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Dear partners, we are pleased to present our first newsletter. Every two weeks until the delegations arrive in Alsace, it is an opportunity to keep up to date with news, observe the progress of the project, as well as to get to know each other better. Enjoy reading it!

What's going on now?

All over Europe, 1100 youngs are learning songs to share. Almost all the partnership agreements between schools and the Collectivité européenne d'Alsace have been signed. The transport companies are finalizing their itineraries, trips are all almost booked. Teachers are calling each other and adjusting the cultural programme of this unforgettable week. Several partners have organized visioconference between them, sharing their joy and their enthusiasm. In the next newsletter we will present the program of the Parliament experience of the 30th of May...



Let's introduce yourselves !

Germany will be represented by the children's choir of the Dresden Philharmonic. Located in the capital of Saxony, the Dresden Philharmonic is renowned worldwide for its high level of performance. We are delighted to welcome the young German choristers to Strasbourg and look forward to hearing their voices at the Zenith and the European Parliament! Gute Reise, liebe Freunde!



Our Austrian friends are from the French Lyceum of Vienna. This school welcomes nearly 1,800 students of 85 nationalities, from kindergarten to high school, with the possibility of a double Baccalaureate, French and Austrian, at the end of the course. The Austrian delegation is twinned with the Collège Jean de la Fontaine in Geispolshiem. Gute Reise, liebe Freunde!



In the words of Director Marcel Decombis, our Belgian friends are "brought up in contact with each other, freed from the prejudices

that divide them from an early age, initiated into the beauties and values of different cultures". We look forward to seeing you in Strasbourg!

Bulgaria will be represented by musicians, who will come from Sofia. They will have the honour of representing an old school, which was opened on 16 January 1905 as the first music school in Bulgaria. In 1997, as a reward for its many years of excellence, this school was transformed into the National School of Music, named after a great Bulgarian composer Liubomir Pirkov. Очакваме ви, скъпи български приятели! Приятно пътуване!



Cyprus will be represented by polyglots from the Franco-Cypriot School of Nicosia which promotes education based on important values: humanism, intellectual culture, and equal opportunities. Καλό ταξίδι, αγαπητοί Κύπριοι φίλοι! Σας περιμένουμε στο Στρασβούργο!





Our Croatian friends are studying at the College of Split. This college has an interesting history that starts in the 1970s. With the creation of the Croatian state, like all schools in Split, this college also changed its name according to the toponym of the city. The school was named Ravne Njive Primary School in 1992. Throughout the project, the Croatian delegation will be twinned with the Collège Jacques Prévert in Wintzenheim. Cekamo vas, dragi hrvatski prijatelji!



The Danish delegation coming to Alsace will represent the International School of Aarhus. The mission of the International School of Aarhus is to provide a high-quality international education that enables students to become socially and environmentally responsible, enthusiastic researchers and lifelong learners in a stimulating environment.

This delegation will be hosted in Wasselonne, at the College Marcel Pagnol. Hav en god rejse, kære venner! Vi venter på jer i Alsace!



Our Spanish amigos will come from Barcelona. These young people represent a school that offers an education based on Ignatian pedagogy where the search for innovation and the constant formation of the teaching staff are at the service of the growth of the students. Jesuites Casp-Sagrat Cor de Jesús has a humanistic and holistic approach that accompanies people academically and personally to help them learn and understand the world. The Spanish delegation is twinned with the Theodore Monod College in Ottmarsheim. ¡Buen viaje y hasta pronto, queridos amigos! ¡Esperamos verles en Alsacia!

What about Strasbourg ?

The city of Strasbourg is known for its intercultural aspect. The city center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Founded in Roman times, it is the capital of the historic territory of Alsace. Strasbourg has suffered from wars from 1871 to 1945 and has been naturally chosen as one of the European capitals, symbol of reconciliation, humanism, democracy and diplomacy. Many European institutions are settled in Strasbourg such as the Council of Europe, the International Court of Human Rights, and of course the European Parliament.



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