



Newsletter No.1

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At long last: Approval for TIE!

The TIE project has finally been accepted officially by the EU: And its idea has received an excellent valuation by the EU: 91,7 points out of 100! And what is the idea? Six schools from six different countries are dealing with six different topics. All together, our products will form a detailed idea of what's going on in Europe ;-). Each group has to prepare questionnaires on every single aspect concerning their topic. The others answer all these questions. The responsible group is supposed to check these answers and may ask for further information. In the end they should put all the information together and make a fabulous product out of it.

But don't be afraid of our meetings: fun will be as important as the work. Be active, and let us „work” - from dusk till dawn!

Dear guests from Athens, Busto Arsizio, Gorzów, Haaksbergen and Kybartai,

We are glad to host the first project meeting of TIE at the Alexander-Hegius-Gymnasium (AHG), Ahaus, Germany!

Our school is called „AHG” because it is named after Alexander Hegius, a humanist from our region who was famous for something intelligent (being the headmaster of the Latin school in Deventer and thus the teacher of the famous Erasmus of Rotterdam, more than 500 years ago).

About 1200 pupils are attending our school, and it seems like there are more kids than ever. While the number of pupils is falling everywhere else in Germany, our

school keeps growing and growing. The people in our region are very active!

Therefore, we currently have a lot of building work and many construction workers at our school. They are also very active, so the work should be finished soon.

We hope you will enjoy your stay here.

Your *„Europa-AG”*

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Agenda of the first Project meeting:

**October 28th, 2009 –
November 1st, 2009,
Ahaus,**

**Alexander-Hegius-
Gymnasium**

Wednesday, October 28th:

- Arrival of the delegations
- In the evening:
 - o Informal meeting of the students (Cafe Logo)
 - o Informal meeting of the teachers (Schlosshotel)

Thursday, October 29th:

- 8.45: Meeting at our school (Room F1-1)
- 9.00: Opening of the project meeting,
Address of Welcome by the headmaster of the Alexander-Hegius-Gymnasium,
Mr. Michael Hilbk
Address of Welcome by the coordinator of TIE, Mr. Hartmut Liebermann, and by a representative of the students
- 9.15: Guided tour of the school
- 9.45: coffee
- 10.00: Start of the conference:
 - o Introduction to the agenda, discussion and decision
 - o Subject "Problems of migration in Europe":
 - Interim report by students from AHG, Ahaus

- Discussion of the interim report in work groups

12.30: Lunch break

14.00: Continuation of the conference:

- Continuation of group work
- Plenary session: reports from the groups, conclusions

15.45: coffee break

16.00: Presentation of the new TIE website (Enno Hermann, AHG): How to use it for our project work

17.00: End of today's conference

19.30: Dinner at a Mexican Restaurant ("Casa Gonzales")



Friday, October 30th:

- 9.00: Start of the conference:
 - o Presentation of the questionnaire about "Problems of leisure activities" (ITC Tosi, Busto Arsizio)
 - o Discussion of the questionnaire
- 10.45: coffee break
- 11.00: Dutch immigrants in the Ahaus region (report on a recent research by Dr. C. Krajewski, Geographical

Institute of the Münster University),
Discussion

13.00: Lunch break

14.00: Continuation of the conference:

- Presentation of questionnaires on different topics:
 - Environment Management (Het Assink, Haaksbergen)
 - School systems (KDG, Kybartai)
 - What do people eat? (I SLO, Gorzów)
 - Employment (LLP, Athens).
- Discussion of the questionnaires

15.45: coffee break

16.00: decisions, conclusions and evaluation of the first project meeting, fixing the date for the second meeting

17.00: end of today's conference

Evening programme:

- Students: Free evening for activities in host families
- Teachers: Official dinner

What is our "Europa-AG"?

For shizzle, the best part of our school meets in the „Europa AG” which is led by our master, Mister Liebermann, alias Mr. Niceguy. He is a middle-aged man who is responsible for our results (!). The AG (German “school club”) has been existing for many, many years and at the moment we have about 30 active members, trend growing. The atmosphere is always quite good and we feel like one big family. ☺

Saturday, October 31st:

11.00 Visit of Tobit Software AG, Ahaus

12.30: Snack at Tobit Software

13.30: Bus ride to Gronau:

14.00: Visit of the Rock 'n Pop museum

16.00: Bus ride back to Ahaus

Evening programme:

Farewell Party in Youth Club St. Josef

Sunday, November 1st:

Departure of the delegations

Impressum:

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