

## KA2 - “The Odyssey Revisited: Teaching European Values in a Divided Continent”

### WORK SESSION 2

Meeting starts at 8.45 h.

**Order of the day** 15/11/2017:

- 2 Year chronogram of activities
- Planning mobilities for forecoming coordination meetings
- Planning mobilities with groups of students

**Present in the room:** the representatives of all the countries involved in the project.

- Cyprus: Pavlos Carrera Pavlides, Alexis Vayianos
- Greece: Konstantinos Pasiketopoulos, Konstantia Akrivousi
- Italy: Carmen Llerena, María Carmela D’Angelo.
- Spain: Ana Durán Estévez, Rosario González, Charo Reyes Márquez – who act as hosts and lead the meeting
- Sweden: Maja Jenemark, Rosina Artuso Saklanti.
- Turkey: Gulzah Kantas, Mete Satiogu.

We start our meeting by reading the **Minutes for the previous work session**. The act is approved by all, but Kostas adds a piece of information that he reminds us is missing from the decisions taken yesterday. Each country should translate their comic book episode to their own language and publish both versions in **MyTwinSpace**. Charo makes amends to the minutes and passes them round for signing.

After analyzing the process of the **avatar design** more carefully and contrasting the work with the proposed calendar, we decided that Cyprus, who will be the first partner to have to deliver their comic episode, should be in charge of creating the avatar with the specifications agreed in the previous meeting and present 4 possible models to the rest of the partners, who would then choose the most appropriate. Cyprus would not take part in the LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION and, instead, would focus on AVATAR DESIGN, as it would be unpractical to carry out the process as we had originally planned and deadlines would have not been met.

Next, we discuss how to access **MyTwinSpace**. Gulzah explains how to do it and gives precise instructions.

We then discuss point 9 in the **agenda** previously provided by Kostas, which deals with organization of groups of students within each school. Kostas suggests working with closed groups of students that are similar in number. Carmela and Rosina express their reservations on that matter, given the particularities of each school and suggest that more flexible arrangements should be allowed in order to adapt to school peculiarities. Specific pairings will be worked out with groups of students according to age and interests in future exchanges or mobilities.

Regarding **dissemination of our work**, Kostas reminds us the necessity to use the tools that the program makes available for participants. We decide to upload all relevant information and students work to the official website that Spain will create and to create a Facebook group, only for teachers’ communication and to show case our progress.

Rosina volunteers to create the FB Group. Other than that, all communication amongst students and all progress on the rest of the activities will be shared in MyTwinSpace. Gulzah volunteers to get the application running for the rest and asks all the partners to send lists of participating students before the Christmas holiday period.

As for the **official website**, we decide the following:

- It must be created and running for the 20<sup>th</sup> December, before the Christmas holiday 2017.
- Entries with materials, news and evidence of students' work must be uploaded to the official website, at least monthly. First entry must be done by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- The website will contain a PORFOLIO for each partner in which there will be 5 different tabs, which will correspond to the topics chosen to link to the comic book hyperlinks. In each tab we will upload whatever information we esteem relevant on each topic, as well as evidences of students' work regarding that particular topic. The PORTFOLIOS will also be embedded in MyTwinSpace.

Charo presents the web tool LIVE BINDERS, as a possible means of developing the **ONLINE PORTFOLIOS** that can be embedded in the official website and explains its use. All the partners agree to use the application and give their OK to the general design of the website.

We then go on to discuss the **criteria for selecting the students** who will take part in the mobilities to come. Kostas informs that there are suggested criteria by the agency in Greece that we could take into account. Therefore, the list of criteria is finally listed as follows:

- It will be an asset to students if they are interested in three areas: ICTs, Art or English.
- Students must have an active participating attitude and be motivated to work on the project.
- Number of visiting students will vary according to budget, but all partners will try and extend the possibility to participate in the mobilities to as many students as it may be possible in each case.

There is a heated discussion as for whether to allow students with lower grades to participate in the mobilities. Some participants think that participating in mobilities should be a reward for accomplishment and good grades, but others think that, in many cases, students who get slightly worse grades are usually left out of programs like this unjustly and their good disposition to work and their effort are not taken into consideration. Charo, Rosina and Carmela strongly believe that if we want to carry out an **inclusive project** we need to open the possibility to participate to as many students as possible and that includes the possibility of being part of mobilities according to personal attitudes and willingness to succeed and not just grades. We make a compromise to explain these criteria clearly to parents and teachers at our own schools when selecting processes are carried out.

We continue by discussing **mobilities**. Sweden, Italy and Greece can only have 2 mobilities, with 7 students and 2 teachers per mobility. Spain, Cyprus and Turkey will have 3 mobilities, with 4 students and 2 teachers per mobility.

After discussing the calendar, we decide that the mobility to Greece will take place between the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Transnational Coordination Meeting will take place in Cyprus, from the 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Meeting is adjourned at 10.45 am.

Signed and approved by

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In Órgiva, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017.