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The second meeting in 2012 –

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Mottola, Italy



**Our meeting took place between
March 19 and March 22, 2012, in Mottola, Italy.**



The first day of our journey started at the airport where, awaiting the moment of our departure, we were overwhelmed with emotion caused by parting from the loved ones.

Finally, we took off from our country to the land of Traian; the plane seemed like a dot compared to the areas we flew over (rivers, mountains, fields, cities); the fluffy clouds enshrouded us from time to time; all of a sudden, we felt so small in such a big world. Everything

happened very fast and almost without realizing it, we landed in Bari, where we were greeted by our hosts Antonella and Mariella. We got on the bus (which was filled with special guests: Czech, Polish, Spanish, Swedish) and left for Mottola, the final destination of our journey.

Mottola – a clean, quiet, little town with narrow streets, paved with marble, in southern Italy near the Adriatic Sea and Ionian Sea; it is a pleasant area with a Mediterranean vegetation everywhere (orange, lemon and olive trees); it seemed that the time for our meeting had been chosen perfectly (an escape from the chilly March and the relaxation under the sun of Italy). What about the people there? Exceptionally warm, perfect hosts who will do anything to make the guests feel welcome (I have never felt so well in the presence of people whom I barely knew). People who have sacrificed everything for guests (time, rest, family). People that stay friends for life. People you'd want to see again and hang out with. They introduced us to the local cuisine (traditionally cooked seafood and pizza), showed us the dream places you can hardly forget. I thank them for the beautiful experience.

The school from Mottola ("M. Lentin" - Liceo Scientifico "A. Einstein") is a newly built, modern, comfortable building; classrooms are well lit, with individual banks for students, smart boards, neatly arranged plants and ...very clean. Flags of all the participating countries greeted us on the pillars at the entrance of the school; the opening ceremony took place in an amphitheatre where we were greeted with a beautiful show organized to honor all the guests by the hosts, but also by folk bands. Alongside the government, the local community, students and teachers are very much involved in the good functioning of the school.

Our Comenius meeting's activities took place in the school library where the necessary equipment had been installed (smart board, computer); the teachers from the participating countries (Italy, Sweden, Poland, Spain, Turkey, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Romania) also took part in all activities, together with their students. All partner countries worked very hard and showed a real interest in the development of this project ("Teaching innovatively - with focus on ICT - and ITS impact on the quality of education"). The activities took place on a daily established timetable.

Each country's team presented ways of making modern lessons using the computer and evaluation tools. All lessons presented and held were extremely impressive and in so many various fields: Italy- Physics, English and History, Turkey- English and Chemistry,

Sweden- Biology and Chemistry, Poland- Mathematics and Physics, Spain- Technology and English, Bulgaria- English and Chemistry, Czech Republic- English, Romania- Biology, Chemistry and French.

The banner contest (the on-site stage) took place, contest in which Romania managed to win first and second prize, along with Poland which won third place. The next meeting in Sweden was discussed as well as other future meetings- Spain, October 2012. The website and its improvement were analyzed.

At the end of the trip the conclusion is: this was a meeting in which we learned a lot, it was an excellent exchange of experience, one between people (teachers, students) but also sharing of knowledge as regards ways of structuring lessons and evaluation methods.

Between tasks, our hosts made sure we had time to visit the surroundings: Taranto - a city on the bank of the Ionian Sea, where we visited Castle Aragon and walked the streets with palm trees near the sea; Alberobello - a UNESCO-listed town, with small, white houses, with roofs resembling a swallow's nest, with narrow streets paved with marble and people dealing with commerce, and where time has stood still; Matera - a town also included on the UNESCO list, which impressed us with houses that are built into the rock. All in all, a dream trip that I will never forget; I won't forget the great colors of the sea, the vegetation, the buildings, the people in the sun of Italy and what is more important - the connections established between people from all over Europe . What remains after such a trip are the images that will stir memories and a lifetime friendship between people. I will not forget the promise that I made to myself to return to these lands and to revisit places and people of Italy.

