

GALICIA

SPAIN

EUROPE

**THE HERITAGE OF CULTURES AND
TRADITIONS IN A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY
– RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS –**

COMENIUS MULTILATERAL PARTNERSHIP

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WHAT HAS OUR

COMENIUS

PROJECT MEANT

TO US?



The European Comenius project was created to allow students from every European country to share their cultures and experiences.

This has been the second year for my school in this project and it has been a very positive one. The first year we had the chance to go to Portugal, Turkey and Poland. This year, we hosted students from these countries and also from Romania, Bulgaria and Italy. The experience has been wonderful.

Thanks to this, we have learnt about their traditions, their knowledge and their way of life. Moreover, we have improved our English because it was the language we normally used to communicate.

Another advantage is that we have learned to be with people that are different from us. We had been treated very well when we visited other countries and that made us want to treat them as well as they did.

All in all, we would like to thank all the teachers for their effort in making this experience possible, all the families for letting us being part of them for a while and all the students for becoming our friends during the project, a friendship which hopefully will last forever.

Xela (1º Bacharelato)

POLAND (OCTOBER 2013)



Hello, we're Clara and Estela and we are students of Arcebispo Xelmírez I, Santiago de Compostela. We were in Poland last year and it was awesome!!!

We can't forget when our teacher of English offered us the possibility to travel to Poland. We couldn't believe it! We felt so cheerful and lucky. So, off we went!



The experience was really incredible. People were amazing, the places were so beautiful, the visits were very interesting, especially Auschwitz and we learned a lot of their culture and their traditions.

We really believe that COMENIUS is the best opportunity to meet people with different customs and learn from each other.

We just hope we could meet everybody again someday and repeat this excellent and enriching experience which was unfortunately too short!!!

PORTUGAL (MARCH 2014)

When we knew that our mates Clara and Estela were going to Poland, we all wanted to join this project. The next Comenius place was Portugal, and 14 of us got the chance.

It was a magnificent experience where we met a lot of fantastic people and discovered new cultures and traditions.

All of the families where we stayed in were very kind, friendly and caring. We tried a lot of their typical food because they love cooking a lot. Our host friends were awesome, they took us around the village to different cafes and other great places like the bar "Potes". We will never forget this!

Thanks to the Portuguese Comenius organization, we visited a lot of places around Portugal which we hadn't known about. Everything was amazing and they will be in our hearts forever!!!



TURKEY (MAY 2014)

Hi! We're Tere , Irene and Melina. We went to Turkey last year and we fell in love with the city, with the people and of course with the Comenius project which was very well organized.

The days before our trip we worked very hard to try to show you what the history of our city is like and what our city represents for us; and well, we can say that we made it. We can remember all the people standing up and singing the song of the presentation, it was great.

To the people of this project and especially to our Turkish families we can only say "thank you". They were very welcoming and we felt at home with them. They showed us the most awesome places and cafes of the city and took care of us at every single moment.

It's an experience that we will never ever forget.

WE LOVE YOU ♥



ITALY (MARCH 2015)



This year, some students of Xelmírez I High School in Santiago de Compostela, took part in the fifth partner meeting that took place in Italy. This event was celebrated on 23 to 28 of March 2015.

Apart from Spain and Italy (the host country) countries such as Turkey, Romania, Bulgaria and Poland, also attended the

meeting. This project develops and encourages the heritage of cultures and traditions in pluralistic societies like ours.

During this week, we spent an amazing time; we had the opportunity to know new cultures. For example, most of the students showed us the typical dance of their countries and they taught us how to cook some local dishes as well. Moreover, we practiced English to communicate with the different teachers and students, and, of course, we met new people and we made friends. During our stay we also had the chance to visit many wonderful places.

We believe that Comenius is an incredible experience. On the one hand, during the Comenius week you learn many things at the same time: values, cultures, languages, different points of view, new places and, what's more important, you get to know new people and make friends from all over Europe, which, otherwise would be really difficult to do.

On the other hand, it's true that nowadays we're living in a global world where boundaries are swiftly going away. Because of this, this type of project is very important for students because we need to be open to the world.

On the whole, we think that a Comenius programme is a golden opportunity for students and teachers as well; an opportunity that, by enriching our lives, allows us to grow up as human beings in a better way.



SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

(OCTOBER 2014)



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WHAT OUR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS DID TO WELCOME OUR GUESTS

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our poster



our badge, bookmarker and agenda



The heritage of cultures and traditions in a pluralistic society -- religious traditions -

THURSDAY, 16 October 2014

our programme

8 : 3 0		Meeting at the hotel
9 : 0 0 - 9 : 3 0		Welcome meeting
9 : 3 0 - 1 0 : 3 0		<i>Welcome to Galicia, Welcome to our town, Welcome to our school</i> Video presentations Traditional music and dance
1 0 : 3 0 - 1 1 : 0 0		<i>Visiting the school Antique Library and the Museum of Science</i>
1 1 : 0 0 - 1 1 : 3 0		Coffee break
1 2 : 0 0 - 1 3 : 3 0		Official Reception at the Townhall and guided visit (tt-ss)
1 3 : 3 0 - 1 4 : 1 5		The Food Open Market
1 4 : 3 0 - 1 6 : 4 5		Lunch break and free time
1 7 : 0 0 - 1 8 : 0 0		Around the town on a touristic train (tt-ss)
1 8 : 0 0 - 1 9 : 3 0		Around the old town and the Alameda Park (tt//ss)
1 9 : 3 0 - 2 1 : 1 5		Free time
2 1 : 3 0 - 2 4 : 0 0		Dinner (tt)

