

Crossing Borders



The Book

In autumn 2021 four schools from four countries embarked on a journey together throughout the entire school year with the help of eTwinning. United in Diversity.

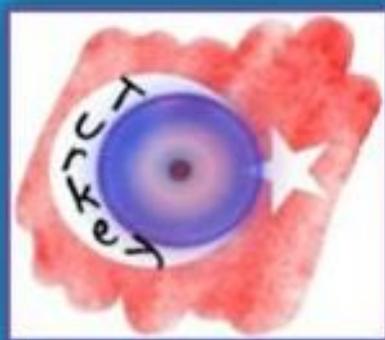
Romania

Italy

Ukraine

Turkey





So different
yet so alike
Crossing
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Due to this project the students from four different towns and cities started to learn more about three other wonderful places and regions they have not heard before.

Marghita - a small town in the north-west of Romania

Taranto - a city in southern Italy

Kropyvnytskyi - a city in central Ukraine

Sivas - a city in central Turkey

Four schools have joined the project

1. **“Octavian Goga” National College from Marghita, Romania**
2. **Istituto C.G. Viola from Taranto, Italy**
3. **School 34 from Kropyvnytskyi, Ukraine**
4. **Hamza Yerlikaya Secondary School from Sivas, Turkey**

First, we introduced ourselves. Students presented their countries.

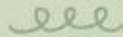


where is Romania located on the map

Romania is a state located in southeastern Central Europe, on the lower Danube, north of the Balkan Peninsula and on the northwestern shore of the Black Sea. On its territory is located almost the entire surface of the Danube Delta and the southern and central part of the Carpathian Mountains. It borders Bulgaria to the south, Serbia to the southwest, Hungary to the northwest, Ukraine to the north and east, and the Republic of Moldova to the east, and the Black Sea coast to the southeast.



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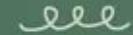


Information



- the capital is the wonderful Rome
- the city of international fashion is Milan (Lombardia)
- Italy is surrounded by bright and clean seas

What to do



- Visiting the Colosseum in Rome
- Visiting the Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Visiting the Egyptian Museum in Turin

Ukraine



- Ukraine is a sovereign state; its independence was proclaimed in 1991. Ukraine is situated in the east of Europe. The territory of Ukraine is 603 700 square kilometres. Ukraine borders on Russia, Belarus, Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Hungary, and Romania. It's washed by the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov and has very important ports. Ukraine has the Carpathians and the Crimean Mountains. The Carpathians is the natural mountainous boundary of Ukraine.



Hallo I in Class 2 in a
 South Turkey I want like the
 students you are some important
 places of Turkey.

1- The Ministry of Education

Today I will tell you about
 the Ministry of Education in Turkey.
 It is the main authority in charge
 of the education system in Turkey.

2- The Ministry of Health

The Ministry of Health is responsible
 for the health services in Turkey.
 It is the main authority in charge
 of the health system in Turkey.

3- The Ministry of Culture

The Ministry of Culture is responsible
 for the cultural services in Turkey.
 It is the main authority in charge
 of the cultural system in Turkey.



I'm studying at Hasan Aliyazıcıoğlu Secondary School.
 It is a very nice school. There are many teachers and students.
 We have a library, a sports field, and a cafeteria.
 The school is very big and modern. We have many
 activities and clubs. I like my school very much.
 I want to be a teacher when I grow up.



Turkey is a peninsula surrounded by seas on three sides.
 Most of its territory is in Anatolia and the rest is in Europe.
 Our country, which consists of seven regions,
 eighty-one cities has many neighboring countries. Our
 capital is Ankara. Also the tomb of Atatürk, the founder
 of our country, is located in Ankara. There are 3 seas
 that are the coasts of Turkey. We also have our
 inner sea; the sea of Marmara.

Turkey, which is a rich country with its underground
 mines and fertile lands, is like a bridge between
 other countries with its geographical location.