Mirela Marinescu,

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Travelling to Italy by COMENIUS



Being in the 9th grade and participating in a COMENIUS project meeting is like a wish fulfilled by the golden fish.

It all started on a Sunday, at 14.40, on the Henri Coanda airport, on a hot afternoon, too hot for the middle of March, heat which predicted the temperature in Italy. We flew from Bucharest to Milan and after another two hours, from Milan to Bari. From Bari, the Romanian group together with the Czech, Polish and Spanish groups went by bus to Mottola. We arrived there by midnight and despite the late hour, our hosts were there, ready to welcome us.

Monday started in a festive way, with the presentation of the countries with their national flags and the welcoming speech of the headmaster of the school in Mottola. Then we viewed and participated in the lessons of Bulgaria, Turkey, Czech Republic and Poland.

On the same day there was also the final judging stage for the banners and Romania won the 1st and the 2nd place which means that project will be popularized with a banner by the Romanian partner .

In the evening we walked around the city. The old part of the city called Schiavonia was built at the interference of two cultures: Latin and Byzantine. The houses with white washed walls and very narrow streets are typical of the Apuglian style.

On Tuesday morning we went to school and the lessons of Romania, Spain, Sweden and Italy were presented. After lunch we left to visit Taranto with its elegant Palazzo Municipale built in 1864-1869. Another important monument in Taranto is Castello Avagnese, built in the 15th century in Ionic style, which hosts now The Comandment of the Military Marine.

In the evening, we went to a pizzeria in Mottola. There, on TV, there was a match between AC Milan and Juventus Torino in the semifinal of the Coppa Italia. All the Italians were watching the match, even the waiters. I realised once more the passion for the football this people has.

On Wednesday morning we went on a trip to Bari. On the road to Bari we stopped in a small city called Alberobello. In this city there were some interesting houses, with roofs made of pieces of stones, having the shape of a cone. This type of roof loke like a hat of our man from Oas,a Romanian region in Maramuresh, hat called "clop". However, those roofs were not built to draw attention, they were built to ensure a better heating of the homes.

Bari, located at about 85km from Mottola is a port at the Ionian Sea. The first image, at the entry of the city, was the color of the sea, an irreal blue. We walked through the long boulevards with elegant shops delighted by the sea's breeze.

In the evening we returned to the highschool were the ofical festivity that ended this meeting in Mottola took place.

On Thursday we made a little trip to Matera, a small town near Mottola. Matera, like Mottola, is placed on a hill, on the top of the hill there is the church and the houses, by their architectural style create a marvellous view of the ancient part of the town. We all took photos with the old part of the town!

Anyhow, we took a lot of fotos with all the towns that we've been through, every city having its own aspect that makes it different from all the others.

At noon we returned to Mottola and in the afternoon we visited, outside the town, the caves where there were built some churches. The most impressive was the one dedicated to Saint Nicolas, considered by most the „Sistine Chapel” of the rock culture, because of its well preserved frescoes.

What I have not said until now, not because it isn't important, but because I was focused on the trip's schedule, was the fact that every single one of us (the students) stayed at an Italian student's house.



I stayed at Lorenzo's. I just want to say that I felt like I was at home minus "Do this! Do that!". My colleagues had the same feeling so I reached the conclusion that the Italian people are very nice and very hospitable.

On Friday we woke up at 6.30 AM, we said goodbye to our new friends and left by bus to Bari. While the bus was leaving, I looked back to the city with small tears in the corner of the eyes.

After two flights, Bari-Rome and Rome-Bucharest, we arrived on the airport Henri Coanda. Lucky me, the weekend was just beginning so I had plenty of time to download my

photos, to remember the places I'd visited, to remember my new Italian friends in a nostalgic way, friends which I can only meet now on Facebook.

In the end I was happy to go to my school again, school which creates this kind of projects, projects which offer children a much more pleasant way of learning and living.

