

The course held in CFAE-SEIXAL Centre in Amora

In Portugal – Lisboa 18th – 25th September

Directed by Dr Vitor Costa,

has been successful and enriching for me for several reasons either professional, cultural or human.

The context, mainly intercultural with a high degree of integration has been the living part of the informal curriculum.

The most positive fact was my personal admiration for a country, also in an economical crisis, but proud, honorable and noteworthy, previously unknown for me: mainly I was impressed by cultural and educational structures almost all rebuilt more than restored.

Then I was positively impressed by the intensive use of the educational structure (about 1600 pupils and 600 adults); moreover I noted the complex structure of the long school – time; further I appreciated infrastructures and the public / governative nature for the investments.

At home, while disseminating between young Italian university students in History, all of us have been convinced, looking at the pictures I made, that a similar kind of investment is a long – time think tank for disadvantaged people who probably will be conquered to European citizenship instead of illegality.

The deep dignity of the place gives honour to many people.

Bertold Brecht said: Luck that country that doesn't need heroes

Teachers in that context looked at me the true heroes of the future too often stolen by economical global speculations.

The centre was very well equipped.

Our Director, Vitor, was great in acceptance, warming, mixing, interacting, instructing, training, sharing, living and, finally, amazing all of us.

If Bruner is right in saying that 'by guessing you can learn' we won more we could hope.

Really thank to him for digital tools, brief, speed demonstrations, high interaction with Portuguese Teachers and, definitely, for the enormous potential of dissemination we could get there.