

Kings (and queens) of the castle

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The project 'History a (very) bit different: A virtual intercultural tour across the castle lifestyle' has swapped the classroom for a castle to help young people become prouder of their national heritage

The project embraced the rich castle heritage in four European countries. This helped history teachers make their lessons more interesting, greatly enhancing their students' learning experience.

Students from Lithuania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey worked together online and face-to-face during four mobilities over two years.

Project coordinator, Alica Soltysova, from secondary school Stredná priemyselná škola in Poprad, Slovakia, said:

Through these mobilities, they witnessed European cultural heritage at first hand.

Instead of studying in a classroom, students were given the opportunity to feel the history of castles. They cooked medieval meals, dressed up like the people of ancient times and even performed folk tales, dances and songs. The students were also given the chance to produce short films about the castles, which were donated to local museums for promotional purposes at the end of the project.

'They learned so much more than in a classroom and this knowledge will stay with them,' affirmed Alica Soltysova.

By connecting with their own cultures, the students took more pride in their homelands. The history lessons in the participating schools have improved dramatically, while students have polished up their communication and social skills. They even learned basic expressions from their counterparts, enhancing their foreign language skills.

The teachers also benefited from the project as they discovered new teaching methods, which they subsequently shared with their colleagues and other schools in the region.

The castle experience may have ended, but the project coordinator has already plans for another project this time focusing on the region's water heritage in all its diversity.



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Field: School Education

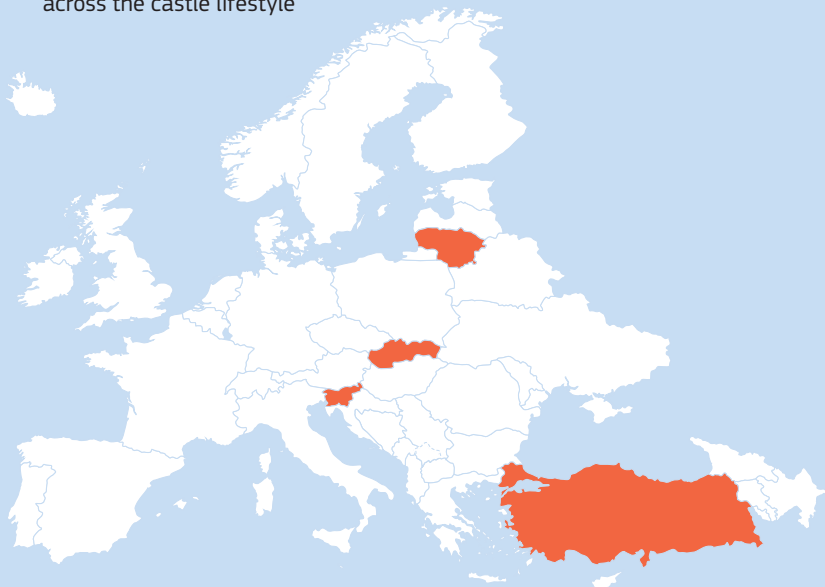
Action: Strategic Partnerships

Key facts and figures

	Participants: 163		Countries: 4
	EU grant: € 162,800		Project duration: 2015-2017

Project title

History a (very) bit different: A virtual intercultural tour across the castle lifestyle



Lead organisation

Name: Stredná priemyselná škola

Location: Poprad, Slovakia

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Partners

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More information

Project website:

<http://www.historyaverybitdifferent.eu>

The Erasmus+ Project Results Platform:

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/eplu-project-details/>