

PARTNERS' SPEECHES

SPEECH BY CZECK PARTNER Ivo Voska

Hello, thank you for the warm welcome in Alicante, a city where it never rains.

The fact that we can be here today is mainly due to the project manager Patricia and our coordinators Agnes and Jolanta. Thank you for your work in managing the project. We also thank all participating students, teachers and parents from Lithuania, Hungary, Spain and all EU countries for their friendly approach, cooperation and hospitality.

I'm here for you - the people I've formed a personal bond with. I lived and survived with you the Lithuanian and Czech winter, covid years and rain in Alicante. Personally, I am here so that what I experienced as a small child is not repeated - the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968 and the subsequent years of our family's suffering.

After poor years Then came the year 1989, the miraculous year especially for people from the Czech Republic. This year was followed by the accession of our country to the European Union and NATO. That is why I can stay here. So we all do not lose sight of the important things: friendship and understanding between people of different nations.

Peace to all people of good will.

Thank you

SPEECH BY HUNGARIAN PARTNER Judit Szabadhegy

I am really grateful to be part of this unique Herit-App project and I am especially thankful for having been invited to Alicante. Although we've been reading, translating and recording descriptions about some of the landmarks of this region for several years with our students, I have only realized the importance and the meaning of this enterprise since we've arrived in this amazing city. It is here that I understood the enthusiasm of Patricia for preserving and passing on the heritage of our homeland to the next generation. I will never forget our first walk in the center, visiting the bullfighting museum, sharing her childhood memories at the nearby park, El Panteón de Quijano, buying fish at the local market, attending mass at Saint Nicholas Cathedral with her dear mother or tasting some delicious paella on the beach with her family. It has been a revelation for me to see how she was sharing her own passion for her beloved city by creating an

international Erasmus project, which taught us many things but first and foremost to appreciate and to be passionate about our common European cultural and natural heritage. I would also like to express my gratitude to all our hosts: the principal, the teachers, parents and the students of Cabo de la Huerta school for their hospitality and kindness towards us throughout this unforgettable week.

SPEECH BY HUNGARIAN PARTNER Ágnes Kazinczy-Jambor

As Judit said, we can't be thankful enough for your work you have done for us. We were amazed by the beauty of Alicante, the kindness and hospitality of our hosts, the warm welcome at the airport and guidance of Patricia showing us lovely moments of her life, family and hometown.

This project which was initiated and led by Patricia was a big step for my school. We are very young institutions in a small town outside of Budapest. Most of our students have little chance to travel or to meet new people from abroad. During these past four years we have experienced how our school community and our colleagues from other departments have opened up and started asking about our international project and more and more of them wanted to participate in it. It was the same with the students who were first doubtful about managing tasks in different languages cooperating with students from abroad but now I see only enthusiastic people among them ready for a next cooperation. So this project affected the thinking of many students and teachers in a positive way, making them more open-minded and curious about other cultures, history and heritage. We hope for a long-lasting relationship and more mutual projects with you in the future.