Alexandru Valeanu

Impressions from Alex Stoica

We left Bucharest at about 12 o'clock on a very sunny Sunday. The flight to Milan had no delay and during the time between our flights we walked through the airport. The connection flight to Bari was scheduled to arrive at around half past nine, but it was 15 minutes early. From there we went by bus to Mottola and everyone arrived at their hosts - tired after a very long day.

The following day I got to talk with my hosts Gioia and Mattia - very warm and welcoming, they really made me feel like home. After having breakfast we started to walk towards their school but soon a friend of theirs called and said that he would drive us. Before stopping at school we made a stop down town because in that day it was the Saint Giuseppe and our driver had to buy some meat for the celebrations that were about to happen. When I arrived at school all my colleagues were there and we talked about the opening festivity that was about to take place. The national anthem of all the partner countries was played and 2 representatives from each country walked in with the flag and traded their flag for a traditional gift from the Italian students. Following the festivity, festival dances were played and slowly everybody got involved in them. The votes for the banner competition were cast and the banner that won belonged to one of our colleagues, Radu. After lunch the partners from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Turkey and Poland presented their software – all very interesting and we all learned valuable lessons from their presentations. After the presentations everybody went to their homes because a meeting was set for later that night. We met somewhere near the city center and roamed around the old city – with its beautiful, narrow, typical Italian streets. After a short while we arrived where the celebration of Saint Giuseppe was and we were a bit intrigued in the way it was celebrated: a large log was being burnt and “fava” beans were prepared. That night we ate focaccia from a very intimate shop near the center – I might say it was the best focaccia one could find. We returned home exhausted, but happy, after what proved to be a first, very productive day.

The 20th of March was according to the schedule a very busy day. We started early and



presented the software we developed for this meeting – Radu and his teacher presented software for a Biology lesson, very interesting and easy to follow. Another colleague, Adrian, exhibited software for a Chemistry lesson which had a virtual experiment which I can say that was very well thought. Lastly, Mrs. Issa and I demonstrated the utility of the software we elaborated – a mixture between the very popular book Harry Potter and the latest addition to Facebook: Timeline. All presentations went very smoothly and it was again a success, everybody

present taking part in the process of learning and understanding. After lunch we walked around the city, but not for long because we shortly headed towards the town hall – which was situated close to the center and had a very beautiful square right in front of it. When our teachers and us arrived the mayor gave a speech in which he was grateful for the visit of all the partners and that he pleased to see the school in Mottola engaged in such an important European project – a project that represents the future of education and in such tough times it is important for our countries to keep a close relationship. After the visit through the town hall

we had lunch at one of our colleague's host. The meal was extremely good but at the same time there was too much food for us. Afterwards we headed back to school where the Czech partner presented the ideas for an online evaluation tool. We had a short break during which some of us went home to get ready for the upcoming trip to Taranto – a nearby city. On the way there we saw beautiful scenery and an image that was really impressive: the fields of orange trees that were still full of fruit. When we arrived in Taranto we visited a castle nearby – the castle was first built in the 7th century, and rebuilt several times. We could see the sea and while we were on the bus we passed by the beach. We sat down and ate a great ice-cream and watched the sun set. We walked around the city to a museum nearby where paintings and architectural findings, belonging to this area, were displayed. On the way home on the students' bus there was a lot more silence than when on the way to Taranto, showing that students were starting to get tired. When we arrived back in Mottola we had about an hour and a half to relax and get ready for the dinner in the Pizzeria. During this time I talked with my host Mattia about games, football, hobbies and almost anything that would be of interest to 17 year old boys. The pizza was very good and during that night we also watched a football match – quite a local derby I might add. Overall, it was a very interesting night filled with all sorts of interesting events. I returned home exhausted and even though I would have liked to stay up and talk with my host I was so tired that I fell asleep immediately.



