

REPORT FOR NEWS RELEASE

COMENIUS EDUCATIONAL PROJECT, 1.1.

This school year Benidorm IES Mediterrània High School is participating in a Comenius Educational Project 1.1. This Project, which is promoted and sponsored by the European Union, is aimed at the study of a topic in partnership with other participant schools. The title chosen for the Project is "Towards the world of work". The associated schools are located in Düren (Germany), Ashford (United Kingdom), Cerna Hora (Czech Republic) and Benidorm (Spain).

Last school year, 2004-05, a preparatory visit to the German associated school took place, and this school year the Czech school has been visited. In order to implement and assess the Project, and also as an end-of-the-year activity, an International Seminar has been planned to take place in Benidorm during the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th of May. Delegations from the four associated countries will attend the series of work meetings that will take place along those days: four teachers and six students from Germany, two teachers and three students from Great Britain, two teachers and four students from the Czech Republic, and a group of students from IES Mediterrània Benidorm High School. The foreign students will be hosted by Spanish students' families, and the participant teachers that visit us will stay at hotels in town.

As a part of the work sessions taking place on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th, an exhibition will be opened to show the best projects made by the participating schools' students. There will be assessment meetings, residential days with students and teachers, sport activities at L'Illa de Benidorm Sports Centre, tours of our town, and visits to the local theme parks. On Friday morning the foreign students will enter the classrooms at the IES Mediterrània school joining regular activities, and later there will be a lunch for students and teachers.

The association of the four schools wishes to have an extension of the Project for next school year, 06-07. Application forms have been filled in and submitted, and the decision, hopefully positive, lies in the National Sócrates Agency in Madrid and in the Education, Culture and Sport Department of the Regional Government in Valencia.

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