My Country Turkey

Hello, Turkey as the continuation of the Ottoman Empire. The Republic of Turkey language is Turkish. Turkey is a contiguous transcontinental country, Asia with Europe. Turkish is a Turkic language spoken in Turkey, with about 75 million people. Turkey has eight neighboring countries. Turkey is bordered by eight countries: Bulgaria to the northwest; Greece to the west; Georgia to the northeast; Armenia, Iran and the Azerbaijani exclave of Nakhchivan to the east; and Iraq and Syria to the southeast. Turkey's nickname is the land of four seasons. From the temperate climate of the Black Sea Turkey's weather systems are geographically diverse. The coastal areas bordering the Black Sea have a temperate Ocean climate. The coastal areas of Turkey bordering the Aegean Sea and the Mediterranean Sea have a temperate Mediterranean climate. The coastal areas bordering the Sea of Marmara, which connects the Aegean Sea and the Black Sea.

Then we were excited to find out about new places and other schools. Marghita -Romania



“Octavian Goga” National College Romania



Istituto C.G. Viola Taranto Italy



Our Italian friends taught us how to use Padlet by sending us a Padlet presentation of their country, region, school and students participating in this project.

School 34 Kropyvnytskyi, Ukraine



PHOTO



Hamza Yerlikaya Secondary School from Sivas, Turkey



We even created an eTwinning corner in our school



At Christmas we wished each other a Merry Christmas by means of singing Traditional Christmas carols and exchanging emails.



It was rather exciting to get an email from a student who lives in another country. Children really enjoyed this activity.

Dear friend

My name is Alex C. I am 12 years old and I go to Ottawa High National College. I am in class 10. I live in Romania, in a small town called Neptun. There are four members in my family, my mom who is 36 years old and her job is a chef, my dad who is 32 years old and her job is a computer, and my sister is 8 years old. I don't have any pets. I used to have a dog in the past but now I have no pets. What about you? How many pets do you have? How many members are there in your family? How many pets do you have?

My hobbies

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The children are here at Christmas

At Christmas people usually go on vacation and the best ones are apples, nuts and food. The children get their presents on the morning of Christmas day.

How children celebrate Christmas

We usually celebrate the Christmas for 2 weeks before it. (we put up the lights, lights, trees on the houses and on the tree, we put a big string light and underneath we put under a table like under a regular house in multiple places. On the table all of my family have dinner together. What kind of food do you eat at Christmas?

I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas! (Romanian: Romania) and lots of health in the month of December. Have a Happy New Year! (In the Romanian language) Best wishes! Love Alex C.

Dear friend

My name is George I'm 12 years old I'm in class 10 at "Colgiel National October Day" in Marghita in the Bihor County.

My hobby is playing football and basketball. I like to play with my dog and my friends. I like to play with my dog and my friends. I like to play with my dog and my friends.

My dad's name is Tudor and he is 53 years old. My mom's name is Maria and she is 48 years old. My brother's name is Razvan and he is 14 years old. My sister's name is Andreea and she is 10 years old. My grandparents live in the city but we live in the countryside.

At Christmas we are happy because baby Jesus is born. We have a special tree and we put lights on it. We have a special tree and we put lights on it. We have a special tree and we put lights on it.

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Dear friend

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Hello dear friend

My name is Cecilia Andrei, I live in Romania together with my parents and grandparents. I'm 12 years old and I am in class 10. I like to read, watch TV, play video games, and listen to music. I don't like to study.

My favorite activities are listening to music, watching TV, playing video games, and listening to music. I don't like to study.

My dear friend, I wish you good health and Merry Christmas.

Well, I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year! 2022 is sure preparing something interesting for all of us, so I wish the best of luck for you too!

-Best wishes Odette

Dear friends

My name is Daniela, I am 13 years old, and I live in a little village named Ciocanel, from Romania. I attend to "Odaviana Goga National College" and I'm in class 7C. Everyone is so nice there!

In my family, there are 5 members: my dad who is 43 years old, my mom who is 37 years old, my sister who is 10 years old, and my brother who is 5 years old. I love my family. I have a pet named Leo. It's a white dog, and it's a boy. I really like to play with him. I also like to draw, I do it when I'm bored or when I have free time. I love hanging out with my friends, because they're so funny and kind. Do you have any friends? And do you like Christmas? I think it's the best part of the year. We go casually, and then we get nuts, apples, and sweetbread from the baskets in Christmas.