The following day we had to wake up earlier because we had to meet at half past eight to go to Bari. The trip started smoothly and after a short while we arrived at our first destination Alberobello. We visited the old part of the city that had traditional houses in form of cones with signs of gods that represented wealth, health and so on. We did not have the opportunity to enter such a house because we were on a very tight schedule, but we managed to walk around the town to get a clear view of it. We left Alberobello and continued on our way to Bari – still astonished by some of the scenery. When we arrived in Bari we walked to the center of the city, the old part of the city, and we saw how the old houses were built: in stone and on top of each other – forming an incredible picture. We took a lot of photographs and then wondered around the center for quite a while – both for shopping purposes but also for seeing more amazing places. Afterwards we left and walked to the bus that took us to an impressive church – dating from the sixteenth century, we entered and visited the church and the tombs – a guide explained to us how this church was uniting West and East and how both gothic and Renaissance elements were to be found in it. After this short visit we took the bus back home. When we arrived my hosts invited me to have lunch at their grandparents. The meal was extraordinary – typical Italian pasta, best I have ever eaten, followed by cake – a cake in form of a heart for Mattia from his girlfriend for their 1 year anniversary. During the meal I got to talk with their grandfather who was a lawyer and had an extensive knowledge of history – we talked about the Dacian-Roman wars and why our languages are sometimes similar and sometimes not at all. After the lunch we went home and rested for about 1 hour and then had to go to school to fill some questionnaires about the meeting and what we would like to improve. Afterwards there was the awarding ceremony – where every student host and student hosted went through an interesting process – each of us had to say a sentence in our hosts' language and vice-versa saying things like “It was a pleasure to meet you” or similar things. After this ceremony was over I went home and changed for the party that was happening that night. The party was held in the school's amphitheater and Mattia, my host, was the DJ that night. Everybody danced

and had a good time, but unfortunately we had to go home at about 12 o'clock. We then walked around the city for a short while then we headed home.

The following day almost all partners left, with the exception of Spain. I woke up late and had breakfast with my hosts and then started to walk slowly towards the school - we had a trip planned to a nearby town, Matera. We waited for our teachers to arrive and the trip started. On the way there we seen some breathtaking sceneries and the Italian teachers read a short description of the area and we learned that the valley was carved by a river which now is only a small stream. We saw an old city and how the houses were built on top of each other, carved into the side of the hill. After walking around the city for a while and seeing some traditional houses, we unfortunately had to go back to Mottola. When we arrived back in the city we went to eat to a restaurant nearby. After eating lunch we had a trip planned to the nearby caves, caves that are similar to those in Cappadocia. There we could see a monastery that was first built in the 7th century and while the centuries went by some modifications where made: a wall was demolished so that the church would conform to the Catholic rules. There were further modifications made and the walls of the church still had their original paintings. After the visit through the church was finished we headed back to Mottola and we rested for about an hour. Afterwards, my host and I went through the city to pick up my other colleagues and then we went to a nearby pizzeria to have our final dinner together. It was an enjoyable evening and we talked with some of the boys about some football players – they knew all the Romanian footballers that play in their first league. When the dinner was finished, everybody went home and started to pack up, because the next day we had to leave early to catch our bus to the airport. I finished packing and I stayed to talk with my host: we talked about school and what we do in school, the differences in how the teachers teach and all kind of things related to school.



The last day was here. Time went by so fast, I did not even notice the days that went by. I knew I did not want to leave, but unfortunately that was the plan. I slowly carried my luggage to the car and got in. We rode to the bus stop and there were all my colleagues and teachers. I got out of the car said hello to everybody and went on and talked with my colleagues. You could see that everybody was sad, and some of the hosts cried. A lot of group photos were taken, but shortly our bus arrived and we had to go on our way.

The trip to Italy was a complete success: both academically and socially. Academically we saw some interesting approaches to lessons, each partner surprising us with their unique ideas that were all beautifully implemented. Socially, well what can I say, Italian people are great hosts, they have great food and the students are extremely sociable. Overall, I consider that from this trip I have gained valuable experience, and I enjoyed myself so much that if I could, I would go back there tomorrow.



