

This project will change all fields of curriculum relating to work with gifted children, specifically the field of personal and social growth. Gifted children require additional and very thoughtful investment. Research has shown that is the NEED of the school. Because of their abilities and different way of thinking they are often lost in mediocrity. They don't get a chance to show themselves for who they are, and they fail to develop up to their potentials. Teachers assert they don't know how to handle challenges of a gifted child. Gifted children love challenges, adventures and well-designed games so teaching should be conceptualized in that way. Gifted child thinks outside of the box and that should be encouraged with a lot of understanding, warmth and love.

Teachers and students will be empowered in their work and School will continue with, already formed, "Centre for personal growth and development". This project is an upgrade of previous Erasmus+Ka1 projects with new dimensions and teachers so we called it "Centre for personal growth and development – To be different!". The name of the project indicates continuation of Centre's work in School and the second part is accordant to project of our founder City of Rijeka: Port of diversity within European capital of culture 2020. Project's program will be upgraded after each mobility. Every member of the Team represents certain curriculum field (history, geography, elementary, Italian and physical education teachers, psychologist, social pedagogue and School's principal). Acquired experience and knowledge will be united and implemented in the Centre's work.

FIELDS we wish to improve which came out of the School's need are:

1. Development of new teaching methods and teaching gifted children
2. Development of curriculum culture
3. Development of European school dimension

GOAL of the project is WORK WITH GIFTED STUDENTS

To achieve the goal, we chose diverse educations: structured courses, Job shadowing and Teaching assignments abroad.

Through courses (ANATOLIA EDUCATION AND CONSULTING, CREF - CENTRO DE RECURSOS E FORMACAO, EURO PASS TEACHER ACADEMY) we'll acquire competencies for working with gifted students, adopt a variety of applicable activities and organization of work with talented children and a way of acquiring social skills, and through Job shadowing and Teaching assignments abroad (T.C. MİLLÎ EĞİTİM BAKANLIĞI) we'll have a direct insight in work with talented students in school in which they are schooled and exchange experiences.

All of the planned mobilities are in accordance with the stated needs.

Project will directly involve 8 members and 38 talented and above average students and their parents, indirectly 339 students and 36 teachers through regular classes, elective courses, civil nurture and education, extracurricular activities (debate, My Rijeka, Young geographers, Young scientists) and through a variety of projects and events (Square of knowledge, Science day, Talented day, Science fair). Activities which will lead to recognition for the School that cares for talented students during and after mobility are: introducing flexible curriculum, introducing differentiated classes with integrative methods of teaching, introducing mentorship for talented students in classes,

introducing experts from certain fields to School's work, teaching students in Debate club not to accept facts without thinking and encouraging them to develop critical and logical thinking, integrating talented students' work with entrepreneurial ideas in Student collective and developing divergent thinking, working with Escape room by classes and age with the goal to develop logical and creative thinking through games, fun assignments and team work, opening of "science room", "STEM skills laboratory" and "science game room". All of the above will be implemented to curriculum and in School's strategic plan. Parents will be included in individualized educational programs through workshops and educations.

We will transfer our findings to colleagues within the School and outside of the school through series of lectures and workshops. We'll disseminate project through media and platforma Erasmus..

Conclusion:

Teachers will improve and apply new methods of teaching, implement methods of critical thinking to everyday work.

Students will improve learning strategies, develop methods of critical, creative and divergent thinking.

Evaluation will be visible through student portfolio.

Through education for citizen of Europe we'll develop tolerance and acceptance of all differences. The School and the Centre will become recognizable for educating gifted students and caring for them. Examples of good practices will be shared to colleagues from European schools through social networks and e Twinning portal.

Centre for personal growth and development will be the carrier of the idea for the school to achieve the title of European talent point.