Dear friend

I am Edy and I'm 12 years old. I live in a beautiful country with a wonderful history called Romania. My hometown is a small city with 6500 people. In my family, there are 4 members and I have an uncle and a grandpa. I like playing video games and meeting my friends. I don't like doing homework and doing duty. But I like listening to music. My favorite holiday is Christmas. In my country, we celebrate Christmas with our traditional food and decorating a Christmas tree with lights and ornaments. We usually go looking for money. In Romania, we celebrate the New Year with fireworks and fireworks that usually appear at January 1st.

What about you?

Best wishes!

Hello! My name is Rina P. I'm 12 years old, I was born on February 2, I live in Marghita, my address is 12 Cornagea street. I like hanging out with my friends. I like playing tennis, but I don't like to go to tennis tournaments when it rains. It's that time a week, on Monday and Tuesday.

My friend

I do my holiday in Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, on 25, 26 December. I like to go shopping at Christmas. We get used to give presents in Romania people from our family, nuts, sweet bread. I want to wish you and your family good health, A MERRY CHRISTMAS (in Romanian: Felicitari), and a HAPPY NEW YEAR (in our new country).

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Dear friend,
My name is Olivia, I am 11 years old. I live with my mother and father. I live in Ukraine, Kropyvnytskyi. I like to ride a bike. I don't like to do my homework. I am crazy about paint. I am fond of my cat.

We in Ukraine celebrate Christmas on 6th January. On this day we go to church. The best Christmas tradition is spend time with family. Holy Supper is a tradition. On Christmas Eve, we celebrate Christmas Eve on 6th January. And this day we sing carols.

On Holy Supper we prepare 12 fasting dishes. The main dish is kutia. We also prepare: compote, fasting cabbage rolls, fasting dumplings, borsch, mushrooms, fasting cakes, salads, fish, cabbage and beans.

Congratulations my friends! Let your family be happy and your table be full of dishes. Be successfull in everything. Merry Christmas!

З вітаннями і побажаннями! Щасливої різдвяної ночі і щасливого Нового року! З любов'ю,
Olivia

Merry Christmas!

My name is Mark, I am 11 years old. I am of average height. My hair is black and my eyes are brown. I like to play football. I have short hair and brown eyes. I also go to the gym. We always prepare for the New Year in advance. First we buy a Christmas tree, put it in the most prominent place in the house, then decorate it with bright little lanterns, foggy garlands, candies. Then hang garlands and color balloons in the rooms. The house has a festive New Year's atmosphere. Mom always prepares a lot of delicious dishes, the crowning dish of each New Year. A variety of salads, casserole, meat dishes, desserts. That's how we celebrate the New Year.

I wish you a good Christmas and a good mood.

Best wishes,
Mark

My name is Yana, I am 11 years old. I live in a city Kropyvnytskyi. It is a very beautiful city. It has a coat of arms. My hobby is to read books. I like to go to the library. I am fond of reading books. I like to go to the library. I am fond of reading books. I like to go to the library. I am fond of reading books.

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Olivia

Merry Christmas!

We spend Christmas near the Christmas tree to New Year's music. The dishes we eat for the New Year are: Olivier, tangerines, coca cola and salads. I wish you happy holidays and be happiness in the family.

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Best wishes,
Vicky

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Yana

Students were really excited to read the emails/letters they received from their eTwinning friends.



In February our students exchanged St. Valentine's Cards and worked on projects about famous writers or poets who wrote about love.

We even sang some famous Italian songs about love. We had great fun singing in Italian!

This way our learners found out about the Romanian National Poet called Mihai Eminescu or about the Ukrainian poet and writer Taras Shevchenko.

Happy
Valentine's Day from Romania!

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
You make the world better,
By just being you.

My soul is always with you.



A famous poet who wrote about love is
Mickita Stanescu. The poem is entitled "How good you are"

How good you are, what a wonder I am!
Two different songs, hitting, mixing,
two colors that have never been seen before,
one very low turned to the ground,
one very high, almost broken
in the fierce, incomparable struggle
of the wonder that you are,
of the chance that they are.