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WARM COUNTRY WARM PEOPLE

“Will we stay apart?” said my students



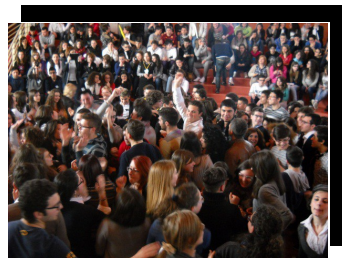
“Yes” I said

I’ll never forget the strange glimpse of my students in the car of the Italian family looking desperately back while departing to the unknown.

“Do you think that they are fine” I asked to my colleague.

“for sure ” She uttered

They were just the feelings of a person who was away from her own country.



“Hello” said Mariella all feelings of unknown disappeared suddenly with the sisterly hug of Antonella..

I’ll never forget the taste of the spaghetti we ate that evening..

Afterwards, we met the others. Familiar weather, familiar people..

“Perhaps It is the Mediterreanean that creates this familiar taste” I first thought

The next day we were welcomed in a hall full of huge hearts, which explained this familiarity to me.

Nice girls with curly hair, nice boys with glasses.

We found the same taste on the objective of the lovely photographer and the on the scarves of the dancing family..

People hand in hand..



Gathered to please their guests with the motherly care.

Now, we were departing with the feeling of sincerity on the blue eyes of the little girl from the blue country..

And departing with the expressions of appreciation to the sea that connects us each other ☺

Best Wishes from TurkeyY
EBRU EROGLU ☺



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Greetings from Poland!

For me the Comenius meeting in Mottolla was a great experience. I met a lot of nice people in Italy. Weather and landscapes in Mottolla were great. The organization of the whole event was also at a high level. Italian teachers were very nice to me and my friends. I hope that one day I can come back to Italy and meet again all of you. Iwo. This trip was very nice. In my opinion Italy is beautiful country. I hope to be able to come back in the future. People were really nice. It was a great experience. Dawid. As a whole, the project is a great idea where we might meet a lot of new friends, perfect our language and break the language blockade. We might learn something new, other culture, people, states, habits. The bad side of this project is only this that the organization wasn't at the highest level and students had nothing to do during the presentations, because that was directed to teachers and it was unnecessary for students. There might have been more practice lessons or more free time with hosts. About the trip the best moments were when we had the party with the Italians and on the last day at the airport when everybody was so tired and we were laughing at nothing. It's a pity that we must spend a lot of time travelling and we saw a little piece of Roma. In Mottola there weren't any problems, the family was awesome, the food was great and the accommodation was at a high level. I didn't expect that the Italians would be so helpful to their guests. Everybody wanted to talk with us even if they couldn't speak English very well. When someone didn't understand some word, he/she asked a friend for help and the conversation was going ahead. The weather there was hot like in summer. As a whole, the trip was great for big! And I want to go to something similar again.

Jan

These days in Italy were wonderful - sunny weather, delicious food and (the most important) amazing people, who were always smiling. Mottola is a beautiful town, where the sky is blue and the girls are pretty. The presentations and the projects were very interesting, big applauses for all countries!

Jakub



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I hope you enjoy reading them!

Several weeks passed since we came back to Bulgaria. I often think of the wonderful time we all had together. Our visit to Italy was more than my students and I expected. The atmosphere, the friendly and smiley people made us feel relaxed and happy. We were far away from home but we felt at home. The great organization, the hospitality of our Italian partner, the successful implementation of all the planned tasks and activities, the excursions, the new friends- all these made our visit perfect.

The welcoming ceremony was very touching – we are all different but together we can use our differences and turn them into strength and reach new horizons.

The most useful and motivating part for me was the live demonstrations, I saw a different viewpoint and way of thinking, which will undoubtedly be very helpful in my future work as a teacher.

