

Learn by Traveling and Exploring - Let's go to the Faroe Islands!

Teachers, students and school's management team of the **Distance Learning High School "Riga Commercial School"** by implementing the Nordplus project "Promoting Young Peoples' Environmental Awareness for Sustainable Development by Traveling and Understanding the Processes of Human - Nature Interaction in the Northern European Region" organized an exploratory trip to the Faroe Islands together with the teachers of the cooperation school **"Miðnámsskúlin í Suðuroy"**. Exploratory trip was organized in order to purposefully encourage students to learn about the diversity of nature in a real natural, economic and social environment, promoting understanding of the effects and consequences of climate change, the preservation of the surrounding environment, the meaningful use of resources. The research and observations, which were based on a real problem solving on a local, national, regional and global scale, were conducted.



During the exploratory trip, students were involved in various activities in order to develop and improve students' research skills, observation abilities, skills to discuss, present, logically support their opinion, perceive nature and man-made environment as an aesthetic value, in order to learn the processes of interaction between nature and man, which from generation to generation have ensured the development of humanity in order to be able to find answers to the questions: how do global processes affect the lifestyle of the population - living conditions, occupation in the Faroe Islands? How to connect economic, ecological and social opportunities to ensure a sustainable future?

During the exploratory trip, we got to know the pearl of Northern Europe - the Faroe Islands, by making observations, research - how the natural environment affects the cultural environment, economic activity and how economic activity could have affected the diversity of nature. We visited **"Tari"** - a seaweed farm that produces high-quality seaweed in clean and nutrient-rich water, **"Varðin"** - the world's most modern pelagic fish processing plant, fully automated, highly streamlined and optimized to obtain the highest quality fish, whose green strategy reduces the carbon footprint, and we also met with the representative of the **"Bakkafrost"** company. "Bakkafrost" is one of the world's most integrated salmon farming companies committed to the highest standards of fish welfare, sustainability and sound environmental management. We also got acquainted with the **green energy of the islands - alternative forms of energy production**, which contributed to the students' understanding of the processes of interaction between people and nature, of environmentally friendly behavior, of the principles of environmental ethics that ensure and can ensure a sustainable future.



We would like to thank to the principal and the teachers of the partner school **Miðnámsskúlin í Suðuroy**, also to the representatives of the companies in the Faroe Islands, for creating the opportunity for students to get to know the possibilities of preserving and rational use of the environment, the principles of smart and sustainable management, which balance the relationship between man and nature to ensure a sustainable future!

We are saying thanks to the students and teachers for getting involved in the diverse activities of the project, the aim of which is to promote environmental awareness in society, to understand how important it is to save resources, to change behavior, to learn to act, to look for solutions, to critically evaluate one's actions and to encourage a more environmentally friendly life, in order to understand, how global processes affect the lifestyle of the population - living conditions, occupation now and in the future, in order to get to know the principles of smart and sustainable management, which promote self-sufficiency, social responsibility and ensure a sustainable future for us!