ROSES ARE RED,
VIOLETS ARE BLUE,
WE ARE HAPPY
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WITH YOU!

WISHING YOU ALL, "OUR
FRIENDS FROM ITALY, TURKEY,
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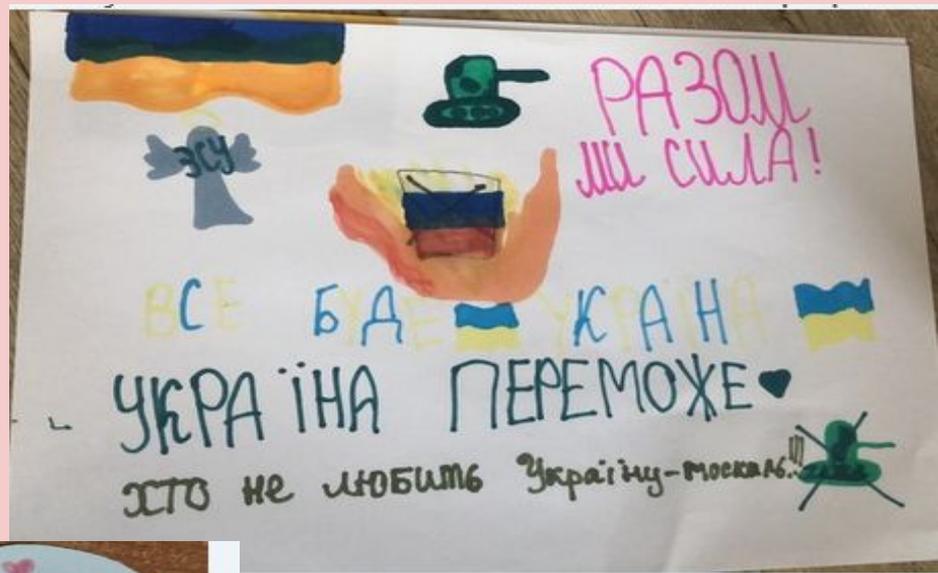
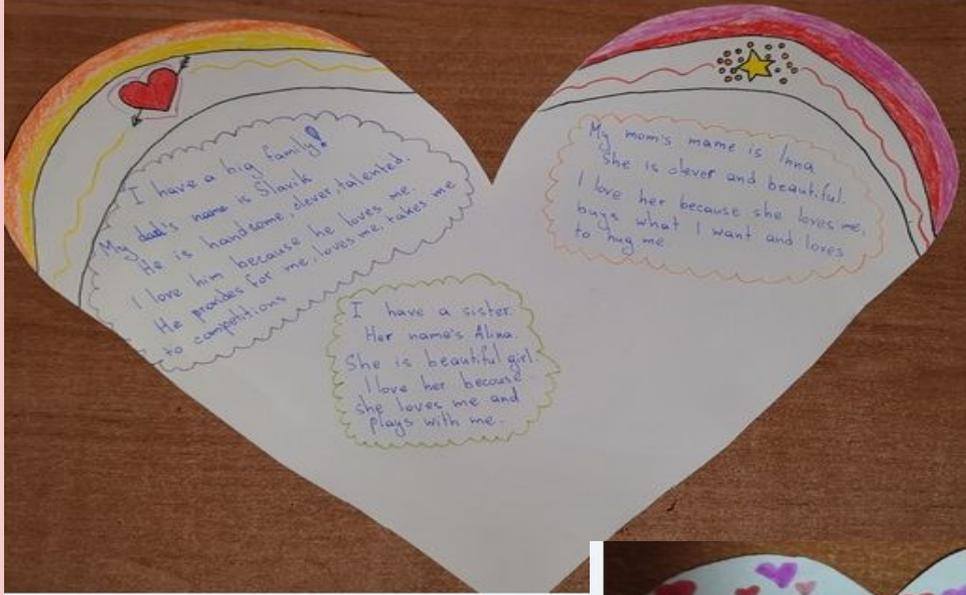
"WHERE THERE IS LOVE
THERE IS LIFE" - MAHATMA
GANDHI

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Happy
Valentines
Day!