The excursions, the touch to the Italian history, traditions and culture, the Italian cuisine, which at present is my favourite one, made our stay in Italy a memorable experience.

I hope we can use this friendship, cooperation and willingness to develop and succeed to make our schools, countries and world a better place for us, our students and children. To motivate and encourage, to help and give a hand, to leave a memorable track, to be small but efficient parts of the beautiful puzzle, called Europe.

From the impressions of my students below you will see how thankful and happy my students are because of the chance they had to visit Mottola. I hope you enjoy reading them!

Polina Moskova
Bulgaria

The trip to Italy



The trip to Italy was something to remember for a lifetime. It was like a magical dream which make you wish never to wake up again.

Mottola, the town we stayed in, is small but very beautiful. It is located in a hilly area and that is why the streets are on different levels, which makes for the unique magnificent views. And with the gorgeous street lamps and the beautiful flora the atmosphere was completely romantic. All the citizens knew each other and never missed to greet on the streets, even when they

were in the cars. And the streets were so narrow, but it was not a problem for the drivers, they were so patient.

We also visited Taranto and Bari. The most impressive thing for me in Taranto was the old castle. It has preserved the spirit of the old centuries and the walk near the water, under the stars and the moon on the sky was marvelous. The most interesting sight in Bari for me was the Basilica of Saint Nicholas, where are conserved the relics of the saint.

Our visit was both fun and educational. During our workshops in the school with the other partner countries we learned about new interactive ways of studying.

But the fact that made this trip so special is that the people we met were wonderful. My host family was so kind, they made me feel a part of it. And my host girl was like my sister, and she still is. For those 4 days I felt like their home is mine, too. And I became a big fan of the Italian cuisine.

The other Italians we met were mostly students from the school. They and the teachers have prepared a great opening ceremony, on which we found out that Italians really know how to party. They were all so nice and sociable. Thanks to them I learned a lot of new things about Italy, about their past, culture and traditions. The story of the pizza for example. Or how difficult is the Latin language. But they wanted to learn new things, too and were so interested in Bulgarian. And even though I did not understand a word they were saying in Italian, they were so emotional that I just cannot help joining their laugh and jokes.

I also met a lot of interesting people from Spain, the Czech Republic, Poland... I really hope we will stay in touch.

I did not want to leave that town, that atmosphere, those people... But I believe one day we will meet again. And I am very grateful to my teachers for giving me the opportunity to be a part of that project and that trip, and to all my new friends for making it unforgettable.

Luboslava Hristova

After our arrival in Bari my host family came to take me to their home. I was both worried and excited because I have been waiting for so long to finally see the family in whose house I would spend the next 5 days. When I met them any feeling of uneasiness disappeared. I saw the warmth and hospitality with which they welcomed me. During a delicious lunch we got to know each other. Everything was more than perfect. On the same evening me and my Italian sister went out and met the other people from the project. Then we walked around their town.



On the second day it was the welcoming to all the partners, the banner exhibition and presentation of the activities which each country had made. After that we had a visit to the center of Mottola and other landmarks in there. In the evening on almost every street of Mottola there was a fire. This was because of the St. Joseph's day, which coincides with the Italian Father's day. There was a choir in the middle of one street, a lot of people going to church, happy children laughing next to the fire and diversity of traditional food, eaten on this holiday. The evening finished with

new friendships and fireworks.

On the other day, after the activities at school were done, we all visited the authorities of Mottola. After that there was a lunch and a trip to Taranto (a town near Mottola). We visited an old castle. Then we ate the most tasty ice-cream ever. After that there was a dinner in a local Pizzeria and a lot of photographs.

The other day started with a trip to Bari-an important seaport town on the Adriatic Sea. There we saw the sights of the town. When we came back to Mottola in the afternoon, we had to prepare ourselves for the closing ceremony of awarding the certificates and for the big party after that. On this ceremony we had to say "Arrevederci" to our host friends and they had to sign on the T-shirts we received. It was maybe the most touching moment of the whole stay there. After that the party began and everyone started dancing. We had so much fun but we were a little bit sad because we knew that this would be the last night together. Early in the morning on the next day was our flight, first to Munich and then to Sofia. We had to say this time really "Goodbye" to our host families...

