



International Steps towards a Sustainable Future Project





First day in Budapest we were welcomed by the mayor of the 7th district of Budapest. He welcomed us very warmly and was glad that the Comenius School Project was conducted by Baross Gabor School.

After we visited the school, which was completely renovated, we had a workshop of an employee of the Ministry of Education to explain how education in Hungary looks like and where they want to go. Strand of socialist education was then fully released. This resulted in too much freedom and ultimately to poor quality. The government now has control again and is busy with a completely new concept to get a better education. It will particularly look at the education of Sweden and the Netherlands. These countries are developing rapidly and have a good reputation in Hungary.
(Roger Frijns)





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Day Hour	2011. September 12. Monday	2011. September 13. Tuesday	2011. September 14. Wednesday	2011. September 15. Thursday
9 ^h		Hosting at classes Topic: system thinking		Excursion to Gödöllő
10 ^h	Arrival, official opening (leadership of the school, mayor)			Presentation of the project: environmental conscious teaching
11 ^h	Introduction of the school Discussion of the weekly schedule	Discussion of experiences and previous experiences of own schools		Ride with horse carriage
12 ^h	System of the Hungarian Public Education lecturer: Sándor Brassói, Ministry of National Resources		Conference with Dennis Meadows (Systems Thinking Playbook)	Lunch at a nearby restaurant
13 ^h	Lunch at the school	Lunch at the school		Archery
14 ^h	14,30 Project afternoon school group topic: healthy nutrition, recycling	System Thinking Roger Frijns – further steps in our project, tools and methods		Visit of Castle and Park
15 ^h	15,30 Discussion	Partner meeting: where are we? (school level report)		
16 ^h		Visit to the Róth Miksa Memory House (nearby)		Travel back to Budapest
17 ^h	Walking and coffee at the City Park			
18 ^h				
19 ^h				Farewell party in a restaurant together
20 ^h			Budapest sightseeing cruise - river trip	



Projekt afternoon - In focus healthy nutrition, recycling



Nr. Room	Activities	Teacher
403.	Pencilbox-making	Gabriella Kovács Nóra Endrédi
405.	Bird feeder-making	Mónika Pillis Andrea Szőke
408.	Paper-making	Ágnes Rétfalvi Tünde Ladencsics
411.	Jewelry making	Szilvia Révész Judit Tripolszky
412.	Herbs	Bea Osváth Edit Üveges
413.	Live games "Healthy"	Eva Bokros Eva Somogyi
415.	Healthy lifestyle and eating	Adrienn Osváth Péter Varga



We visited classes where children can choose what they want to learn. These are activities that take place after school. Children can choose from: making jewelry, making birdhouses, language games, etc. The children work mostly with recycled materials.



Meadows Workshop

There was a thrilling opportunity for ISSF Budapest Meeting in 2011 September: Dennis Meadows, one of the founding fathers of system thinking was in Budapest. Baross School was proud to host his workshop for teachers and trainers at 14th of September organized by the Society for Organizational Learning HU Institute and the Office of Parliamentary Ombudsman of Future Generations. There were nearly a hundred participants – among them all visiting partners of the ISSF project.

This workshop was a real livelive experience: Mr Meadows made us play. We learned a lot of new system thinking games, such as

- thumb wrestling
- circles in the air
- arms crossed
- squaring the circle
- triangles

All these games (shorter and longer) are very good simulations to show how systems work and how much we are part of these systems.

Mr Meadows also talked to us about the role of using games in ST education , and how we should process the conclusions of the games with our pupils.

The games were from a book by Dennis Meadows and Linda Booth Sweeny, called: The System Thinking Playbook, which will be soon available in Hungarian due to the effort of SOL Hungary. We can't wait to read it!

(Virág Suhajda)



Captivating education

Hosting at classes

In Topic – System Thinking

Roger Frijns:

We attended classes where the teachers, together with children, showed us a various methods of Exciting Education. They make their own methods for interactive and captivating education.



Classes	Topic
1st class	Go to the farm!
3st class	Stories of the nations
4st class	Introduce your map
5st class	What shall I change int he World?
6st class	Historical contact (Spain, Hungary, Germany)
7st class	Proportionality





Workshop

In Topic – System Thinking

We ourselves gave a workshop where we showed how to work with the tools of systems thinking and especially to the causal loops. It all went well orderly but there were many tough questions how to do this with older children and what role the teacher plays. This was a great exchange of information and experiences lead and became a very rich conversation. The workshop which was one hour into the program ran 45 minutes off. Very instructive to see how everyone interprets in their own way and what barriers have to be overcome.



**Mindmap
Connection Circles
Diagrams
Causal loops
Time Graphs**





Moments