The Ukrainian teacher sent and then posted her students' works on the topic of love in February. Little were we aware that this unfair war was to start soon in their country. Here are a few cards written by the Ukrainian children just a few days before the war broke out and changed the way they lived completely. We are all praying for their safety!



We sent them support messages to encourage them.



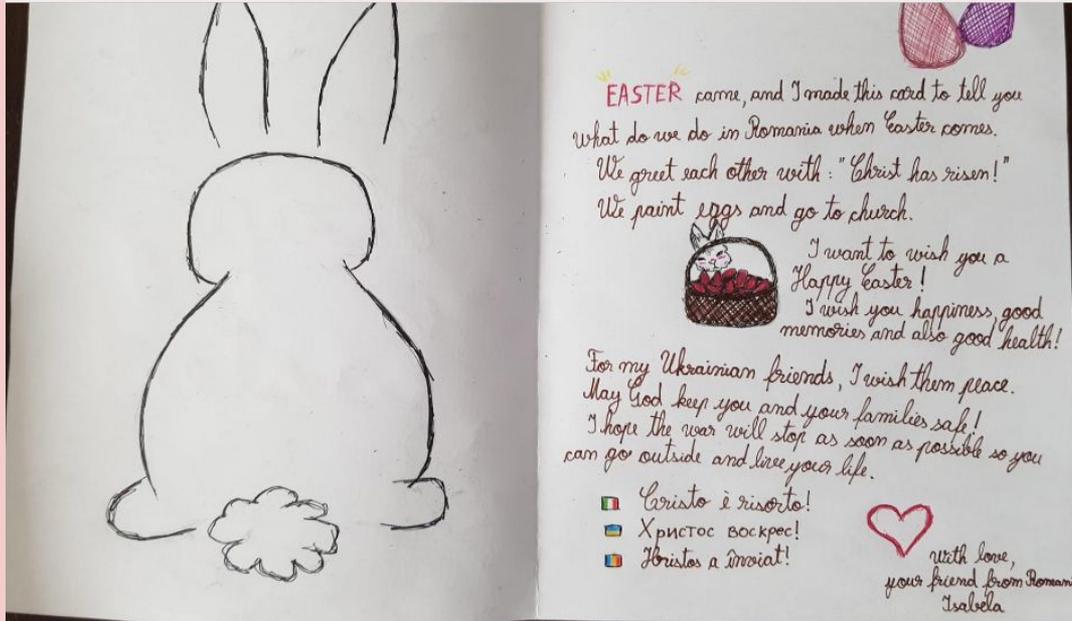
I'm sorry for your country, be brave!
Together we will succeed, God is on your side
We will help you as much as we can
We look forward to peace and quiet between countries



With love,
the students from
Romania

Sadly, without our Ukrainian friends we had an online meeting. Students from the three remaining countries sang a song dedicated to their mothers in their own language. It was touching because on the 8th of March we celebrate Women's Day and Mother's Day.

The Italian teachers involved all the students with a lovely warmer on Wordwall. Next we exchanged Easter cards and learned about the traditions each country follows at Easter. The Turkish students shared with us the traditions they have related to Ramadan.



Our online meeting seen from Turkey.





In addition, peace, happiness and compassion are at the forefront in the hearts of Muslims in this blessed month.

Our planet needs our help! Our Italian friends suggested the Pedibus. What a brilliant idea!

The pedibus

The pedibus consists of a virtual path to reduce industrial pollution. In the pedibus there are various stages where a group leader stops and collects all the children to make an ecological path to go all to school without polluting. The pedibus would reduce industrial pollution by removing most of the smog present in the air and would also reduce the use of petrol.



And recycling to stop pollution.



We all want to
keep our
planet clean!



Time to say goodbye. Thank you to all of you, teachers and students.



Dear friends,

I would like to say that this project was a fun experience.

I met all of you, and discovered some things about you from letters. Reading those letters was the best part of this project. Making friends this way is so easy and fun, and I would like to write you more, but, unfortunately this project is coming to an end. It was a pleasure to participate in this project and I hope, somehow, to meet some of you in real life.

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With love,
Isabela G.

