



# Germany and Poland vs. Stereotypes, which means one year battle within the Comenius project

For a long time, Polish and Germans have had many prejudices against each other. In order to stop this procedure, group of Polish and German teenagers gathered themselves and created many physical and digital gadgets that promotes the idea of international cooperation between both our nations and also in general.

In spring 2014, students taking part in the project met first time in Poznan. Firstly, twenty four students, accompanied by five teachers created a vision of what they want to gain at the finish. Every day, since the very morning, each of us was completely absorbed by their work, what eventually gave world a website, a movie, posters, and a lot of other creative products. Everything was taking place in a good atmosphere. It doesn't leave a doubt, that students were getting on unusually good. It is just another proof, that a lot of stereotypes are senseless. Another proof is that after every day's work, students were not sitting in their apartments doing nothing, or taking care of their own business, but they were improving the integration, though they were not forced to. For example, by visiting the museum, and playing the city game (also prepared by the students), German visitors in Poland learned a lot of facts about city they came to.

After six months, the situation has reversed. This time, Polish students came to Lingen in Germany, where the German students live. After a long train journey Polish guests have been given a warm welcome by every student from Germany, and afterwards they split and headed to houses of their hosts. (In Poland, Germans slept in a hostel, so it was the first difference between the meetings). Every Polish student discovered very friendly and warm atmosphere in their host families. It is safe to say that they felt themselves like home. The students' workplace was the BBS Lingen Gewerbliche Fachrichtung. The students worked basing on technologies like HTML, CSS, Javascript, MySQL, PHP, Adobe Flash, Adobe Photoshop (Just like in Poland).

There also was a "creative" day for everybody, during which participants were creating

posters about stereotypes using just their imagination and simple crayons.

The hosts took care of their guests and provided them with a lot of entertainment, which also caused an improvement of the main goal of the project – integration.

In April 2015, participants officially met for the last time in order to make a summary of over a year of cooperation. Their long lasting work eventually effected with a website, video movies, posters, official project t-shirts, mugs and teaching materials, but the main product is the quiz, and the survey. All the results of their work are available to see at the official Comenius 2015 Project (<http://poldek-tripod.eu/>) and it's free to access for everybody.

We hope that this project was not the only one, and there will be another one like this in the future.

