

## Summary

The climate changes, using nuclear and biological weapons, chemicals etc. causes harmful effect on the Earth. Waste is one of the vestiges of civilization. Millions of tons of waste are taken to the dumps everyday where it rots, pollutes soil, poisons water and in one way or another makes a negative impact on our health. Our Earth is in danger. And new generation still is not aware of the hazardous effects of consuming materials. For this purpose we want to carry out a Comenius project in order to inform pupils about environment problems and the future of our Planet. "Be friendly to the environment" is a Comenius multilateral project on environmental issues. Protection of earth and raising awareness on environmental problems are main objectives of the project.

This project aims to develop a positive attitude towards the ecological problems and rise the motivation to solve these problems including all the school community - pupils, teachers, parents, local and regional representatives of authority, etc. The main ideas and activities of the project will help to understand that each person is responsible for the future of our common planet. We must do something in favor to the Nature as it is each personal duty and responsibility to take care of the planet we all are living in. We ordinary citizens are not able to solve problems, like using nuclear and biological weapons or chemicals, but we can start by doing small things like sorting the rubbish, cleaning our surroundings, growing fruit and vegetables without chemicals, planting trees, improving the Culture of Consumption.

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY

#### FOR PUPILS:

- to get acquainted with the major ecological problems of the partnership countries;
- to find possible solutions and take actions in solving these problems;
- to improve the Culture of Consumption and raise the sense of responsibility for the Nature
- to take steps in cherishing and making our Environment more beautiful;
- to cultivate the skills of creative learning;
- to create opportunities for self-expression;
- to improve English skills;
- to raise interest in the culture, traditions and customs of partnership countries;
- to apply new Information Technologies in project work.

#### FOR TEACHERS:

- to prompt a versatile development of all the teachers;
- to enlarge their knowledge about European cultural diversity;

to raise interest in the culture, traditions and customs of partnership countries;  
to improve knowledge about the other Educational systems and exchange their pedagogical experience;  
to create future bonds of collaboration with colleagues from other countries;  
to apply new Information Technologies in project work and in this way improve IT skills;  
to improve skills of working in the team while solving ecological problems.

#### FOR SCHOOLS:

to communicate and develop the skills of International communication;  
to create future bonds with the partnership institutions;  
to integrate Life learning programmed in practice..

#### MAIN ISSUES OF THE PROJECT:

pollution of the environment;  
lack of knowledge about important ecological problems;  
negative impact of the advertisements on the Media;  
lack of positive knowledge and skills in Culture of Consumption.

#### METHODS USED TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS:

practical project activities, contests, events, exhibitions, "markets", practical use of ITC, meetings with specialists of Environmental sphere, presentations, reports, project diary - photo album, surveys, analyses, distribution of the products and results.

#### INTEGRATION INTO ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Project will become a part of the learning process. It will be integrated in the curriculum and various subjects as well as different after school activities.

Researches, experiments and observations on the pollution of the environment will be done and ecological issues will be discussed and analyzed during the Science lessons.

Reports, essays, articles, etc. on ecological topics will be written on English and mother – tongue lessons.

IT lessons will be intended for searching for the information on certain topics, preparing power point presentations, videos, statistics, etc. and communication with the students from the partnership countries.

Various practical creative art works and handicrafts will be made on Art and Crafts lessons. These works will be made from different waste materials and they will be used in practice at home, school. That will help to develop a positive view concerning the Culture of Consumption.

Different sport activities and treks to nature reserves will be organized as a practical way to learn how we can become friends with Nature.

On the whole Social and other subjects will be intended to develop a responsible, positive view to the Environment and environmental issues.

Besides that different social activities and practical events (like “Let’s clean our Environment”) are going to take place where students, teachers and parents will meet with officers and representatives of authority who are responsible for the Protection of the Environment. Also trips to recycling centers will be organized and that will give more practical knowledge on the topic that is concerning our daily live.