

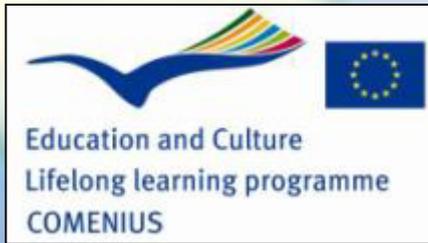
SECOND COMENIUS MEETING IN SLOVENIA ACTIVITIES IN GERMANY



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The German Team Project: Happiness Now and Then



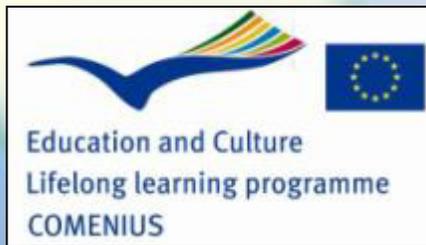
CHRISTINE

My name is Christine Hoyer. I'm a member of the German Comenius-team and now it's my turn to meet you in Slovenia.

My family, 3 children and my husband, will be happy to be rid of me for a few days and I am looking forward to this week. It will be exciting for me to meet different people and to speak in a foreign language. I am eager to become acquainted with you all.

I work as a teacher since 6 years. After studying mathematics for the moment my favorite job was to be mummy, then I was trained in stress-management and kinesiology. So I opened a surgery for people, who need counseling, especially children with problems at school. It runs up to now, but to get a regular employment I accepted the opportunity to teach in the castle of Hohenburg.

Now I teach mathematics and IT, but once in the week 15 students talk with me about happiness and we try to get happier by special exercises. During the last weeks we began to prepare our part of the exhibition.



TAMARA



I have been working as a truly frightening Maths monster at Hohenburg School for seven years. Actually, I never meant to become a teacher (– when I took up studying Maths, it was just for the fun of it –), but now I happen to be one and was surprised to find out it's a great way of seeing time pass: seeing little ones coming and grown-ups leaving, and being part of their way through life for a brief moment of time.

Although I begin to consider myself no longer a novice teacher, I am still unable to cope with a full time job. My part-time commitment duly fills all day, and I keep hoping for the day when my experience as a teacher will be so complete that I need no longer spend hours to work out classes and concepts.

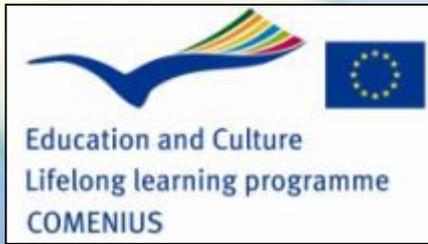
As I love the mountains, Lenggries is just the ideal place for me to live in. I spend my spare time cycling and hiking, the slower the better. Even my quite limited pace by bike seems too fast to fully feel the beauty of nature. Many times I'm eager to get soaked with earth and rocks and wood and water and sky and find myself too tiny to inhale all of them at a time. (I guess it's rather the other way round: They're inhaling ME!)

So when I was asked to go to the Comenius meeting in Slovenia, to some place as small as ours and as nicely situated as ours (or even better?), in order to contemplate HAPPINESS with lots of colleagues and pupils from all over Europe, I was perfectly HAPPY!

However, I modestly admit that I hardly know anything about Slovenia. Clandestinely, I looked up in Wikipedia what language is spoken in your country. I suspected it wouldn't be Serbo-Croatian, but I confess I didn't know there was a proper Slovenian language. I'm looking forward to listening to it and to learn more about your reborn country! When I got to know it in early childhood, it was a part of former Yugoslavia. My parents used to spend their summer holiday at the Croatian coast, because we couldn't afford the Italian coast. On our way, we passed Ljubljana, so I learnt to pronounce that difficult word at the age of five or six. At about the same age, our parents took us to the Postojna Caves and to Lipica. Both events I still remember.

I'm sure I will find more things to be remembered for the rest of my life at the great HAPPINESS meeting with all of you!

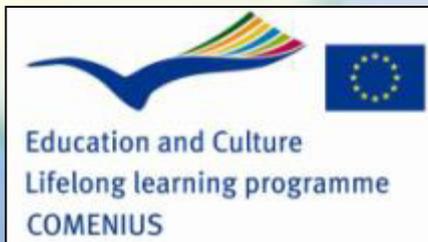
See you soon!



The German Student Ambassadors for the project in Slovenia Happiness – Now and Then



The German students working together on questionnaires, a language survival kit and how to organise the meeting in SLOVENIA:



See you all in Slovenia !!!!



Viszontlátásra, Hungary!

Živijo Slovenia!

Ciao Italy!

Witam Poland!

Olá Portugal!

Hej Denmark!