

Report | Kinderstadt Goes Europe – Erasmus+ KA1

1st Blended Learning Mobility | Bernburg, Germany | 5 – 12 June 2018

Objectives

On 5 -12 June in Bernburg, the Kinderstadt Bärenhausen held its 2018 edition. A special edition this year, as at the same time a meeting for the project Kinderstadt Goes Europe took place involving participants from different European youth organisations and YES Forum.

The objective of the project is to discover the Kinderstadt concept, very widespread in Germany, in order to implement it in different countries.

- **To get to know how the Kinderstadt works**, the partners had to opportunity to exchange with the developers of Bärenhausen.
- **To make it as fun as possible**, partners could participate in the activities of the Kinderstadt Bärenhausen, but also to offer an activity about Europe to the kids.
- **To export Kinderstadt concept**, partners took part in different workshops during which they could discuss about their future project.

Activities

As it was the first meeting of the project, during the first day, partners took time to get to know each other and introduce their organisations, their activities, etc..

We had a presentation of **Kinderstadt**, which is literally **“The childrens´town”**. The project is over one week every year during summer. **It is a simulation of a modern society** in which the children (7 to 14) have to find a job and work to earn “money” to be able to buy what they want. As it is also important that **the children learn and discover activities**, there is a wide range of different “job offers”: from craftsmanship to services or civil servants. The objective is to let the children evolving within a small “city”, where **there are only children** and youth workers.



Later on, we had the opportunity to meet the project manager and developer of the Kinderstadt Bärenhausen. The objective of this meeting **was to introduce the concept and the functioning**, and to go more in details on what were the **motivations** of the managers when they created the Kinderstadt with St. Johannis foundation, but also to have more information about what were **all the different steps** to get to this result, which is always improving.

The 2nd day, the partners were invited to **explore** the Kinderstadt and **do all the different activities that are offered alongside with the children**. The objective was of course to give ideas of activities for the future European partners' Kinderstadt, but also to **discover** the functioning of the city in a more concrete way



Developing their own project

During the followings days, the partners attended different **workshops** with the goal to prepare the development of **their own Kinderstadt**. They had different group works during which they could brainstorm on what could be improved compare to Bärenhausen, what complications they will have to face in their own country, regarding the law, the geography, finances. It was the opportunity to start to gather ideas from the different partners and discuss to select the ones that are relevant for their own project, regarding their objectives and on what they to focus.

During the week, the European Partners had the opportunity to make the children discover their country. Thanks to little activities at the "European Pavillon" of the Kinderstadt, the goal was to make them **discover different cultures** and **strengthen the feeling of European citizenship** with informal learning methods.

Thanks to their active participation, the partners of Kinderstadt goes Europe could discover the concept of a Kinderstadt and will be able to start to export the concept to their own country. The meeting in Bernburg was the first of Kinderstadt goes Europe, to experience the Children's Town, and the partners will **meet in early 2019 in Oradea** thanks to our Romanian partners.



Please have a look at the pictures taken during the whole week, just click [here](#) ! See you in Oradea !

