

STUDY TRIP TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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The Association of Election Officials in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UIZBiH) with its partner AGORA CE from Prague, who are financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, is implementing another project with our school, and this time it is a project called "Young heroes - empowering young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina at the community level".

This project is part of an educational program that aims to increase the participation of young people in public life at the local level and to contribute to the functionality of local government in Bosnia and Herzegovina based on the active participation of young people through education, through research into the local community and its problems, as well as through the writing of specific projects that will help the local community and the school itself. The project is implemented in ten (10) secondary schools and ten (10) municipalities/cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Gymnasium "Muhsin Rizvić" from Breza, as well as our Breza Municipality, is a participant in this project.

One of the activities, as part of the project "Young heroes - empowering young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina at the community level", was a study visit to the Czech Republic for professors and officials from partner municipalities/cities. Teacher Aldina Džanko participated in the study trip as a representative of "Muhsin Rizvić" Gymnasium from Breza.

The goal of the study trip was to present successful examples of youth inclusion in all spheres of social life of a local community and to gain first-hand experience and talk with colleagues from the Czech Republic and their active young people.

The trip was realized in the period from 30.09. until 04.10.2023. years.

A reception was organized at the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Opletalova 27, Praha 1), and a meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with Deputy Minister M.Sc. Jan Marian, where the project was presented, as well as the previous work of both the Association and the school.

A visit to the apartment of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jan Masaryk, son of Tomáš Masaryk, the first president of Czechoslovakia, was also carried out.

The participants visited the Gymnasium "Jiřího Orten" in Kutná Hora (Jaselská 932, Kutná Hora), where they had the opportunity to meet Roman Bartoníček, the school's deputy director, attend a session of the School Parliament, see how students actively discuss problems within the school, and communication between students and the municipality. After everything that was seen, the experiences of working in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Czech Republic were exchanged.

The visit, and the meeting in the meeting hall of the City Council in the City District of Prague 6 (sousedím Československé armády 23, Praha 6), was very useful and inspiring, and ideas and experiences from both countries were exchanged, and special emphasis was placed on getting to know each other with projects of non-governmental organizations such as the "The City Belongs to Everyone" project.

In addition to the work part, the participants of the study tour got acquainted with the beauty and magic of Prague, its bridges, they socialized with our people in Prague, who gather at the Association "Lastavica" (Opletalova 16, Praha 1), where they also got to know the ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Czech Republic, Martina Mlinarević.

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