

NEWSLETTER 1

The birth of a new project

The City Rings

We often pay attention to what we see when we stroll the streets of a city. But what about sounds? What kind of influence do they have on us?

Is your city so noisy that it drives you crazy? Or does the twitter of birds make you feel happy?

This is what this project is all about: sounds.

Great activities

Here are a few examples of the issues that the students will deal with.

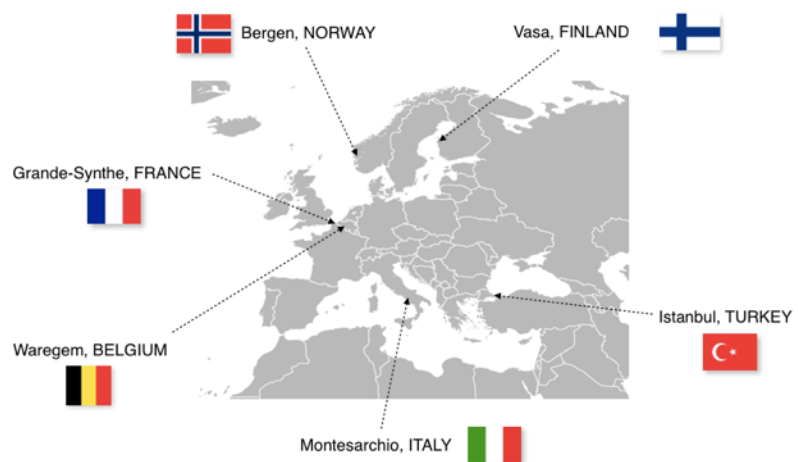
They will record their favourite sounds and five sounds that represent their cities. Will these recordings illustrate our cultural differences?

They will measure the sound level in several places and analyse how architects design buildings that reduce sound pollution. Maybe the pupils will find solutions, too!

They will create an ear-book where all the sounds will be gathered so that everyone can listen to them. Will it enable you to imagine what a person or a place is like?

Six partners

Here are the six countries that will be working together for two years (2015-2017)



The teachers meet in Bergen

Eight teachers from Belgium (Waregem), Finland (Vasa), France (Grande-Synthe), Norway (Bergen) and Turkey (Istanbul) met in Bergen and worked together from September 26 to September 29, 2015 to start their new projet, *The City Rings*.

Unfortunately the Italian teachers were not able to join us, but we know they are eager to work with us and we are all looking forward to meeting them!



A new website, a blog and an ear-book!

A new website has just been created. Visit it on a regular basis as many pictures, comments and pieces of information will be published on it in the next few weeks!



This site also contains a blog that the pupils will be able to use to post messages and pictures.

URL: thecityrings.weebly.com

In a word

CLINK: A sharp ringing sound, such as that made by striking metal or glass: the clink of ice in tall glasses.

Sound art

Sound art is an artistic discipline in which sound is used as a medium.

Here is a sound artist that might surprise you: John Hurt. To discover his art, visit this page:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=LoBRhUJkOeQ

Competition

Do you think you could create a logo and a jingle for our new project, The City Rings?

Istanbul will give us more details by October 15, 2015. Don't forget to visit the website, to know more about it!

The official opening of the new project



The City Rings project officially started in Bergen on September 28, 2015 when the teachers and the six Norwegian pupils who will take part in it presented the programme to the County Mayor, the Director of Education, the principal of Laksevåg Upper Secondary School and representatives of the Erasmus + agency in Norway.

When will the pupils meet?

Of course, this project would be nothing without the pupils. Several bilateral exchanges will take place in the next two years and two multinational meetings will be held. The first one will take place in Vasa (February 2016) and the second one in Waregem (March 2017).

About 80 students coming from six different countries, will then communicate in English, work together, exchange ideas, solve problems and cooperate and we know they will love it!