



COLINC - Collaborating for inclusion

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Visiting Podgorci Kindergarten - Slovenia



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The Erasmus+ Project *COLINC*, is a partnership of schools from 5 European countries: Croatia, Greece, Italy, Slovenia and Portugal. The main objective of the project is to share educational practices to improve the inclusion of all children within the framework of early childhood education.

The participants of the Erasmus+ program met on the first day at the kindergarten and got briefed on the schedule and flow of the short-term training.

- The reception with the Mayor of Ormož .
- The educational system for children with SN in Slovenia – with the emphasis on children with SN in preschool,
- Introduction of the kindergarten – basic information about the kindergarten, program and vision of the kindergarten, routine activities in the kindergarten, additional and enrichment activities, the program of professional entities in the kindergarten, advisory services in the kindergarten...
- Demonstration of activities – sensory stimulation,
- Demonstration of the program Forest Kindergarten – discussion about special option of the program in terms of the improvement of the individualized approach and integration of potential, showing the forest activities at the kindergarten Podgorci (A. Žnidarič),
- Demonstration of a possible activity with children with the integration of parents.

The children from the Rainbow group, together with their parents, showed the guests of the Erasmus+ project how beneficial the natural environment is on children. Several activities were developed in the forest showing the showing the pedagogical potential of natural environments.



- During the rest of the week, beyond the important workshops with team partners, and the knowledge about the rich national cultural heritage, some interesting visits were made:
- Counselors Mrs. H. Klobasa and Mag. M. Lovše from the Institute of Education introduced the inclusive education in the preschool period and inclusive education in Slovenia.
- The director of the Vitis Institut (Center for education, training and rehabilitation Ptuj) Mrs. D. Dovečar introduced the carrier options for individuals with SN, and also the ways to social inclusion.
- The principal of Primary School Ljudevita Pivka in Ptuj, Mr. L. Marin and the coordinator for the Erasmus project at the school Mrs. T. Nikolovski introduced their school and the legislation foundation for the school. The participants learned a lot about their projects. We also got a tour of the school, specially classrooms enriched to fit the SN of the children, materials and sources for their work and teaching children with SN. All through the tour there was a discussion and comparison between the system in Greece, Italy, Portugal, Croatia, and Slovenia. The visit to the school was a great experience for everyone involved.

The last day of group training we dedicated to meeting in a natural environment – we went to Rogla and took a Treetop walk. This was a way to show the participants of the Erasmus+ project the program of the Forest kindergarten, a demonstration of a possible activity with the children with the inclusion of parents.

