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Case study
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Project title: Supporting language awareness, culture and values education through all the activities at school.

What is the school already doing in these fields?

1. Language and languages	Polish (language of instruction), Lithuanian (state language), English (foreign), Russian (optional) All these languages are taught following the approved programs.
2. Valuing languages	Students are required to use languages as correctly, as possible during the lessons, but during the breaks the use slang in all the languages they know.
3. Interculturality	Our school is a school for Polish minority students living in Vilnius and surroundings. We have a challenge to learn our own culture and Lithuanian culture. We had several international project and still want to have international relations. So we are exposure to different cultures and we need to learn about them.
4. Enriching curricula	There are language projects (local and international) carried out almost every school year.
5. Everyday languages	Polish, Lithuanian, Russian (for many), Byelorussian (for some), local dialect (for many)

Project summary

We live in the multicultural environment. This has positive and negative sides. We learn tolerance to different cultures from the everyday experience, but our language level is sometimes difficult to define, because many students speak local dialect, or slang, or mix the languages. The project aims to motivate our students to use the languages correctly, to enrich the vocabularies in all languages and to broaden their understanding through the exposure to different cultures, problem solving, international and local cooperation, language awareness at the subject lessons. We believe that essential for the young people is to have, interiorize the human values in order to develop psychological resilience to the different risk factors of contemporary world. A lot of activities are carried out with this purpose.

Action plan

LT = Language teachers; ST =subject teachers; SM = school management

<p>Period 1 : Initiating draft version of project, April – June 2017 -Work at the methodical circles of the language circles – brainstorming, looking for partners to implement some ideas</p>	LT
<p>Period 2 : Planning, August – September 2017 -Creation of the work plan. Developing projects, setting the dates</p>	LT ST SM
<p>Period 3 : Implementing – September 2017 – April 2018 - Survey about the language use at school in the 11th grades. - Celebration of the International Languages Day. Students prepare some short stories, songs in different languages. New Year in different languages and in different cultures. - Ecological week in English and Russian. There will be CLIL lessons, quiz, fashion show etc. - International project “Lodz and Vilnius are multicultural cities”: students’ exchange, creation of films and presentations, contests in arts and literature. - School’s tradition: birthday of our patron – Polish poet Adam Mickiewicz. The older students prepare the presentations to introduce this poet to the younger ones.</p>	LT LT LT/ST LT/ST LT/ST SM
<p>- Contests of the Polish language. There will be different tasks to younger and older students. Younger students: essay “What are my toys doing, when I sleep” or a fairy tale Older students: essay on the thought of Józef Stanisław Tischner, an eminent Polish priest and philosopher: « Today freedom is not a problem. We have freedom. The problem is, what to do with this freedom. »</p>	LT
<p>« Different cultures – one identity » – Erasmus+ project. (Hungary, Poland and Lithuania) The project aims to consider teaching pupils of Polish origin with the different cultural background: Polish minority in Hungary, Polish minority in Lithuania, Repatriates of Polish origin to Poland from foreign countries. Lesson scripts are created & piloted at partner schools.</p>	LT/ST SM
<p>Celebration of 100 years of Lithuanian independence: Brain Battle of the knowledge about Lithuania, Exhibition of Lithuanian photos with the comments of the students: why this place or fact, or a person is important for them. The concert of ensemble « Lithuania » with the aim to show the folk dances and songs of different ethnic regions of Lithuania.</p>	LT/ST SM