FRIDAY, 17 October 2014

9 : 0 0 - 1 1 : 0 0		Presentation of <i>The way to Santiago</i> (Spain) Workshop Presentations on National Holidays (Bulgary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Turkey)
1 1 : 0 0 - 1 1 : 3 0		Comenius Team Meeting with Marta & Coffee break
1 2 : 0 0 - 1 4 : 1 5		A visit to <i>Museo do Pobo Galego (museum of Galician people), CGAC & Bonaval Park (tt//ss)</i>
1 4 : 0 0 - 1 5 : 3 0		Lunch (tt)
1 5 : 3 0 - 1 6 : 4 5		Break
1 7 : 0 0 - 1 9 : 0 0		Inside and outside the Cathedral - The rooftops of the Cathedral (guided visit) (tt/ss)
1 9 : 3 0 - 2 0 : 3 0		<i>Botafumeiro - Pilgrim's mass (tt-ss: OPTIIONAL)</i>
2 1 : 0 0 - 2 3 : 0 0		Concert at the <i>Auditorio de Galicia</i> (tt)

SATURDAY, 18 October 2014

9 : 3 0 - 1 8 : 0 0		Day trip to A Coruña (tt/ss) (official reception/visiting the old town, Hercules Tower (the oldest lighthouse in the world, and the Aquarium)
1 8 : 0 0 - 2 1 : 0 0		Free time
2 1 : 3 0 - 2 4 : 3 0		Official Dinner (tt/ss)

SUNDAY, 19 October de 2004

1 2 : 0 0 - 1 4 : 0 0		The new town: visit to A <i>Cidade da Cultura</i> (The City of Culture) tt-ss
1 4 : 0 0 - 2 4 : 0 0		Free time and end of the programme

THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2014

Welcome Meeting : The Education Inspector and our Headmaster welcomed our guests in the main hall, which was decorated and painted especially for the occasion by the teacher of Fine Arts in the school. Videos of Galicia, Santiago de Compostela and our school were shown to introduce them to our guests and let them know what we are, who we are and where we are. After the videos, two of our teachers played the harp and the bagpipe and, together with some students playing the tambourines, they all sang and played traditional tunes. It was beautiful and really fun.

Outside, it was pouring with rain. Inside, we felt warm and excited.



After this, we showed them the rooms we are most proud of in our school: our Antique library and the Museum of Science.



Afterwards, we walked into the Town hall, where we had a reception with the Mayor.



After this, we were feeling a bit hungry, so we decided to visit the Food Market with the different stalls. Later that day, we took the tourist train to make a little trip around the town. After this, we walked around the old town and the Alameda Park.

FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2014

A new day at school. Back again to the main hall, where all the countries presented our power points of our national and local festivities.

After the break, we all went to visit the Museum of Galician People and see the traditional life of our country.





That afternoon in Santiago was devoted to visit our main historical and artistic monument: the Cathedral.

From the rooftops and from inside, the view is breathtaking and spectacular, especially when you have the opportunity to see the “Botafumeiro” swinging back and forth of the main altar and the place is filled with an incense odour.

Everybody was absolutely impressed !!!



SATURDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2014

This day we went to A Coruña, where we visited the old town, the Tower of Hercules and the Aquarium. We enjoyed it a lot!!!



In the evening, we came back to Santiago since we had to get dressed for our Gala Dinner. We had lots of fun, we ate and drank, we sang and danced. Awesome evening. The sad part, we had to say goodbye to the Italian guys.



SUNDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2014



Unfortunately, this was the last day of the IV Comenius Meeting in Santiago de Compostela. In the morning, we visited A Cidade da Cultura (The City of Culture) and in the afternoon we hang out all together and said goodbye to each other.

Comenius experience was incredible. We could interact with people from other countries, learn from them, make new friends, improve our English but especially open our minds to new ways, new customs, new realities.

**THANKS,
COMENIUS!!!**

JOHN PAUL II

AND

SANTIAGO DE

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JOHN PAUL II IN SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Pope John Paul II visited Santiago de Compostela in two occasions: November 1982, August 1989.



In **NOVEMBER 1982**, Santiago's Holy Year, and after 10 days of travelling through Spain, John Paul II arrives in Santiago as a pilgrim. Here he sent a message to Europe:

"I, bishop of Rome and Shepherd of the universal church, from Santiago de Compostela, send to you, old Europe, a message full of love: Find yourself again, Be yourself, Discover your origins."



In **AUGUST 1989**, Pope Wojtyła came back to Santiago to commemorate the World Day of Youth, where thousands of young people gathered in Monte do Gozo, the place from where pilgrims see the city of Santiago and its cathedral towers for the first time. He walked a part of the Way, in a symbolic pilgrimage and communicated to his audience

"Santiago de Compostela is not only a sanctuary but also a way, that is, a dense net of itineraries for the pilgrims. The Way to Santiago has been a way of conversion and extraordinary testimony of faith for centuries."

