

Notification for School Visit – Beykoz Doga College



Beykoz Doga Campus is situated on fifty hectares of Ahmet Mithat Efendi's farm, which has been in use for 150 years. Doga transformed this beautiful area into a valley of education without harming the natural environment. With "**Natural Learning Concept(NLC)**", Beykoz Doga Campus offers ample opportunities for students to discover and develop their abilities in a

natural atmosphere. The roots of the international project SUSTAIN lay on the *NLC* which has been developed and implemented in Doga schools over the past ten years. Doga schools emphasize the learners' interests, creativity and self-direction through creating a stimulating learning environment by using genial classrooms. *NLC* constitutes more creative and motivating teaching methods which are 'open-classroom' and 'Multiple Intelligence'. Doga Schools develop programs for 'out of school activities' which offer balanced and comprehensive development of the personality and as it is the other content provider, it will enrich the content of the Natural Learning Concept.

Beykoz School has been chosen to implement the activities of SUSTAIN project because of its history and its relevance in the field of education. From its horse-riding facilities to zoo, from trekking courses to camping grounds, from open classrooms and ecology classes, the natural environment of Beykoz Campus makes perfect match with the **Sustainable Development Themes**, Healthy Life, Biodiversity, Production and Consumption, Preservation/Management of Natural Resources and Renewable Energy, Waste Materials and Recycling.





2nd Project Meeting was integrated with a school visit in Beykoz Campus. The SUSTAIN Team had opportunity to observe the classes in Beykoz Campus on 15th June 2012. In the morning, they had a typical Turkish breakfast with fully natural products produced in the campus' field by students such as jam, yoghurt, milk.

After breakfast participants had an opportunity to observe the classrooms, laboratories, manège and the sport facilities. Then participants attended to an ecology lesson. They joined pupils while they make their own jams, yoghurts and pickles. When the time comes to leave pupils gave their presents made by themselves, a cloth bag including self-made tarhana (traditional Turkish soup powder), ihlamur(lime blossom) bread and jam.



The SUSTAIN team also had the opportunity to observe a math lesson in an open classroom. One of the primary objectives of the project is to create and share good practices in teaching which involves work on supporting the key competences of young learners in classroom applications among the participators in the partner countries



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