared our experiences in a collective relationship, enriching dialogue and learning from each other.

|| day three was devoted to sharing the results of national research conducted using the RANAS methodology, followed by an exciting art activity to begin creating a #communication campaign on climate change. We visited "Európa Pont" to learn more about the role of European #institutions in climate protection. The day ended with a fun folk #dance session and dinner to say goodbye, full of new friendships and inspiration for the future. Thank you all for a wonderful experience!



CIFA, Italy

We went to Budapest for 5 days with 10 young people and 2 teachers from Lycée Saint Vincent de Paul in Loos. The trip was an opportunity for the young people to meet others involved in the C4C project, discover a new way of traveling and open up discussions. The experience was a positive one, with all the young people leaving happy and proud of their mobility.

On the first day, an ice-breaker was organized, allowing everyone to meet each other and make the trip pleasant and welcoming, encouraging the creation of links between everyone. The aim of the "CityRally" was to do some teambuilding by visiting different places in Budapest in a fun way. Participants were given the opportunity to take on challenges relating to climate change.

On the second day, visits to different sites enabled the youngsters to explore environmental issues. Some of them visited a waste water plant / climate park / weather station / community garden / a manufacturer producing educational games.

Following that, we were all able to share and discuss the various experiences that each of us had encountered. The discussions were enriching thanks to the relevant feedback provided by everyone.

Lastly, we were able to combine the results of RANAS, the national research project conducted in various institutions. Following this, we were able to take part in the creation of a communication campaign on climate change, an artistic activity that allowed everyone to express themselves.

We went to Europa Pont to learn about how European institutions contribute to climate protection. This activity was rich in discoveries for the young people.

The day ended in a festive atmosphere with a folk dance session and a dinner to round off this wonderful trip.

Thank you so much for this wonderful trip, full of meetings, friendship and inspiration! We are all grateful to have been able to take part in this trip.



LE PARTENARIAT, France



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Participants' reflections

The Polish delegation that went to the meeting in Budapest consisted of 2 CWEP employees, 2 teachers and a group of students from the Agrotechnical School Complex in Ropczyce

The event began with vibrant icebreaker activities designed to break the ice and foster connections among participants. The activity contributed to the positive and welcoming atmosphere for the rest of the days. The highlight of the workshops was undoubtedly the City Rally, a unique blend of team-building exercises and sightseeing adventures. Participants embarked on an exciting journey through the streets of Budapest, navigating challenges and completing tasks related to climate change and sustainability. The rally not only tested their problem-solving skills but also provided an opportunity to explore the city's landmarks and attractions. Following the rally, participants had the chance to choose from a variety of field visits, each offering valuable insights into different aspects of climate change mitigation and sustainability efforts. From touring a waste water plant to exploring a climate park and visiting a community garden, these visits provided hands-on learning experiences that deepened participants' understanding of environmental issues. Throughout the workshops, participants engaged in various activities aimed at promoting collaboration and creativity. They worked in small groups to create communication campaigns addressing climate change through art, showcasing their talents and innovative ideas. Additionally, interactive sessions focused on the role of European institutions in climate protection, enhancing participants' knowledge of policy frameworks and international cooperation. The workshops also provided opportunities for cultural exchange and celebration. Participants immersed themselves in Hungarian culture through a folk dancing activity, learning traditional dances and connecting with local customs and traditions.

In conclusion, the events in Budapest were a resounding success, bringing together individuals from diverse backgrounds to learn, collaborate, and inspire action on climate change. The event not only deepened participants' understanding of environmental issues but also fostered lasting connections and friendships.

CWEP, Poland



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What next

Currently, students involved in project activities from each of the partner countries are preparing for a visit to the European Parliament, which will give young people a better understanding of the workings of climate and environmental institutions.



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