



« SAVE OUR EUROPEAN NATURAL HERITAGE FROM INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES ATTACK »

Fourth Learning/Training/Teaching Activity hosted by, ITH Gembloux (Belgium)

VIDEOCONFERENCES 3 - 6 - 12 OF MAY 2021

Due to Covid 19, the 4th and final student meeting that should have taken place in May 2020 in Gembloux with all the partner schools was first postponed to May 2021 and had finally to be adapted.

This mobility, which concludes the two years of the SENHIAS project on invasive species, was therefore transformed into virtual mobilities with three mornings of videoconferences.

28th of April - Preparing visit : Cultural heritage "Bois du Cazier"

In preparation of this mobility, the classes in environmental education of ITH Gembloux visited the site of "The Bois du Cazier", classified as a world heritage by UNESCO.

The aim of this day was that the Belgian team could prepare the topic on cultural heritage to be presented at the students video conference meeting.

The morning began with a nature path on the slag heaps to discover the flora of this specific environment.

The afternoon was dedicated to the coal mine; this visit allowed the students to discover the working day of a miner and also to understand the scope of the biggest mining disaster that ever happened in Belgium on this site the 8th of August 1956 and that caused 262 victims.



VISIT OF THE "BOIS DU CAZIER"

ITH Gembloux Students preparing the meeting

Partners

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Belgium (Gembloux)

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[http://](http://www.aranasgymnasiet.kungsbacka.se/Vara-utbildningar/)

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Slovenia

<http://www.bc-naklo.si/>



Monday 3rd of May - Videoconference on the invasive species questionnaire.

This first meeting allowed the students to introduce themselves, to work together in small groups and to share their answers to the preparatory questionnaire on urban invasive species and finally to do a summary.

At the end of the morning, each group presented their feedbacks from the exchange they had.

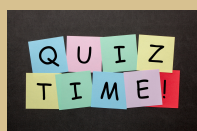
This work in small groups allowed the Portuguese, Slovenian, Swedish and Belgian students to get to know each other a bit better.



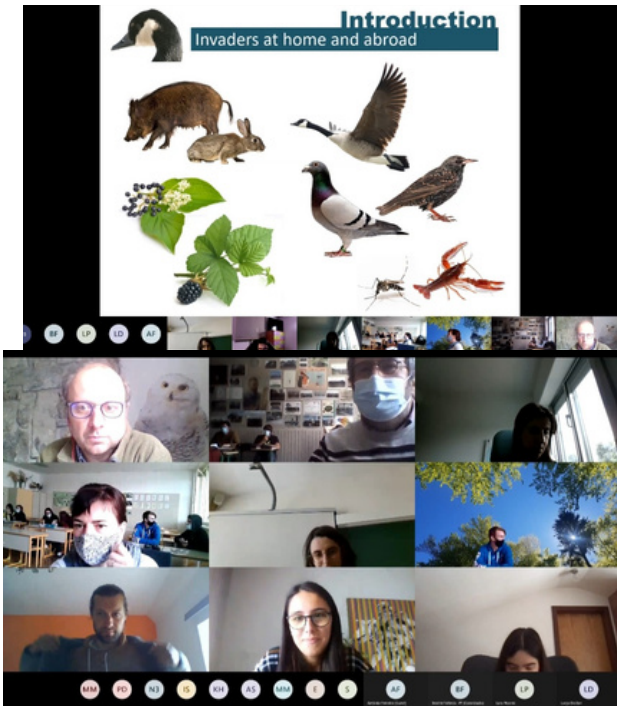
Thursday 6th of May - Presentation of Urban IAS and cultural heritage.

The second morning was dedicated to the most common invasive species in our cities and the discovery of European heritage. The students from Gembloux presented their visit of “The Bois du Cazier”.

The morning ended with quizzes created by the students on their country. This last playful activity was a great success.



Wednesday 12th May - Scientific Experts presentation on IAS.



The last morning was dedicated to two conferences presented by experts from the Walloon Public Service (SPW):

The first one was given by Etienne Branquart : "Invaders at home and abroad" and the second one by Adrien Latli: "Impacts of global warming on the aquatic ecosystems of the Meuse".

Each conference was followed by a question-and-answer session.

Final word :

This new form of mobility was a real challenge and was very instructive.

After seeing the involvement of the students in the work, in the exchanges and then their happiness at the end of the meeting, we can say that this seminar, even being virtual, was really a great success.



ITH Students receiving the mobility certificate

Thank you!

More information on the project :



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