The project "Comenius" gave me the opportunity to meet new people from different countries, to improve my English and to think more creatively. I can't find words to describe how much I miss the people I met in Italy and how if I had just one ticket for somewhere, I would choose to go to Mottola and see all these friends I left there!

Silviya Petrova

Comenius – a great way to gain knowledge and to make friends

From the first minutes in Italy I felt the friendly atmosphere and the presentiment that I was going to



have a great time here. And I was right. These were one of the best 5 days I have ever had. The opening ceremony was full of positive energy which made all the guests feel at home. The hospitable hosts made the best they could to make us feel great. The closing ceremony was incredible.

Singing and dancing all together – the first step to draw closer to each other was made. Also I

ill never forget the evenings there, especially the second one. We met so many people and I spent one unforgettable evening with the other students getting to know each other.

The Italian cuisine is one the best and they have proved this. Everything was so delicious – all kinds of pasta, pizza, lasagna, cheese and desserts. We ate zeppole, which is made only on St. Joseph's Day. Another thing that made a big impression on me, was the culture. The old imposing castles and the preserved churches keep so much history in them.

Another important part of the project was the exchange of innovative methods of teaching. The live demonstrations were very useful. It was a pleasure to take part in them and to work with such studious students. The demonstrations and the games showed me another interesting way of studying. Also that was an easier way to remember the new information and to refresh the old one.

I will keep the memories deep in my heart. I won't forget any piece of detail. I miss all of you, Mottola, everything from my stay in Italy. I am looking forward to March 2013 when we are going to be the hosts and I will have the chance to see some of you again.

Ioana Hristova



When we arrived at the airport in Bari I was not excited. I wanted only to go back to Bulgaria, because I was so afraid of the meeting with Camilla and with her family and friends. Camilla was waiting for me at the airport. When we met we said only-Hello! How are you? This was our conversation. When we arrived in her house I was so afraid and sleepy that I couldn't say anything. Her family looked to me so strange. The first thing that I did in her house was to go to my bed and sleep. I slept for so long that they were worried about me. After this me and Camilla went out with the other girls. Then everything changed in an instant. Now I was not tired and I started to talk very much, as ever. We met other Italian students. They were a little bit angry with us, because they were waiting for us for 30 minutes. They were waiting for us because I slept for such a long time. On the following day our meetings in the school started. The school was so beautiful and new. The first day in the school was perfect. Students were waiting for us, when they met us they were so excited, so worried- just like us. Each country presented their national flag, their hymn. After this we showed our exercises in Chemistry and English. Each day we had a new task- to present our banners, to take part in the teaching activities of the partner schools. But we had not only tasks, we had a lot of excursions- to Bari, Alberobello and Taranto. The people in Italy are so kind. With one word, the people there are amazing! We made a lot of new friends. We saw a lot of beautiful places, we enjoyed ourselves. We had a great time in Italy. But everything has got an end. And this end was so sad, so depressing. We did not want to come back. We only wanted to stay in Italy forever. I will never forget this lovely experience in this wonderful country!

Iulia Nedkova



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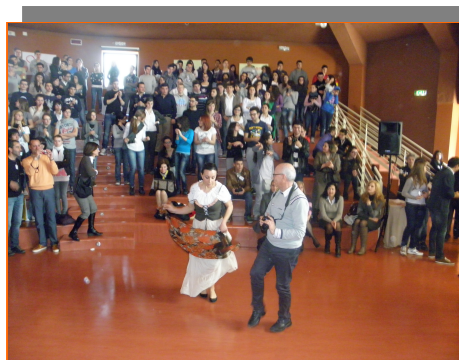
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