



Notification for School visit – Arts High School Lady Bălașa, Targoviste

The history of Arts High School "Lady Balasa" in Targoviste starts in 1957 when The Music School with classes I-VII was established in Targoviste. The school was actually a big house donated in an educational purpose in 1923 by an official senior in the Ministry of Finance, named Constantin Carabella.

In 1997 the school becomes High School of Music and Fine Arts. In 2002 it is opened The High School Amphitheater: a modern concert hall with a capacity of 201 seats. Also this year the Department of Architecture is established. Meeting the desires of school students, and the need to adapt to today's society, it was founded in 2008 a fashion design class.

The school name is linked to The National Interpretation Competition "WA Mozart", which debuted in 1997. This annual event has gained a strong and deserved reputation among professional competitions.

Arts High School "Lady Balasa" in Targoviste has three main profiles of study: music, arts and architecture. 625 students are studying in this school, being part of the 26 classes. This school is unique in our area and is considered to be a source of art and culture for the local community. The school community includes students of different ethnic and religious affiliations. It also has some students with special educational needs, many students whose parents work abroad and students belonging to the Gypsy minority.

The school approach has as a permanent ideal the equality of chance and the intention to support disadvantaged groups. The school staff intend to improve the intercultural education of their students, to motivate them to study other foreign languages, to raise the educational standard, but also to involve teachers from the school in international projects, thus improving their didactic competencies through the transnational cooperation. The school has acquired two times, at national level, the honorific status of promoter of activities with European interest.

The school has been selected to be visited by the SUSTAIN project team during the 4PM for the following reasons: the school interest for cultural diversity, human rights, environmental protection and other **sustainable development themes**; the involvement of three primary teachers from this school in the SUSTAIN lesson plans elaboration and implementation: Oana Păunescu, Bălan Laura Elena and Radu Florentina; the opportunity for peer coaching between the international experts and the primary teachers.



The partners were welcomed by the teachers Oana Păunescu, Bălan Laura Elena, Radu Florentina, the school manager, Luminița Procopciuc, and, with welcome boards in partners' languages and flags of the partners countries, by Oana Panunescu' students.

After attending to a short presentation of the school history, the partners had the opportunity to visit several art classrooms and meet the students from different class levels.

The partners had the opportunity to see a collection of cloths made by recyclable materials designed by the fashion design students and to observe a drawing class.



The visit of Bălan Laura Elena's class offered the opportunity to discuss about the SUSTAIN lesson plans. The partners could see the products of Bălan Laura's students after the implementation of the lesson plan *We are able together* proposed by Cristina La Rocca.



The Art High School' students prepared a concerto for the SUSTAIN partners. The students played on a variety of instruments such as piano, drums, violin, guitar, cello, flute and more. They dazzle and amaze their audiences by their virtuosity.

The visit ended with a fashion show prepared by the fashion design students.



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